Welcome, visitors! Welcome members and friends of St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church. Thank you for joining us in church and on our online service today.

HOLY COMMUNION *is celebrated in our service this morning. +Guests who are baptized Christians, who acknowledge and confess their sinfulness, who confess Jesus Christ as their Savior from sin, and who believe that He is really present in Holy Communion to bring us His forgiveness and life, are welcome to the Lord's Table.*

GLUTEN FREE WAFERS and GRAPE JUICE. We are pleased to offer gluten-free wafers; please speak to one of the ushers who will inform the pastor. In addition grape juice is available in the center circle of the Communion tray.



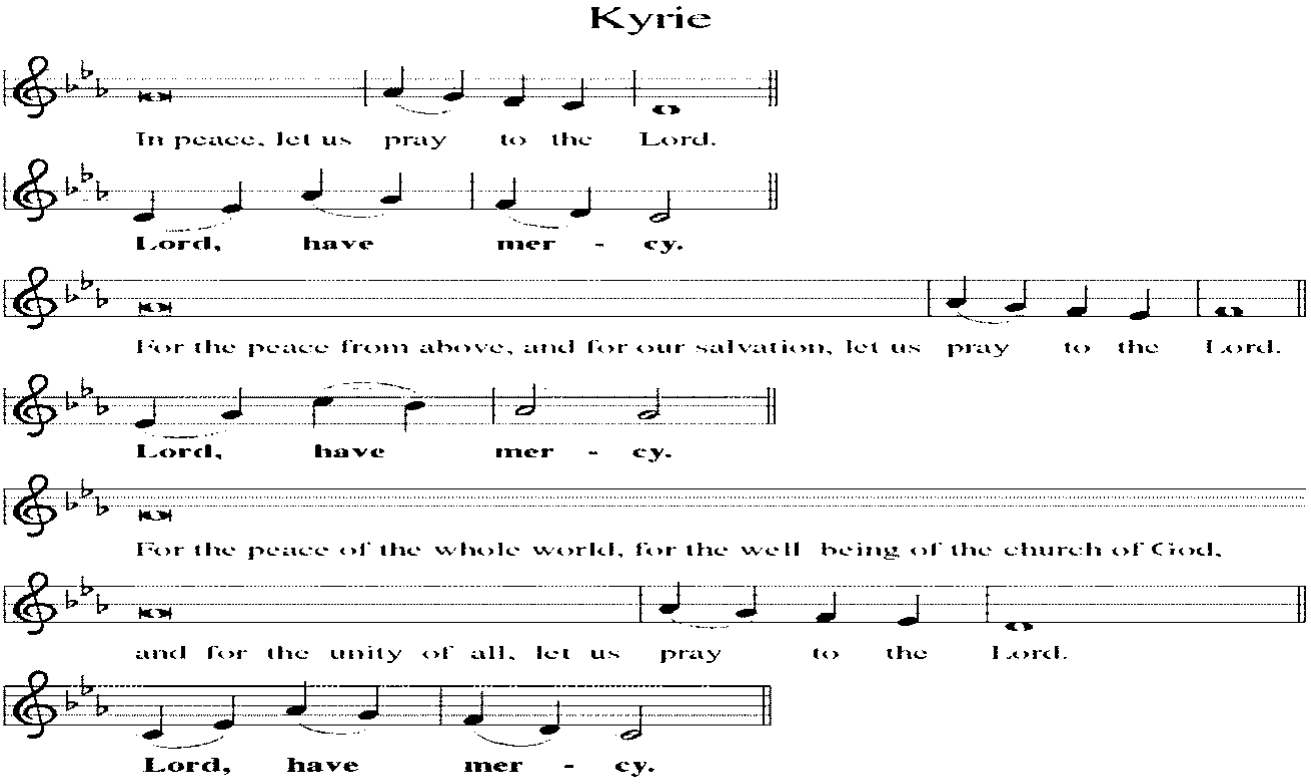
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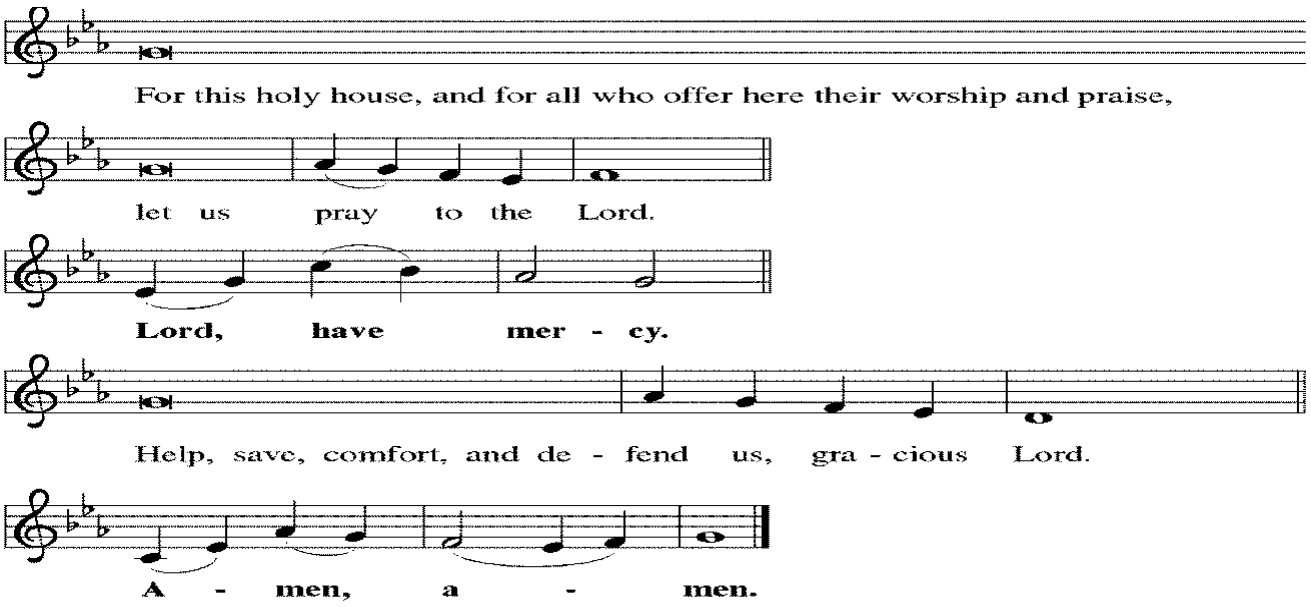
Prelude – "Rejoice, For Christ Is King!" – setting, Jacob Weber

