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.

24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **November 8, 2026**
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Prelude – "Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying" – setting, Wayne Wold

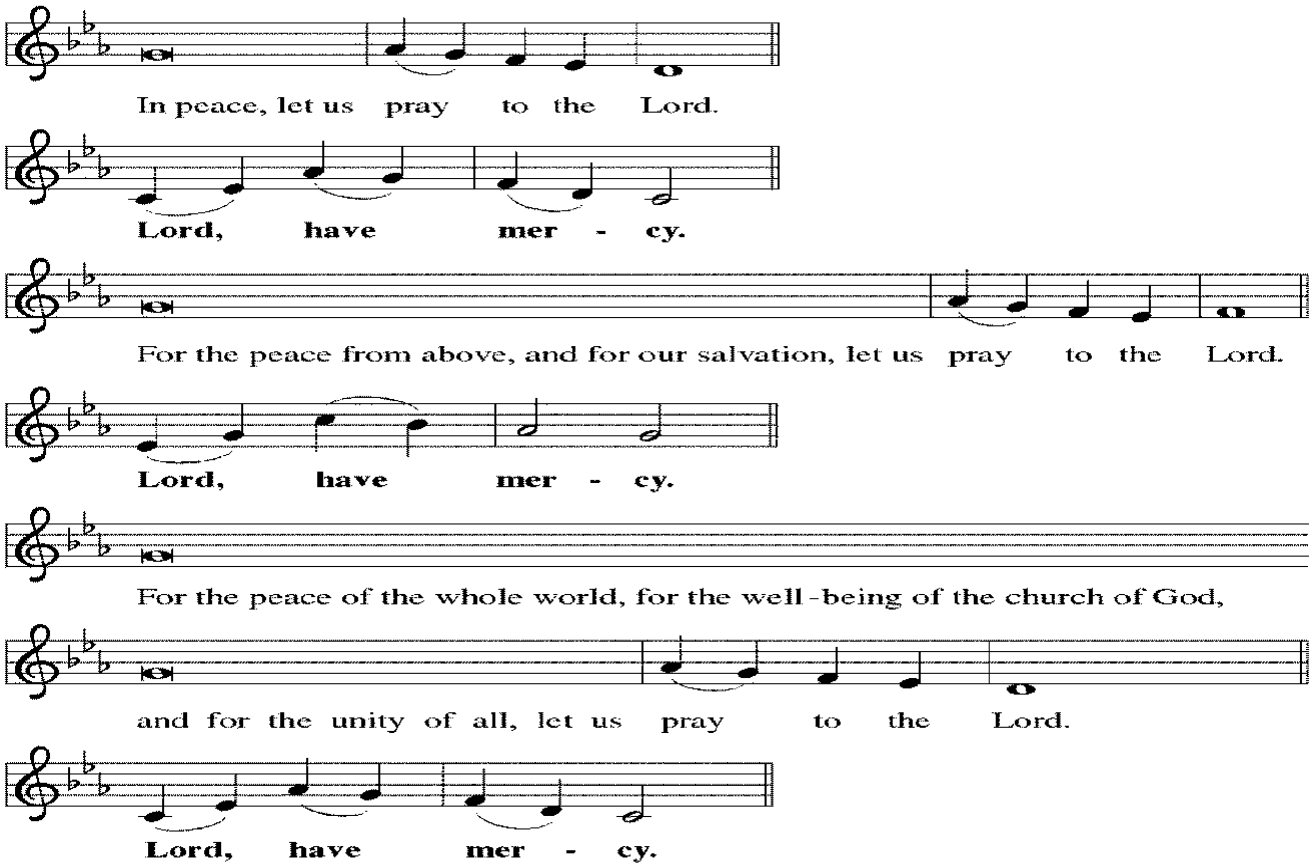
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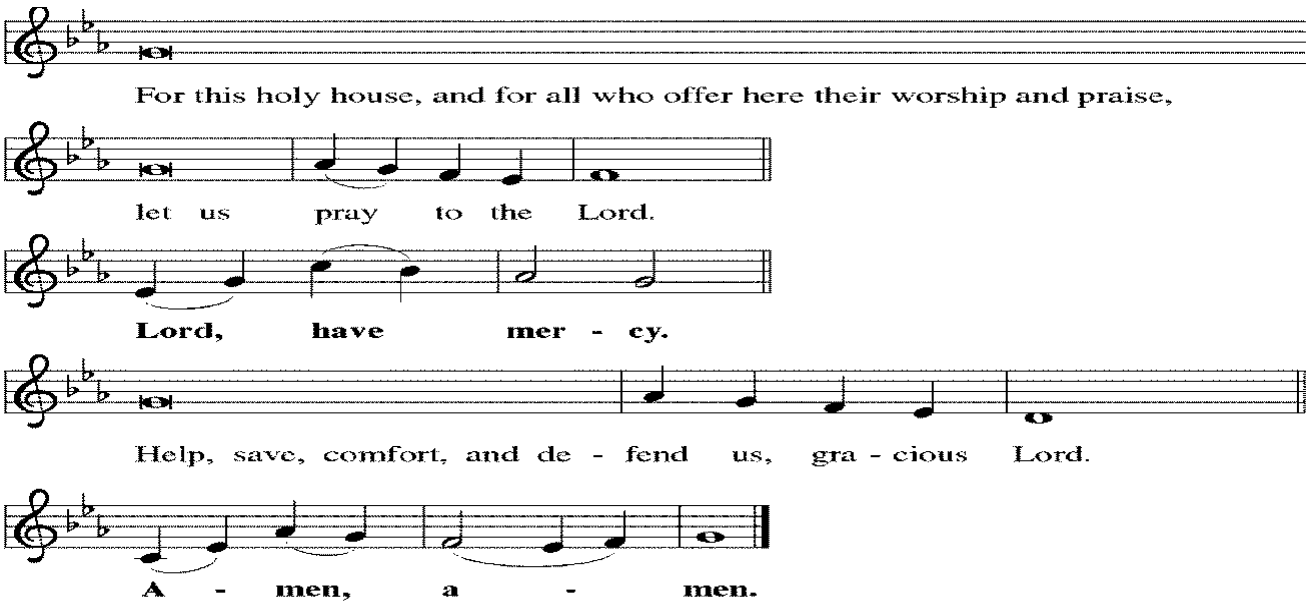
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GATHERING HYMN – ELW 244 REJOICE, REJOICE, BELIEVERS

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.

