Fifth Sunday in Epiphany

February 5, 2023

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE LIVE AND WORSHIP ON THE UNCEDED TRADITIONAL TERRITORY OF THE KWIKWETLEM FIRST NATION, WHICH LIES WITHIN THE SHARED TERRITORIES OF THE TSLEIL-WAUTUTH, KATZIE, MUSQUEAM, SQUAMISH AND STÓ:LŌ NATIONS. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE CARED FOR THIS LAND SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL AS WE SEEK TO JOURNEY TOWARDS A MEANINGFUL RECONCILIATION.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Welcome & Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

C: Amen.

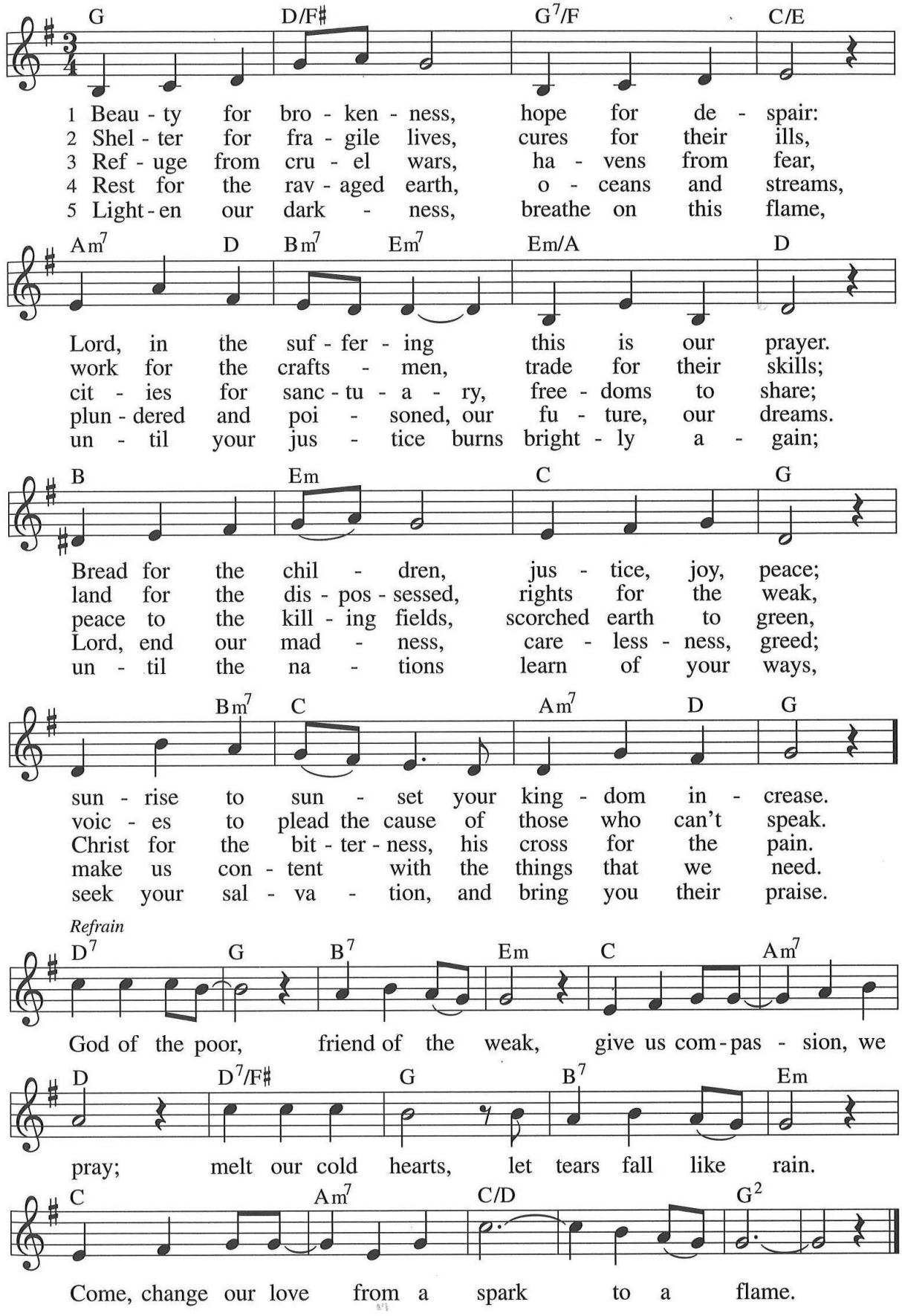
P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, holy and gracious God,
for you created the waters of the earth:
wide oceans like the Pacific,
rushing streams like the Coquitlam River,
clear lakes like Buntzen,
mighty rivers like the Fraser.