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN – ELW 634 ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!

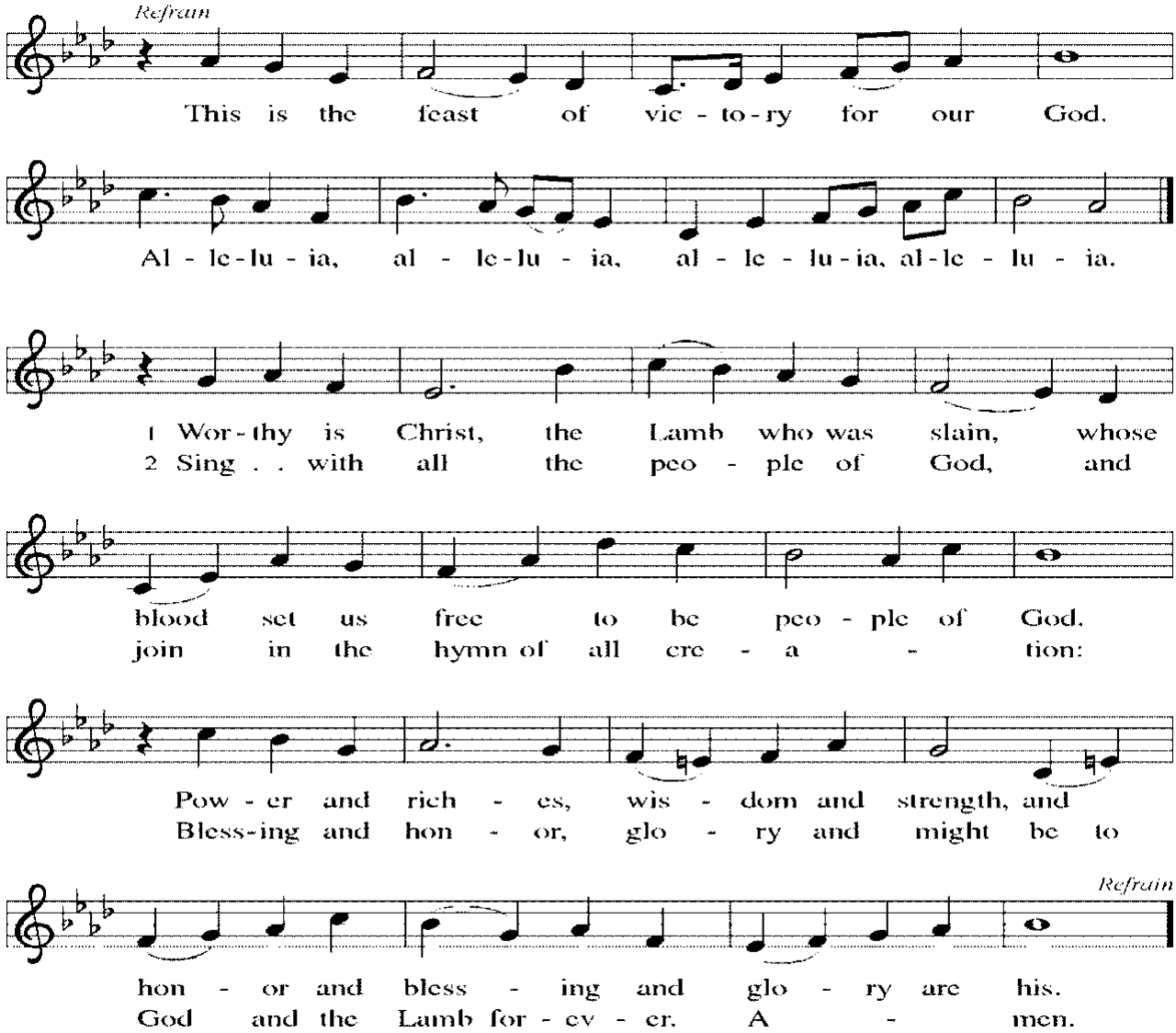
GREETING
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Cong – And also with you.

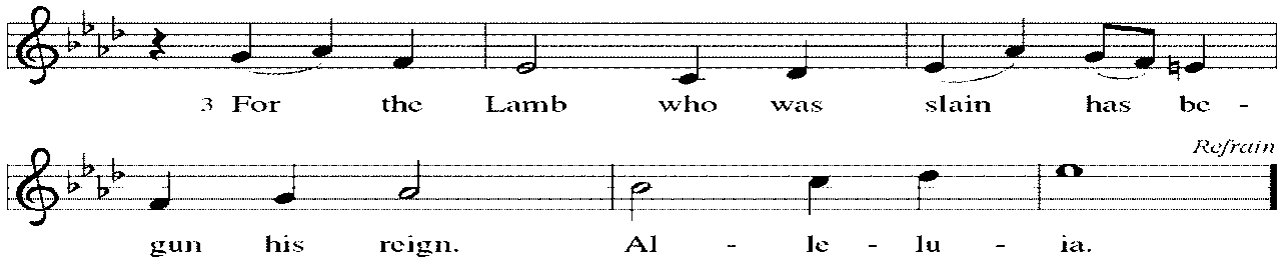




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HYMN OF PRAISE – pg. 101 THIS IS THE FEAST





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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong – Amen.