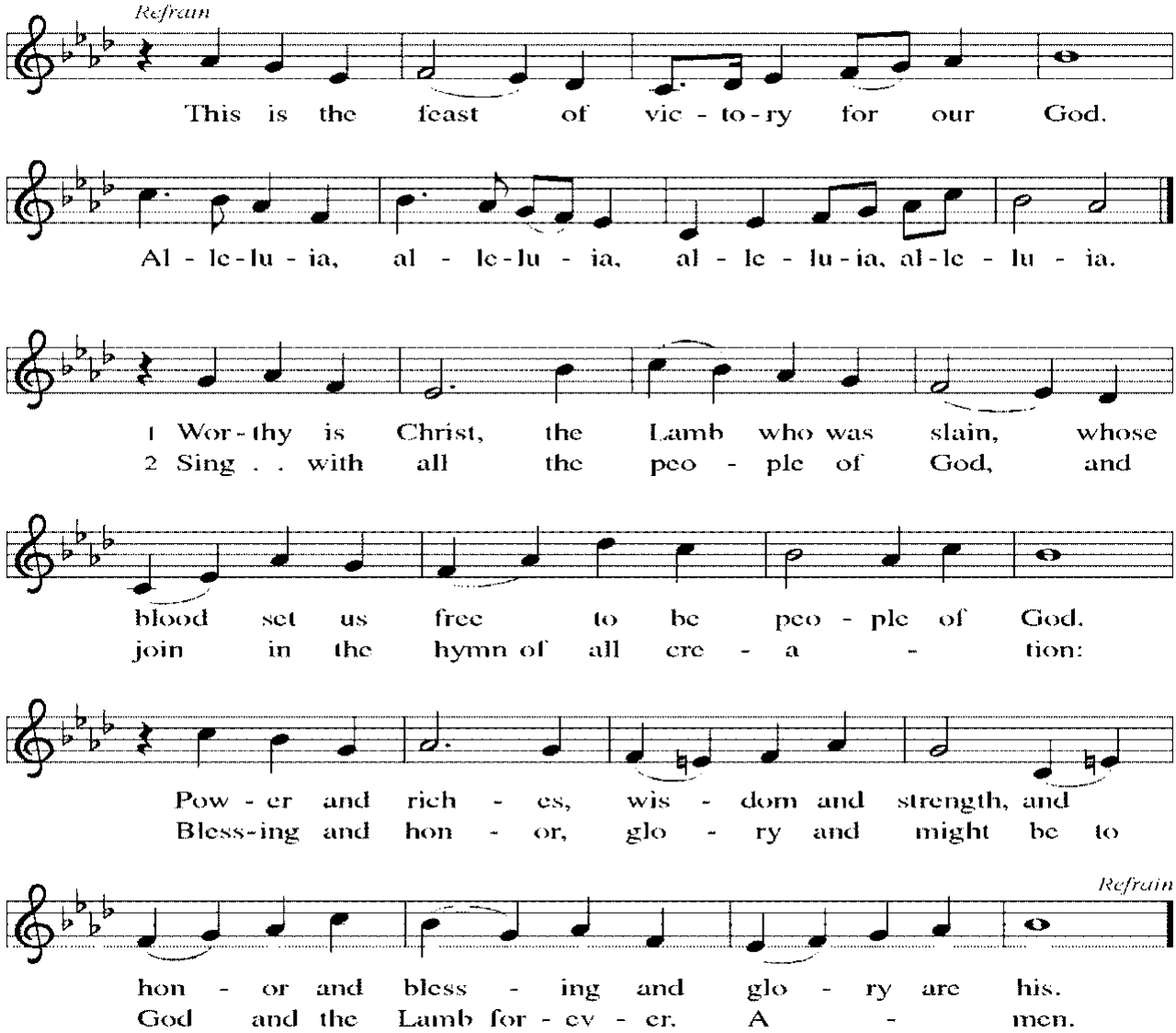
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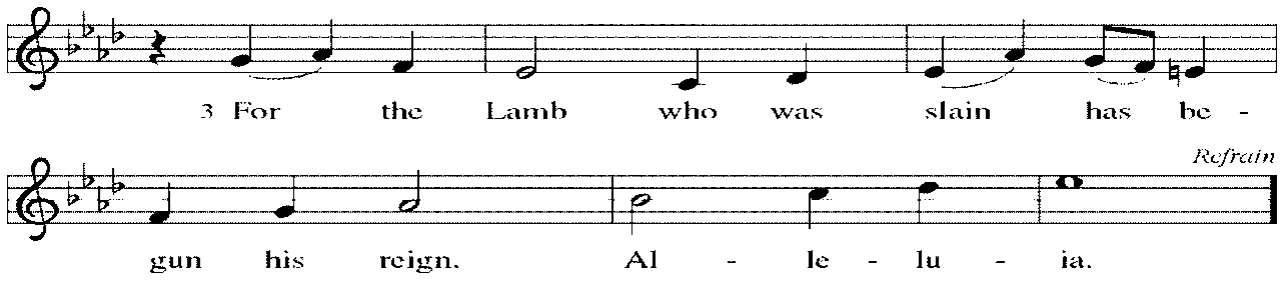




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HYMN OF PRAISE – pg. 101 THIS IS THE FEAST





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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.
Cong – Amen.

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: **Amos 5:18-24** **Kathy Conley, Worship Assistant**
In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

[18]Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; [19]as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. [20]Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? [21]I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. [22]Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. [23]Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. [24]But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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

PSALM: **Psalm 70**
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry. (Ps. 70:5)

(Choir will sing before and at the R)
(Congregation will sing verses)

[1]Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;
O LORD, make | haste to help me.
[2]Let those who seek my life be put to shame | and confounded;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and | be disgraced. R
[3]Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat | over me
turn back because | of their shame.
[4]Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the LORD!"
[5]But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick- | ly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, | do not tarry. R

SECOND READING: **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18** **Kathy Conley, Worship Assistant**

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you
may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again,
even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by
the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means
precede those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call
and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.
17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the
Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these
words.