(Please be seated)

CHOIR – "Jubilate Deo" – Dale Wood

O sing to the Lord with a jubilant voice. Glory to God in the highest!
O serve him with gladness before him rejoice. Praise to the Lord in the highest!
The Lord is our God, our Creator, not we. Glory to God in the highest!
The sheep of his pasture we ever shall be. Praise to the Lord in the highest!
O enter his gates with thanksgiving and praise. Glory to God in the highest!
To honor his name thankful voices we raise. Praise to the Lord in the highest!
For good is the Lord, and his mercy is sure. Glory to God in the highest!
To all generations his truth shall endure. Glory to God! Glory to God! Praise to the Lord in the highest!

FIRST READING: **Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24** **Bill Wise, Elder**

Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the LORD will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The LORD will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

[11]Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. [12]As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. [13]I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. [14]I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. [15]I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. [16]I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. [20]Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. [21]Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, [22]I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. [23]I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. [24]And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Leader – The Word of the Lord.
Cong – Thanks be to God.

PSALM: **Psalm 95:1-7a**
We are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. (Ps. 95:7)
(Choir will sing before and at the R)
(Congregation will sing all verses)

[1]Come, let us sing | to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.
[2]Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.
[3]For you, LORD, | are a great God,
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.
[4]In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;
the heights of the hills are | also yours. R
[5]The sea is yours, | for you made it,
and your hands have molded | the dry land.
[6]Come, let us worship | and bow down,
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.
[7a]For the LORD | is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture
and the sheep | of God's hand. R

SECOND READING: **Ephesians 1:15-23** **Bill Wise, Elder**
In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.

[15]I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason [16]I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. [17]I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, [18]so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, [19]and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. [20]God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, [21]far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. [22]And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, [23]which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Leader – The Word of the Lord.
Cong – Thanks be to God.

(Please rise)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – CHOIR

Alleluia. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Blessed is the coming kingdom f our ancestor David. *Alleluia.* (Mark 11:9)

Pastor – The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.
Cong – Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: **Matthew 25:31-46** **Pastor Kelly Reagan**

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 31"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' 41Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; 42for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' 45Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Pastor – The Gospel of the Lord.
Cong – Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE **Alicia Driver**

SERMON – "The King Who Gives Himself For His People" **Pastor Kelly Reagan**

(Please rise)

HYMN OF THE DAY – ELW 434 JESUS SHALL REIGN

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

Pastor – God, in your mercy,

Cong – hear our prayer.

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

Cong – Amen.

We welcome Fred & Theresa Tschirner and Patricia Adkins into our St. Matthew family.

May the Peace of the Lord be with you always!

Cong – And also with you.
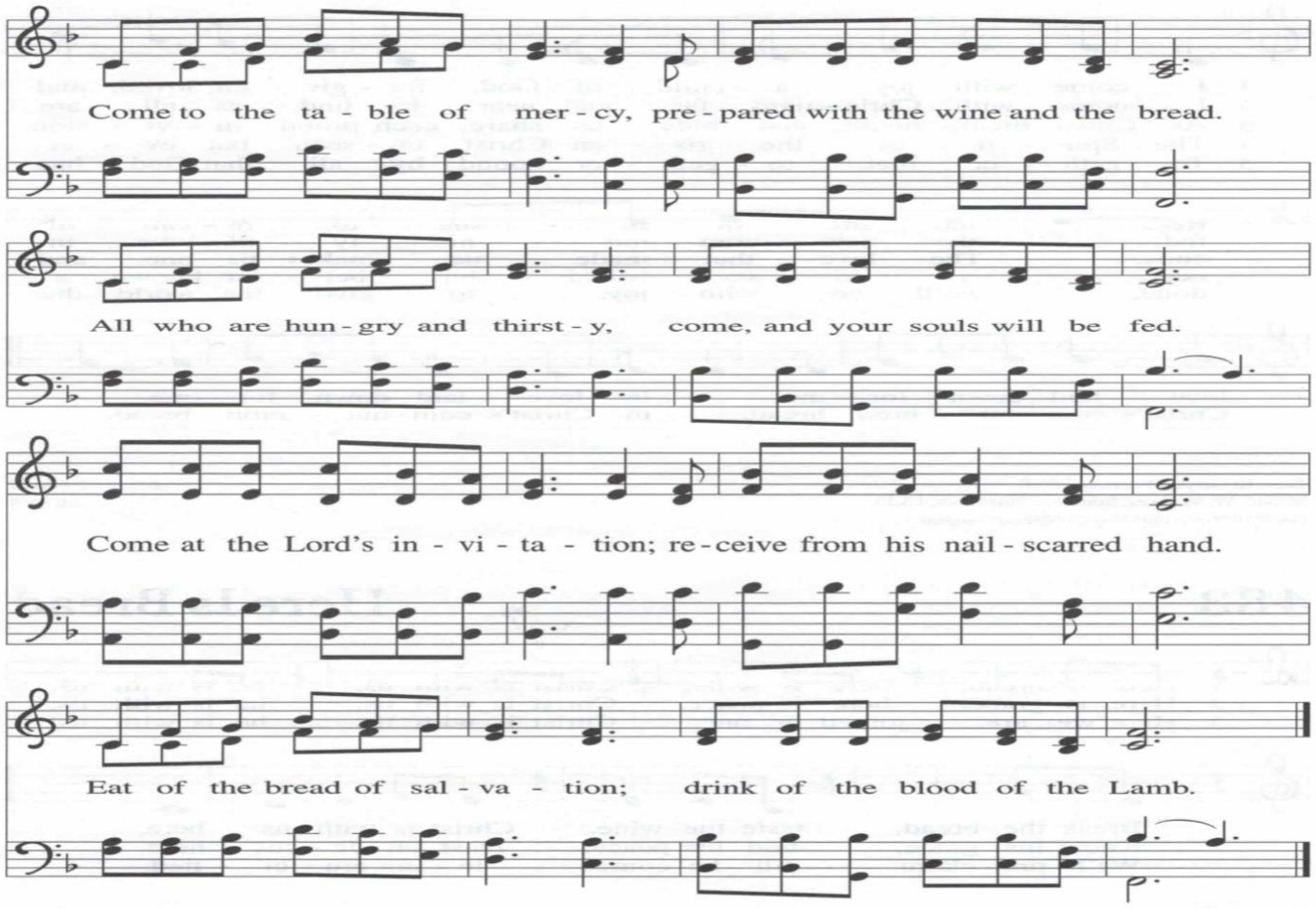
PEACE

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OFFERING

(Please rise)

OFFERTORY – (ELW 481) COME TO THE TABLE



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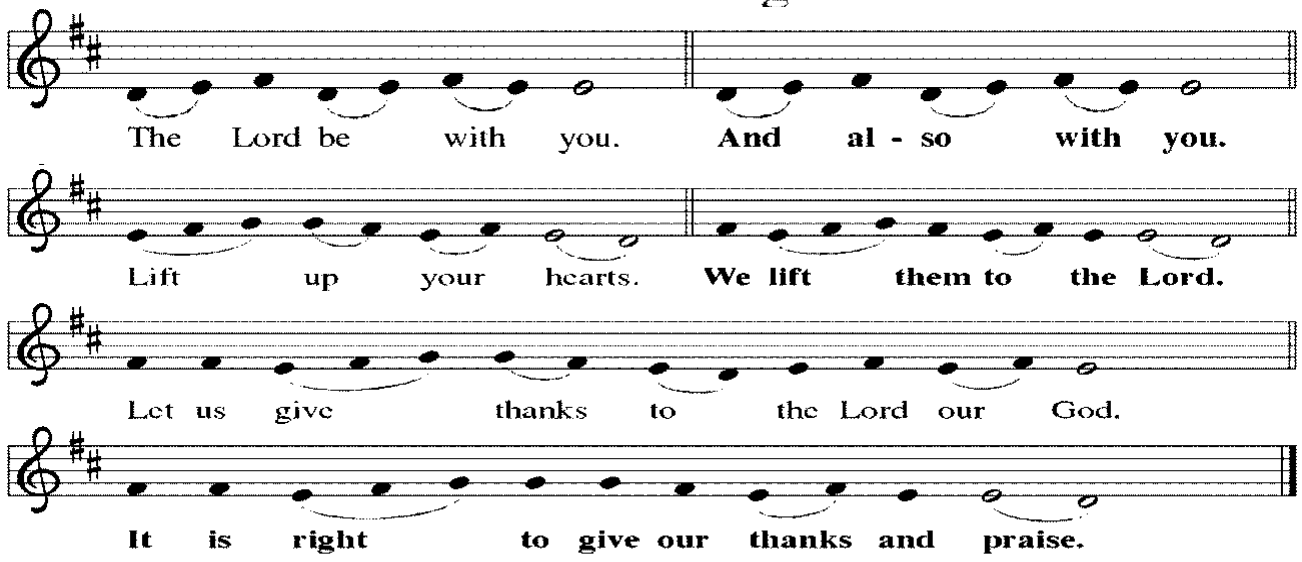
OFFERING PRAYER

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

Cong – Amen.

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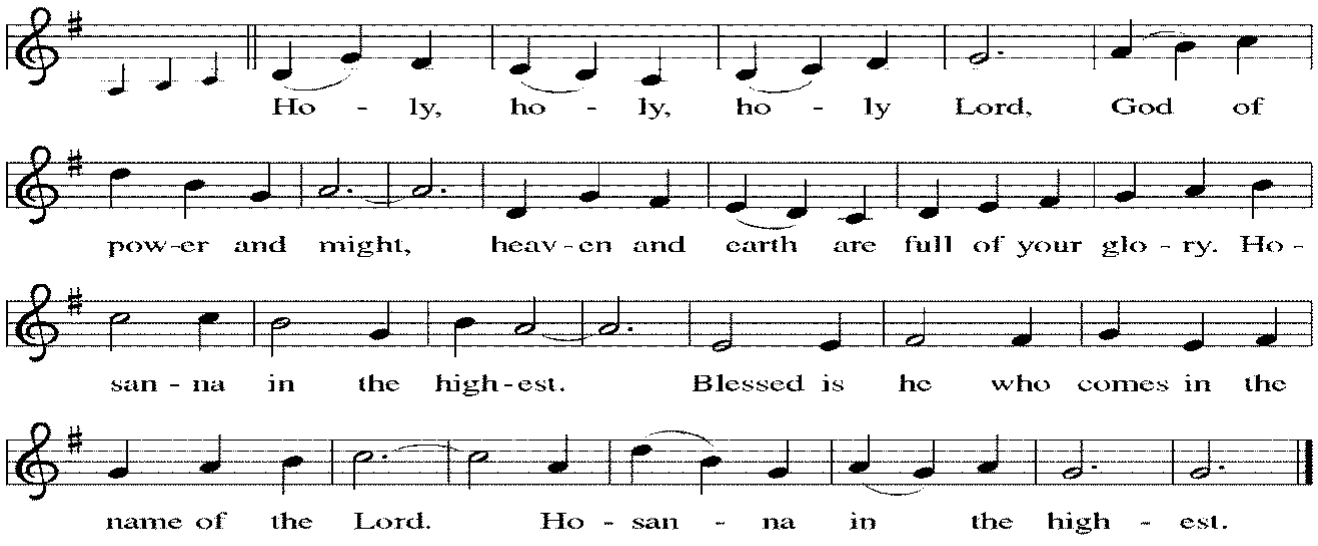
Preface Dialogue