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

(Please rise)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – CHOIR

Alleluia. Keep awake and be ready, for you do not know
on what day your Lord is coming. *Alleluia.* (Matt. 24:42, 44)

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

GOSPEL: **Matthew 25:1-13** **Pastor Kelly Reagan**

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their
lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the
foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.
5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a
shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those bridesmaids got up and
trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going
out.' 9 But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the
dealers and buy some for yourselves.' 10 And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those
who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. 11 Later the other
bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know
you.' 13 Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Pastor – The Gospel of the Lord.
Cong – Praise to you, O Christ.
(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE **Alicia Driver**

SERMON **Pastor Kelly Reagan**

(Please rise)

HYMN OF THE DAY – ELW 436 WAKE, AWAKE, FOR NIGHT IS FLYING

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

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.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Cong – And also with you.
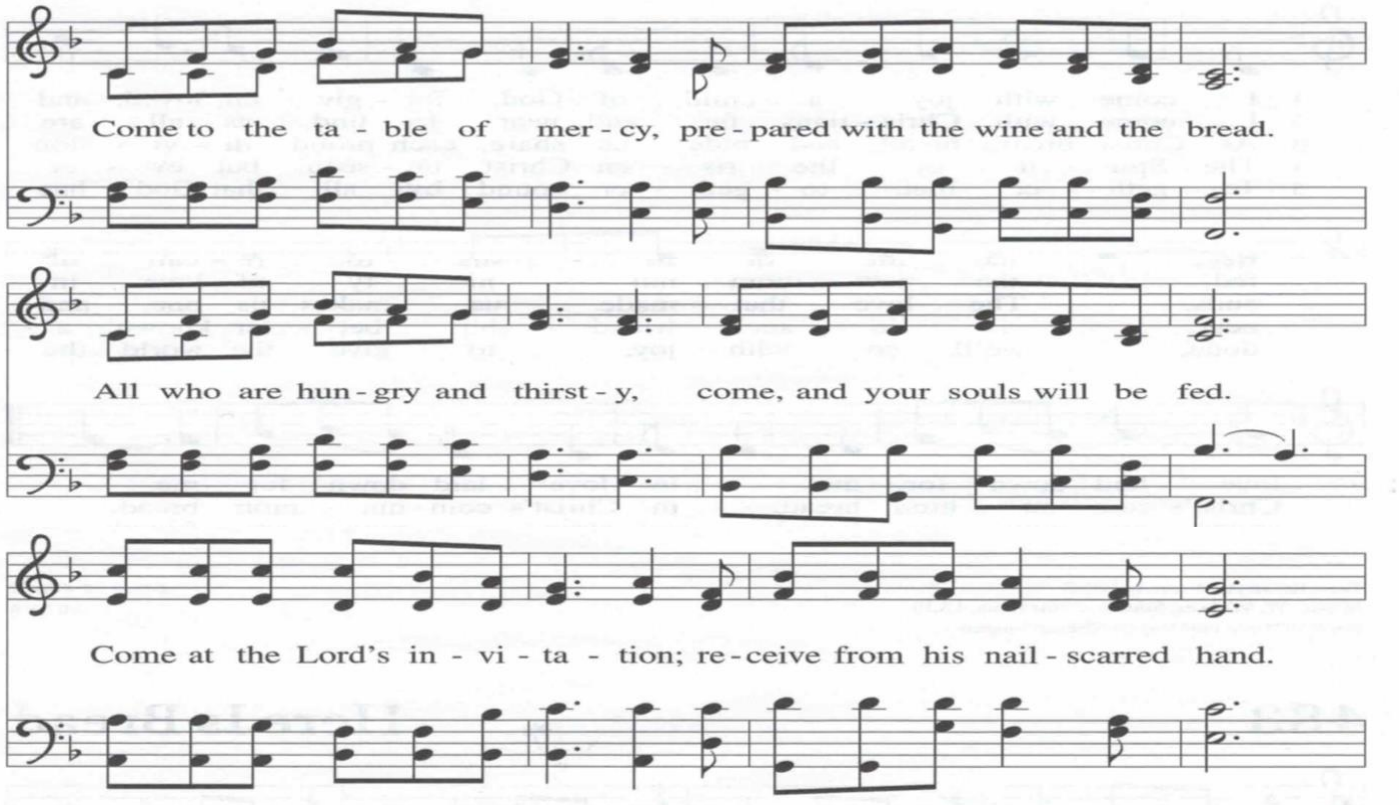
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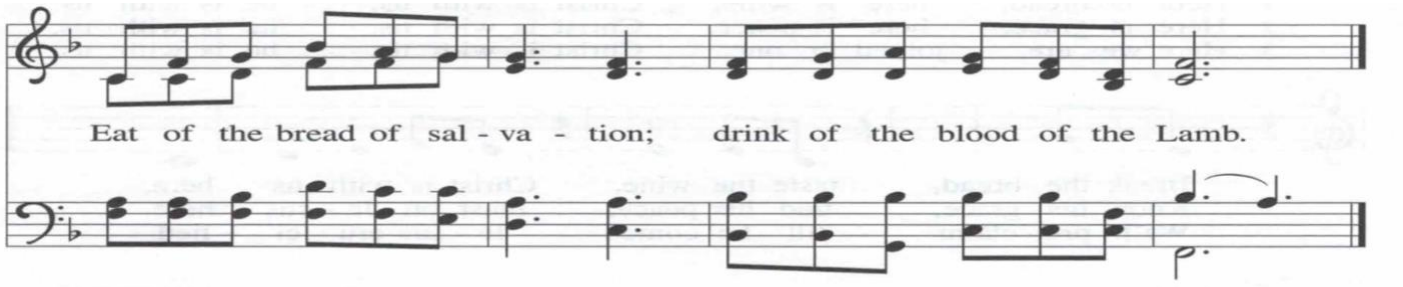
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OFFERING – "Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness" – setting, Anne K. Organ

(Please rise)