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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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with 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



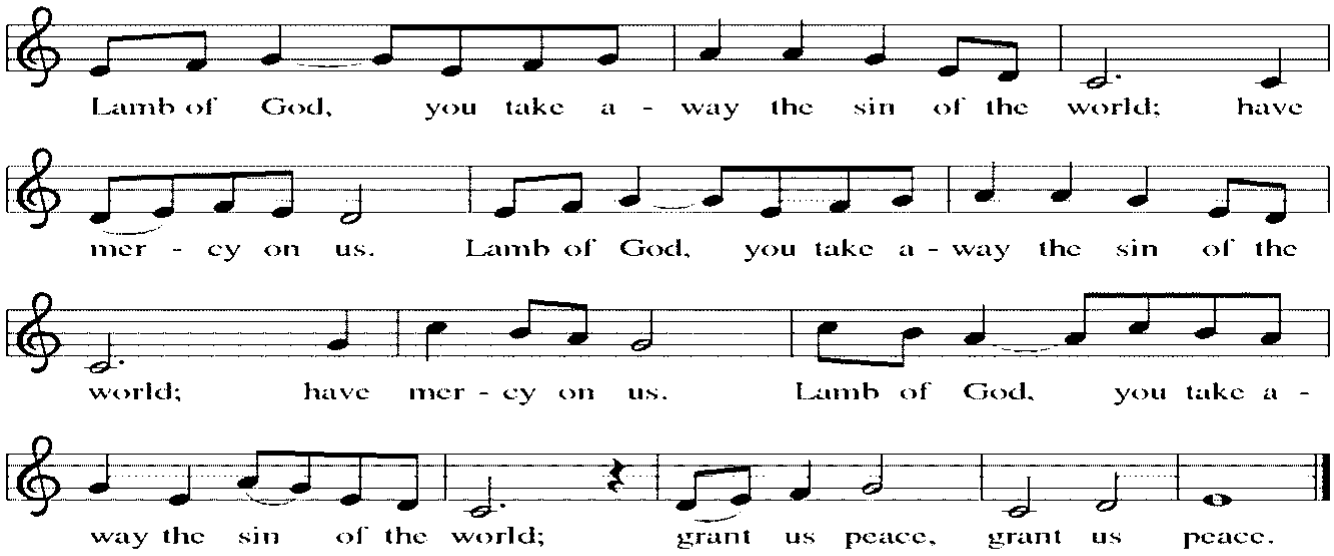
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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING V (ELW pg. 65)
Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all. 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 death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, now and forever.
Cong – Amen.

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.

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Lamb of God



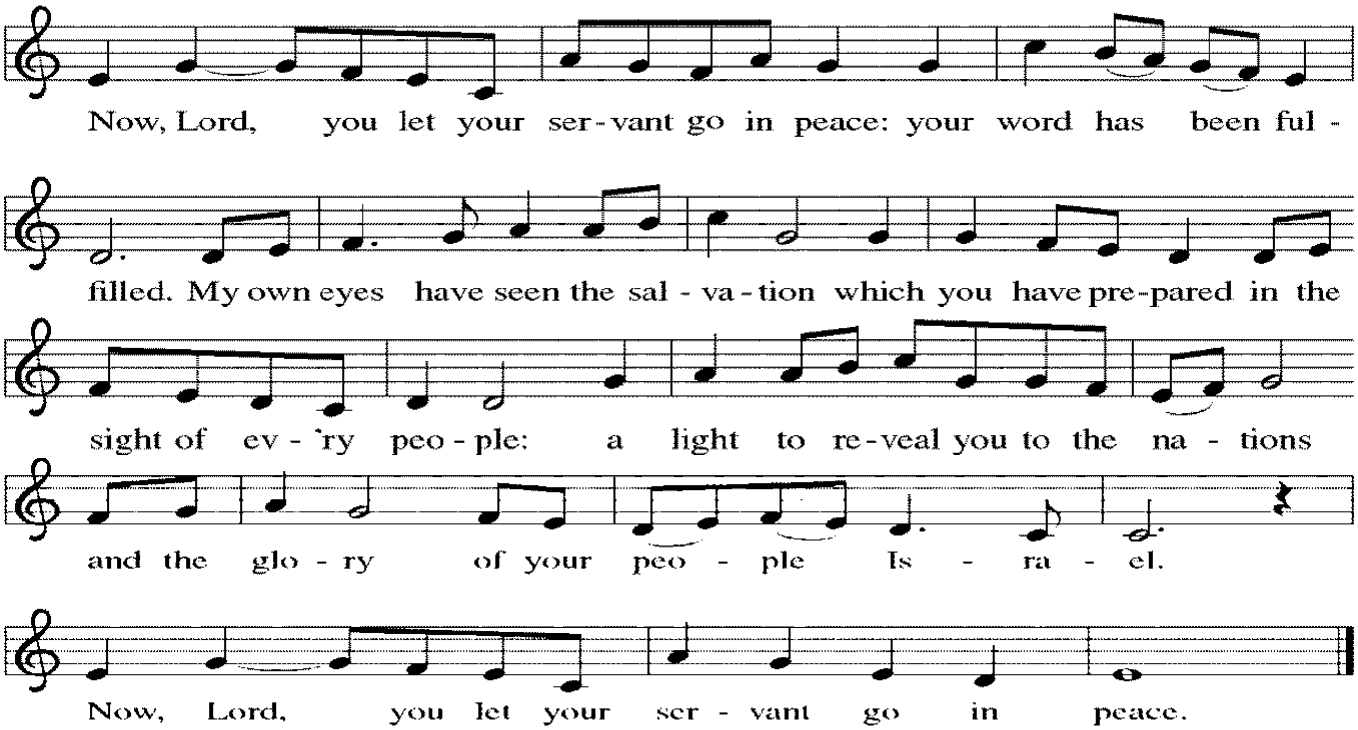
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COMMUNION HYMN – ELW 487 WHAT FEAST OF LOVE

(Please rise)



POST-COMMUNION HYMN – pg. 113 NOW, LORD



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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.
Cong - Amen.

BLESSING

The blessing of God, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.
Cong - Amen.

SENDING HYMN – ELW 826 THINE THE AMEN

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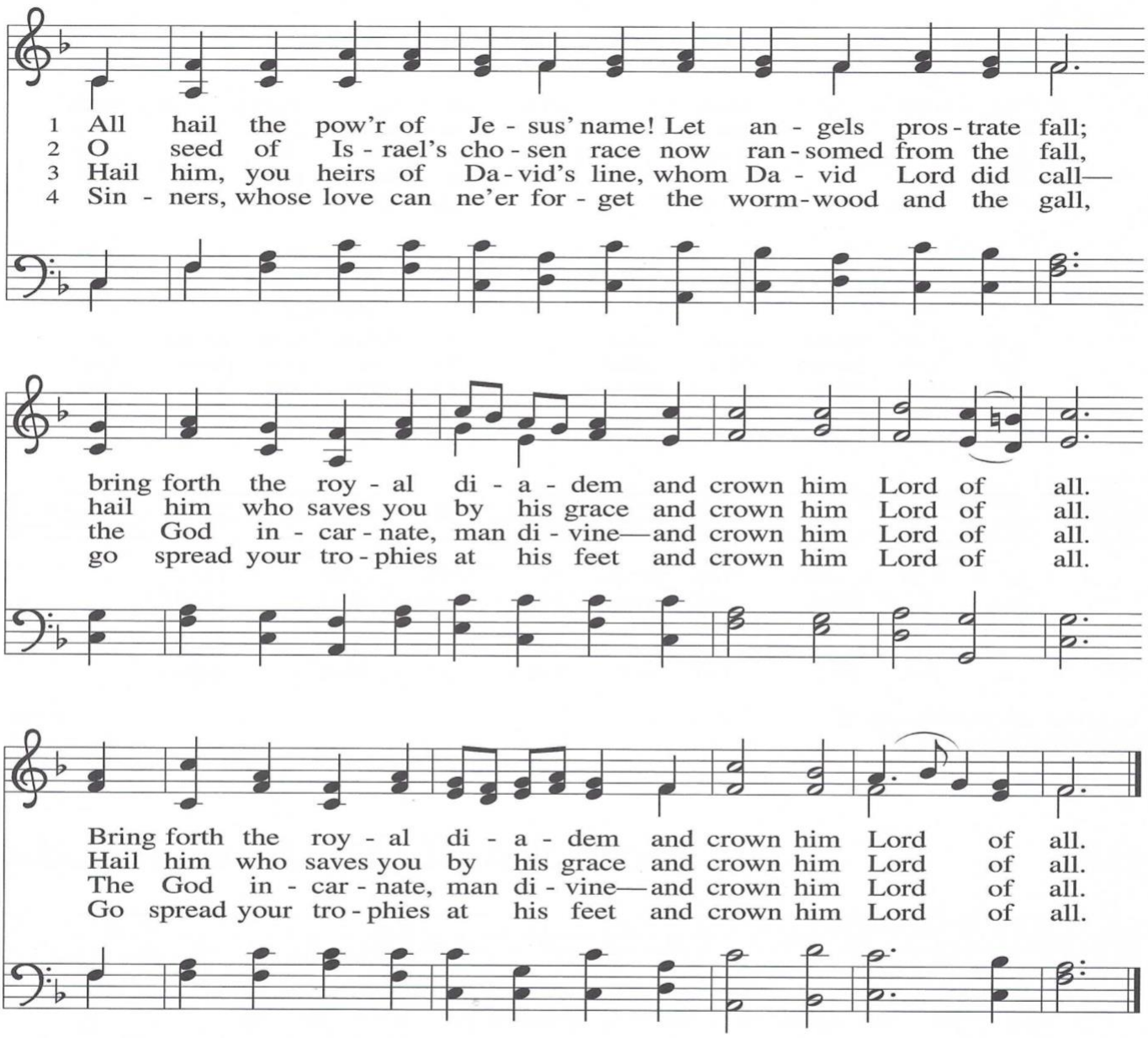
Postlude

Pastor – Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Cong - Thanks be to God.