OFFERTORY – (ELW 481) COME TO THE TABLE





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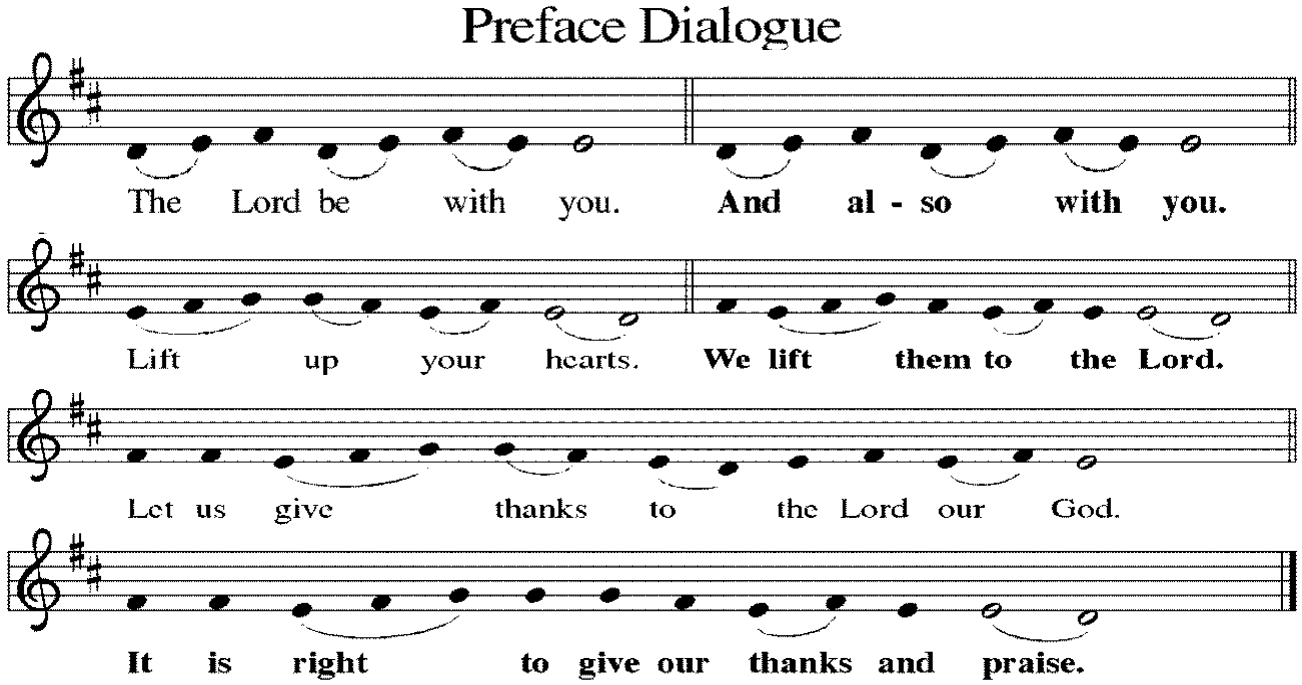
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OFFERING PRAYER

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.

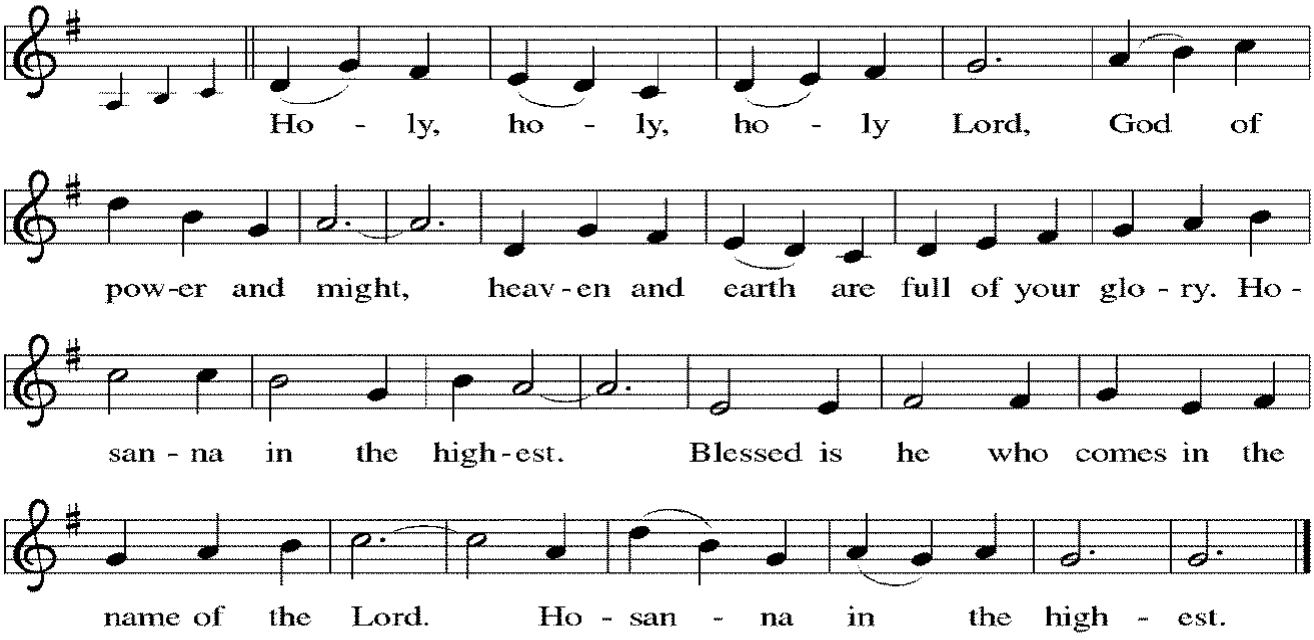
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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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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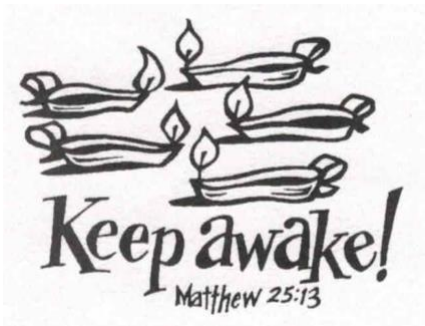
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING V (ELW pg. 65)

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.