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All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! 634



5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all.
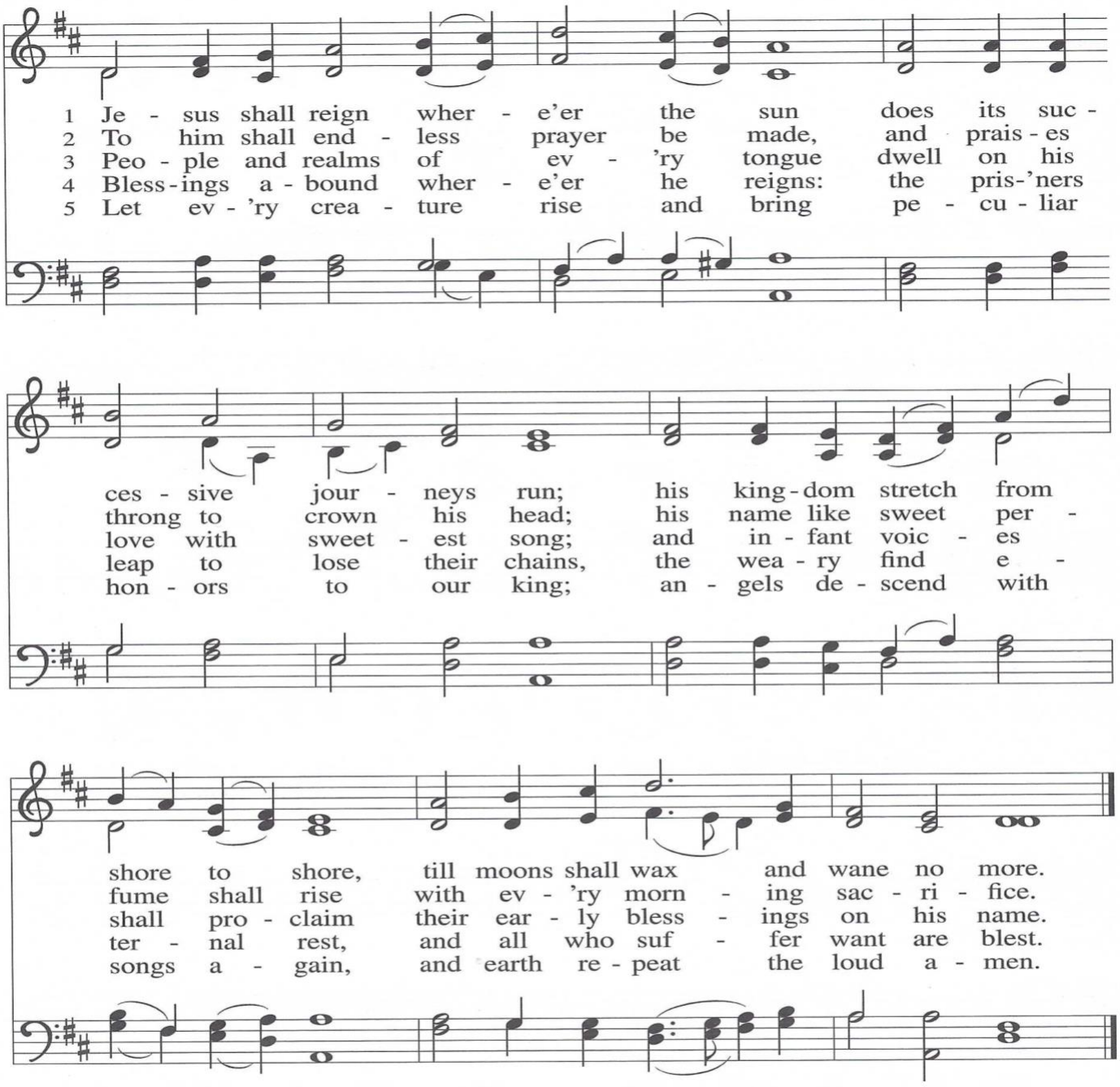
6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.