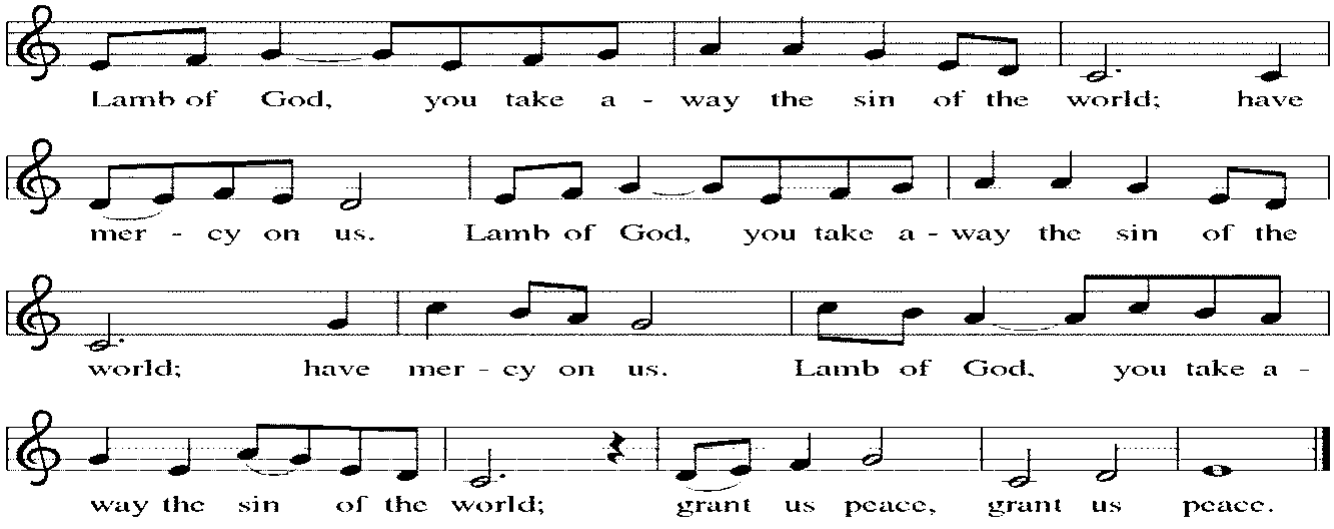
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

(Please be seated)



Lamb of God

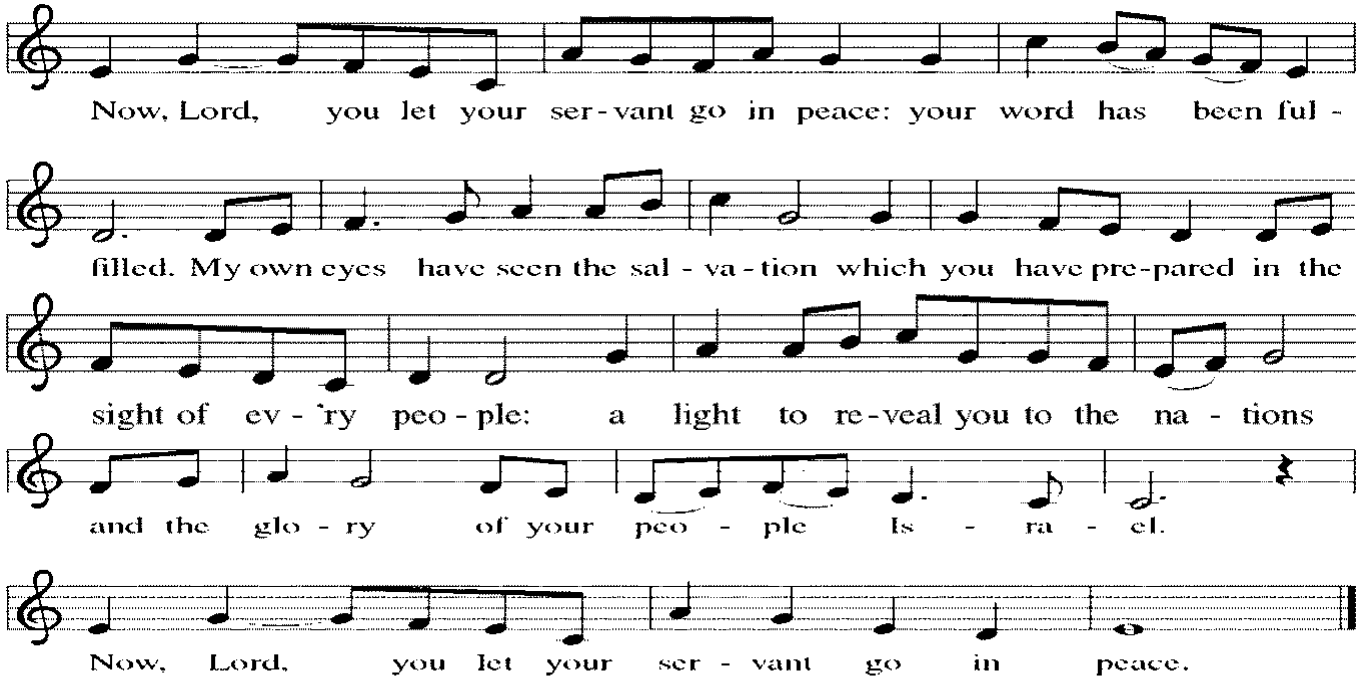


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COMMUNION HYMN – ELW 638 BLESSED ASSURANCE

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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 441 OH, HAPPY DAY WHEN WE SHALL STAND

(Please be seated)

Postlude

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

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Holiday Bazaar - Saturday, November 14th, 2026!



Bakers, soup makers, & volunteers needed!

Our Annual Holiday Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 14th from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Please share this on social media! Bazaar fliers are on the table in the Narthex. Share with your family & friends!

COOKIE WALK: We will once again ask our bakers to get out their favorite cookie recipes (3 dozen each).
Please mark each container with the type of cookie.
Please be sure your name is on your container so we may return it to you.
Please note if nuts are in the recipe.
Please bring your homemade cookies ***by 8:30 a.m., Saturday, November 14th***.

BAKED GOODS: We also welcome breads, fudge, cinnamon rolls, and buckeyes! Wrap your yummy treats & decorate with ribbons or stickers! Don't forget to label & price these little bundles!

KITCHEN MENU: We will once again serve home-made soups, hot dogs and chips. Sign up for menu items and pop. Our shoppers love our lunch menu!

Signup sheets are available on the table in the Narthex for cookies, baked goods, lunch menu items, or to volunteer to serve food in the kitchen or work as a cashier.