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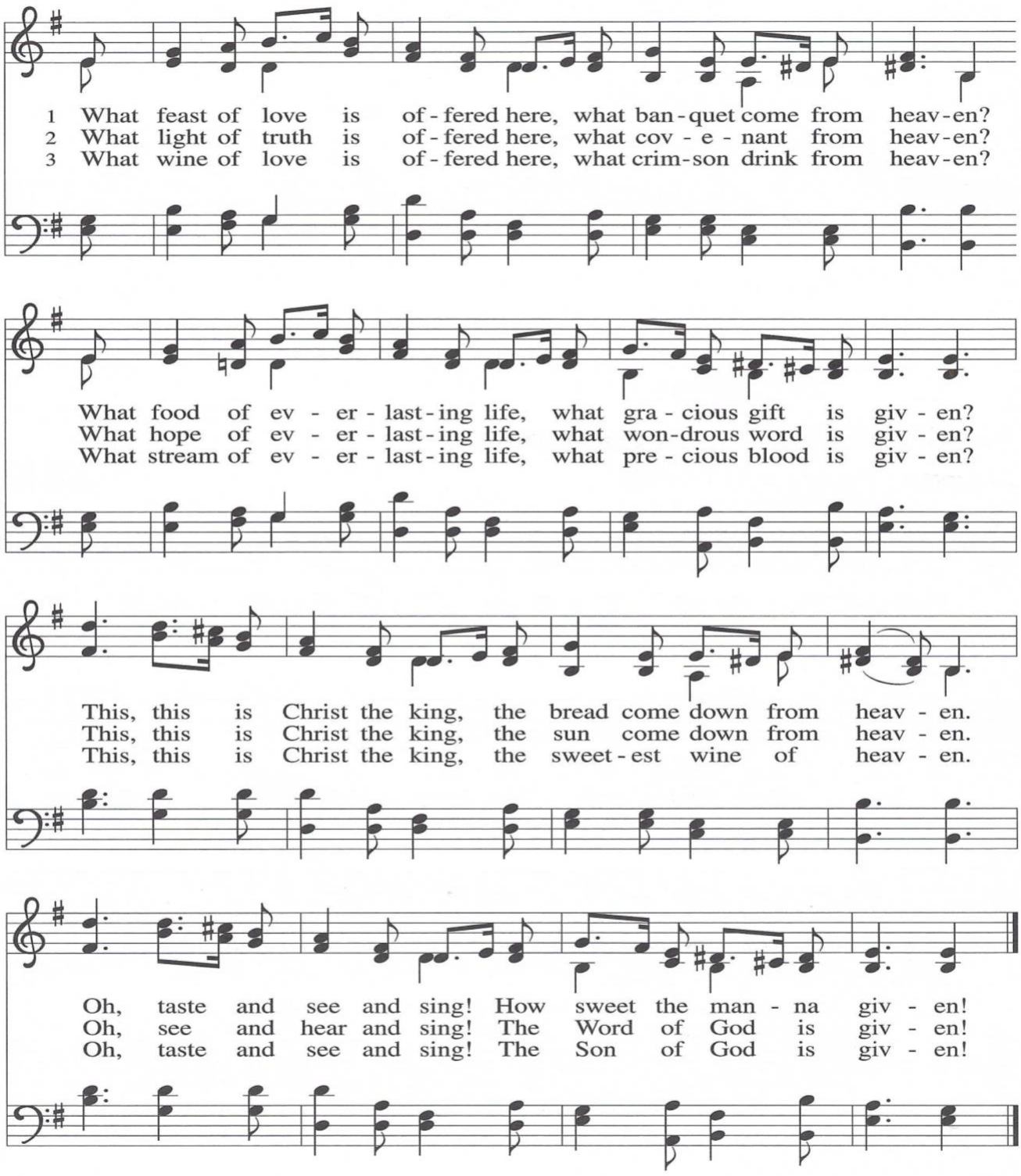
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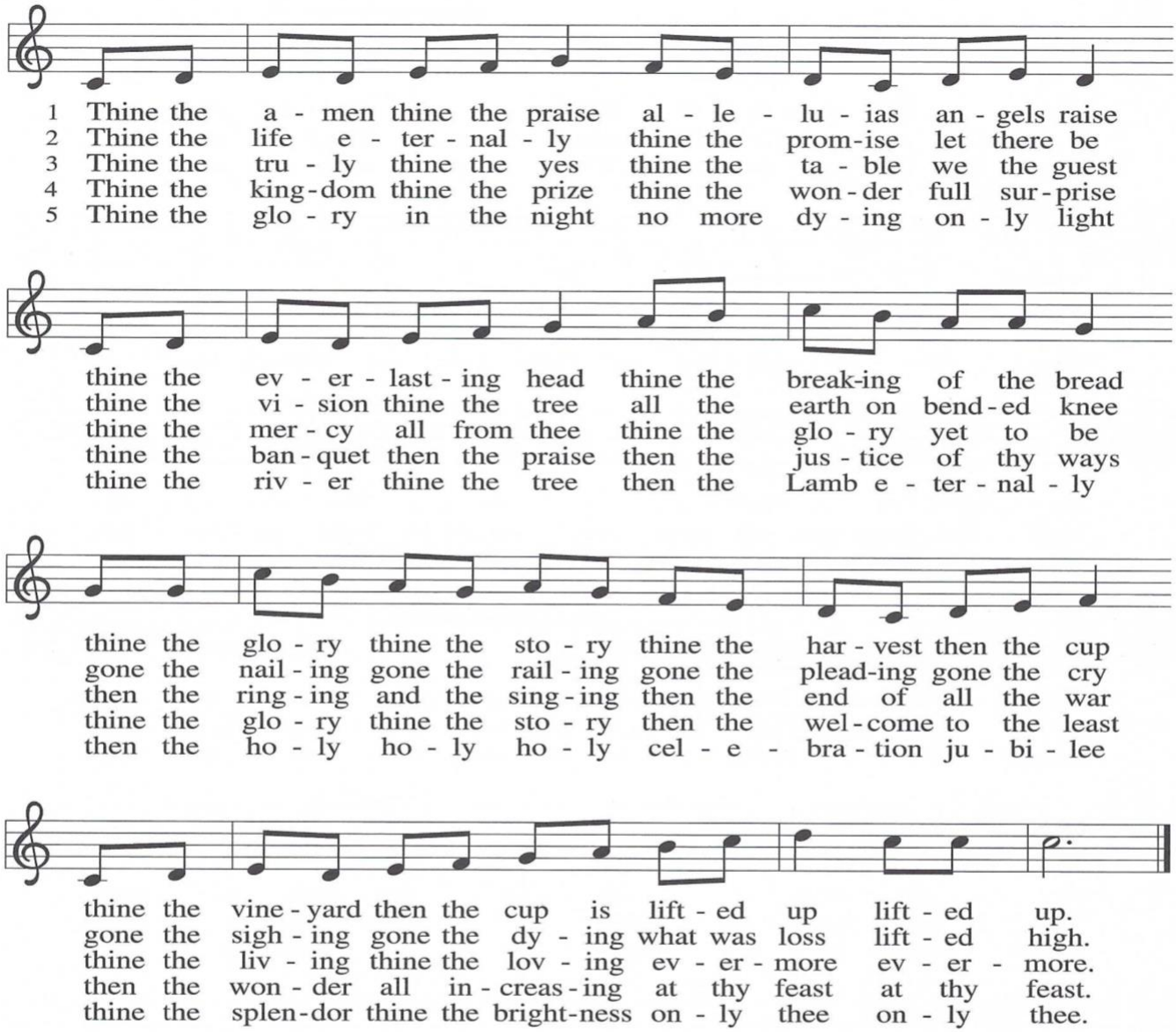


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Thine the Amen

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