ATTIC TREASURES Get down those pretty items from the attic that you no longer use to decorate your tree or home for Christmas. Our shoppers love these items! *Be sure to price these items!*
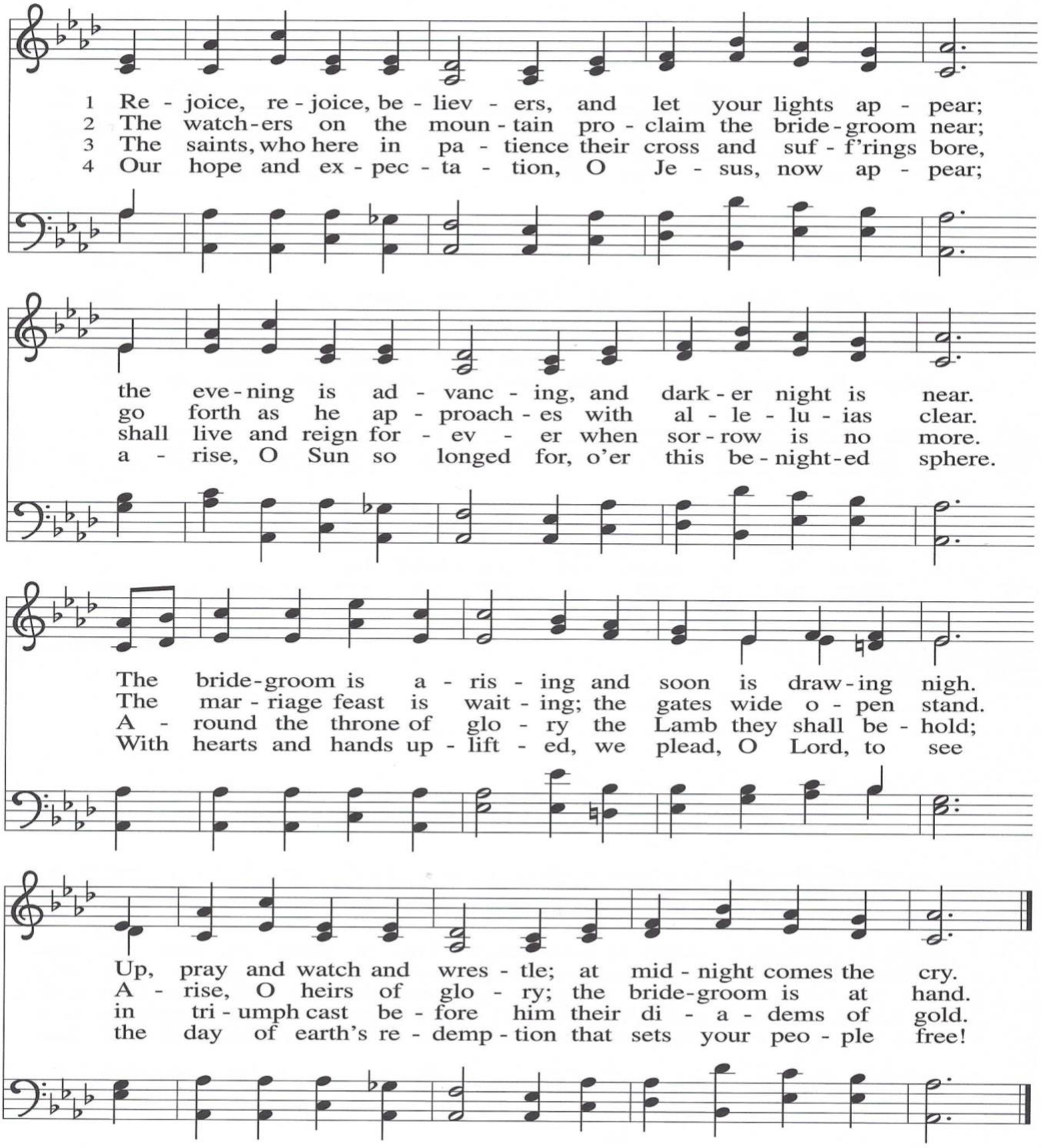
CRAFT VENDORS: We have 21 vendors registered!! Any questions, contact Alicia at alicia.a.driver@gmail.com or (937) 974-5010.

BAZAAR SET UP: Please join us to set up on **Thursday, November 12th at 1 p.m.**!

Let's make this year's Holiday Bazaar our best one yet! Thanks for your help!

St. Matthew Ladies Guild
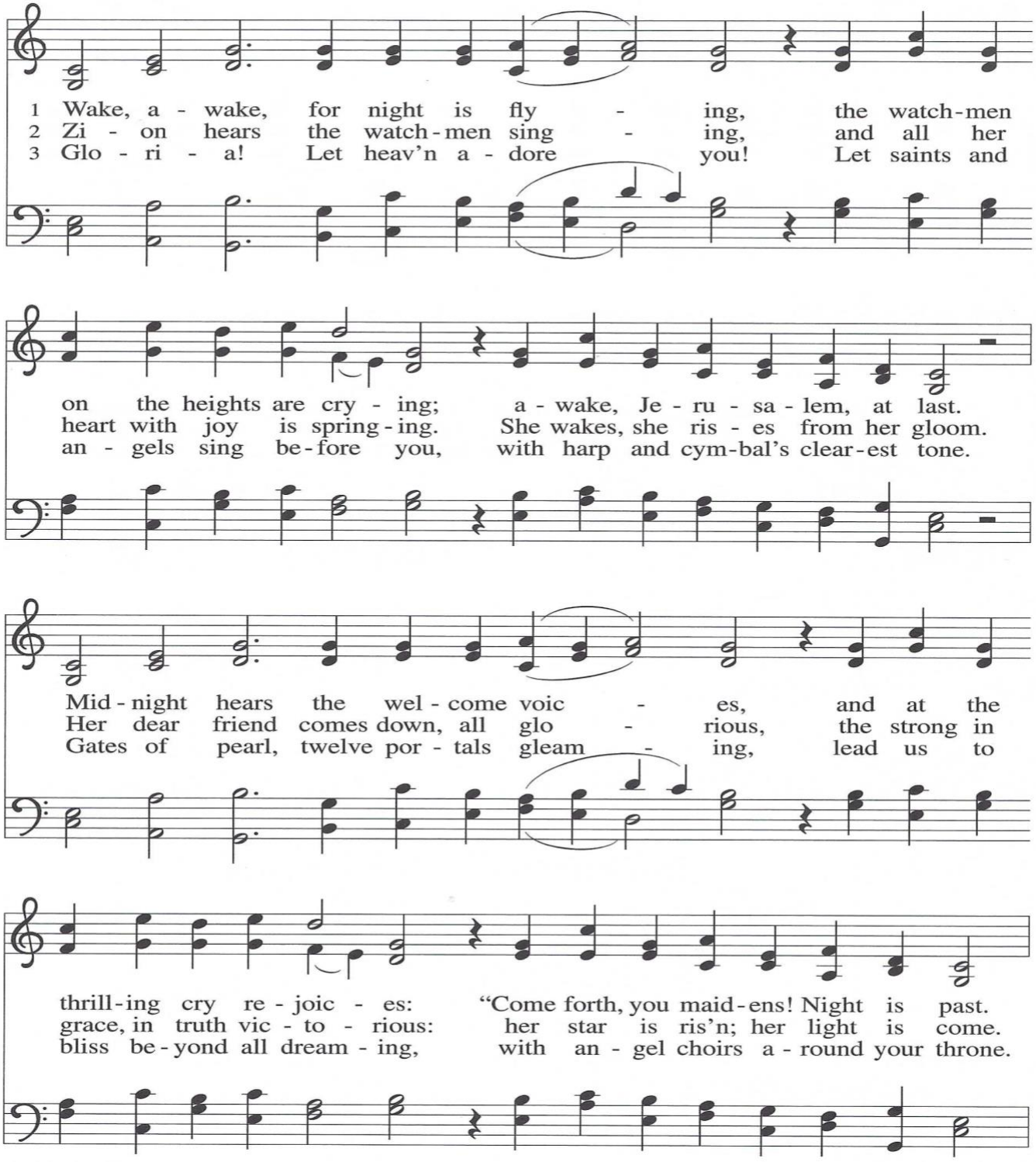
Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers 244



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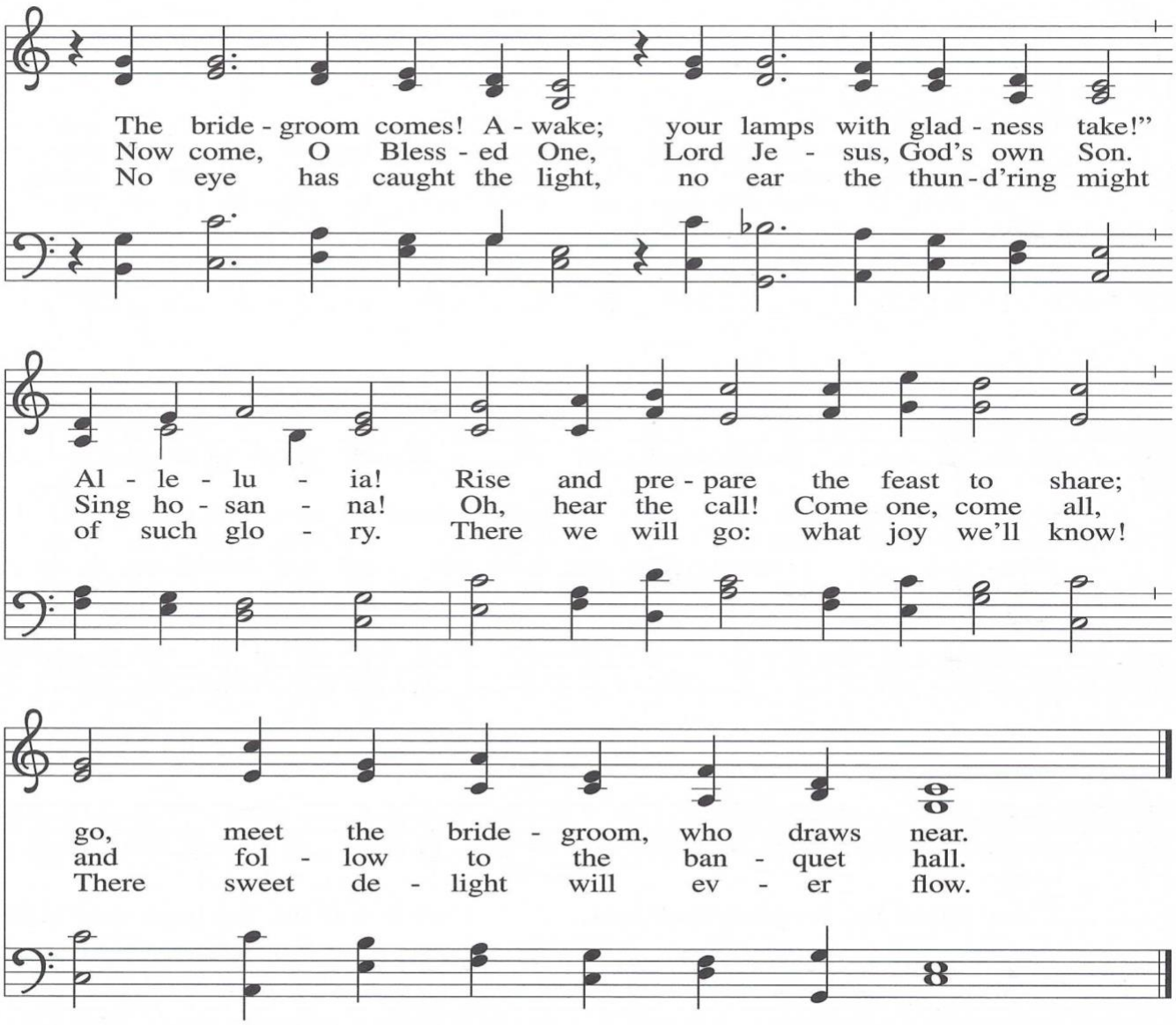
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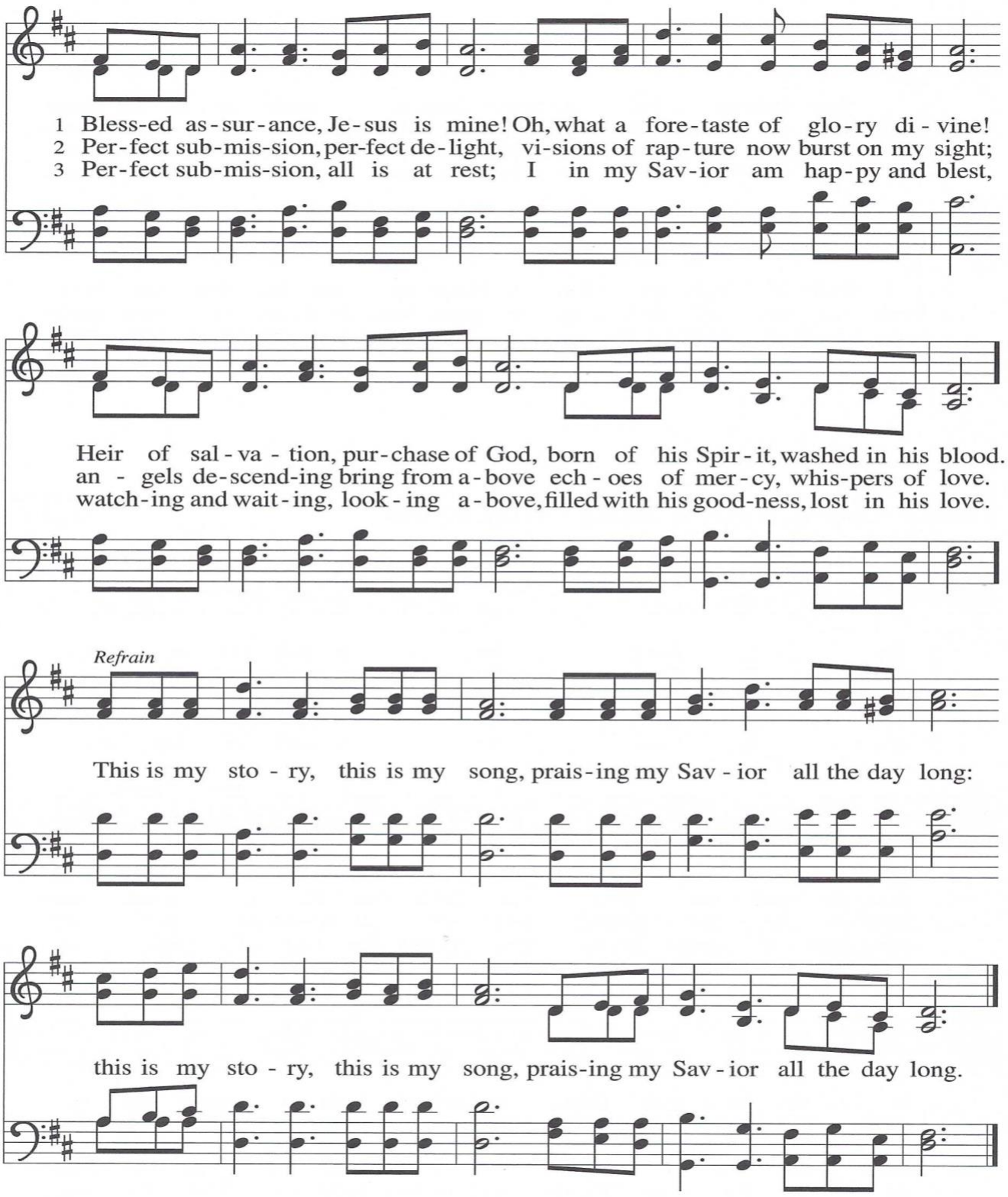
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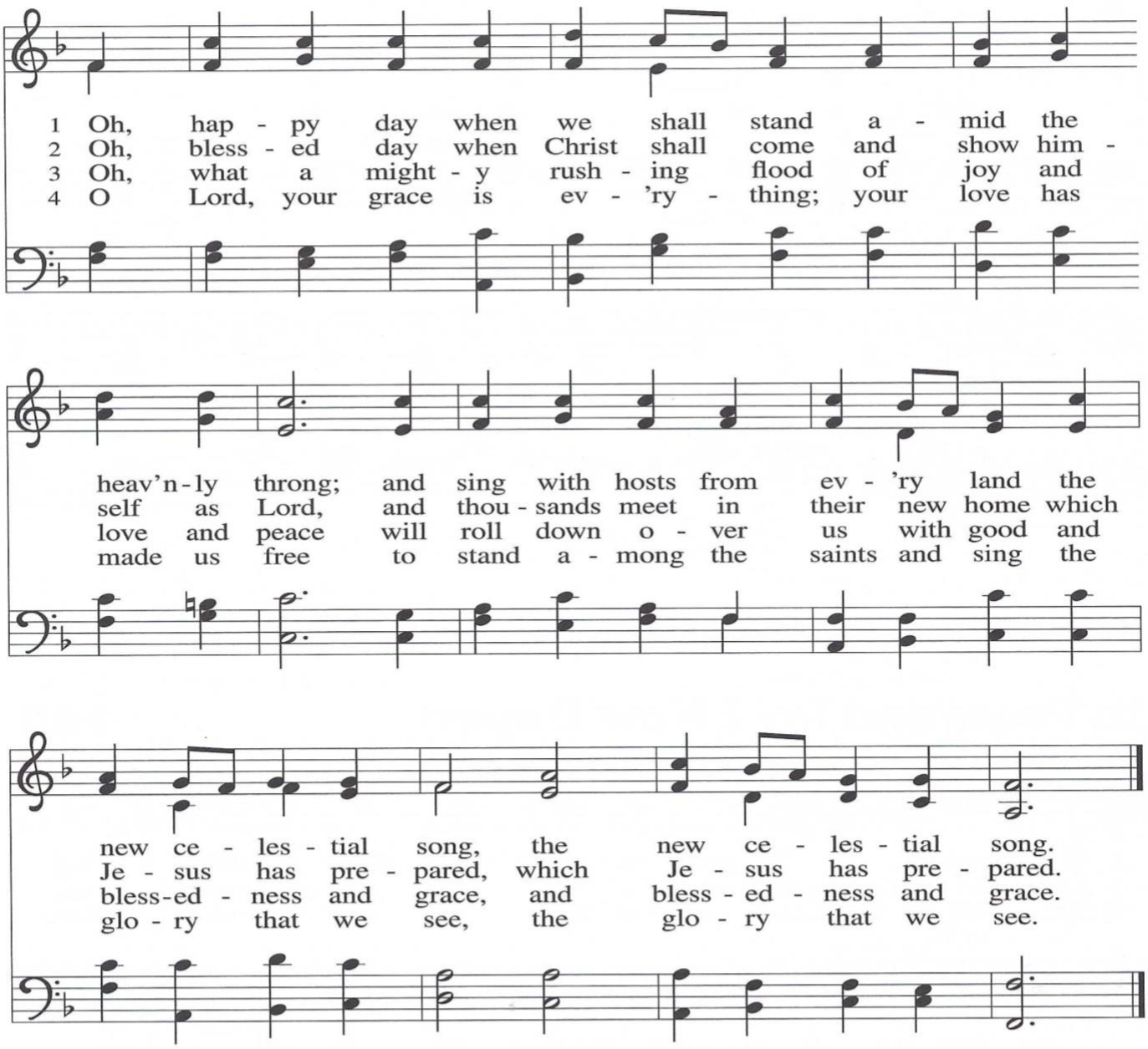
638 Blessed Assurance



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441 Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand



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