You led your people through the sea
and called them to life in covenant with you.
Your Son was baptized in the river Jordan
to begin his mission among us.
You pour out your Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth.

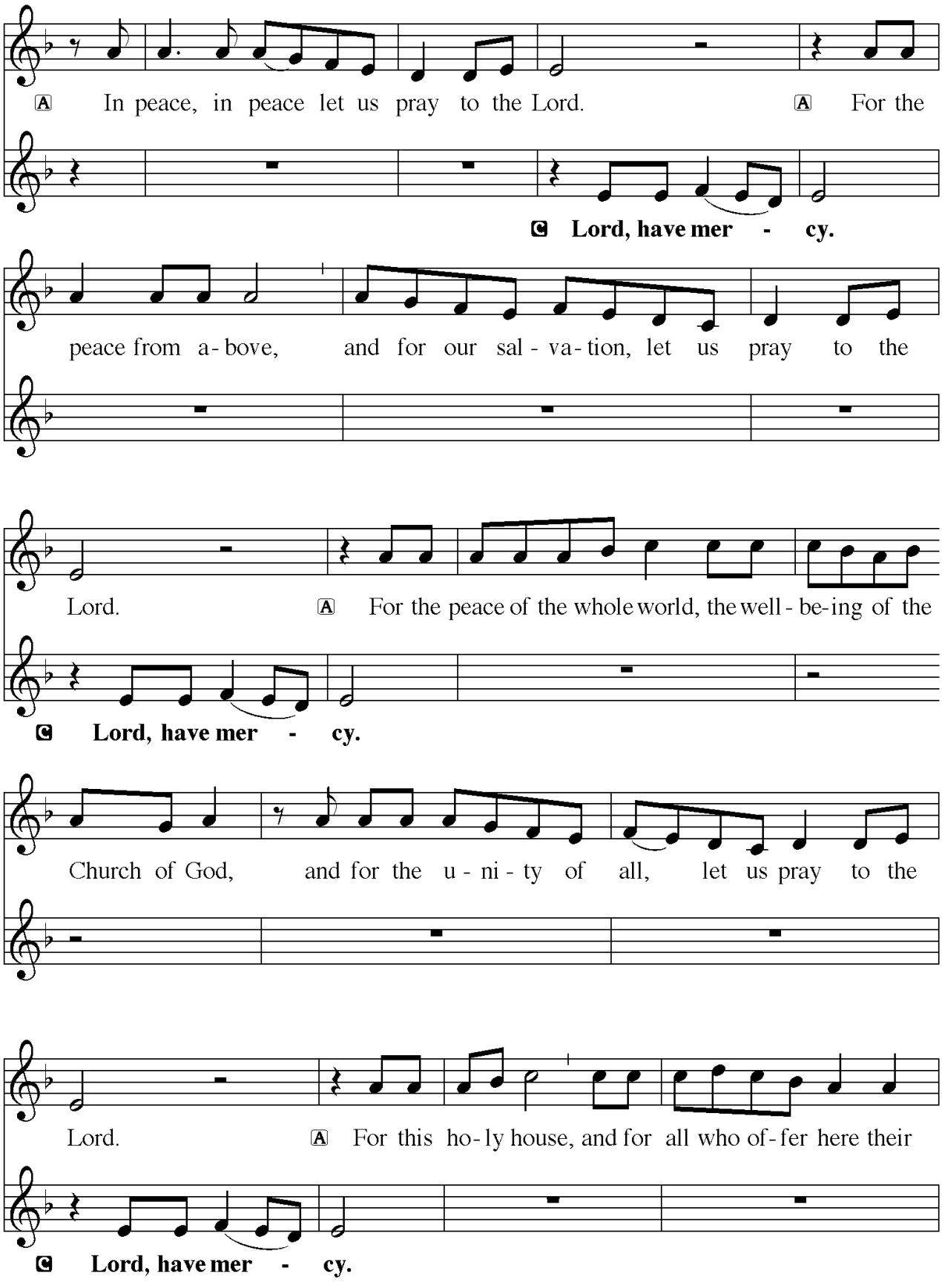
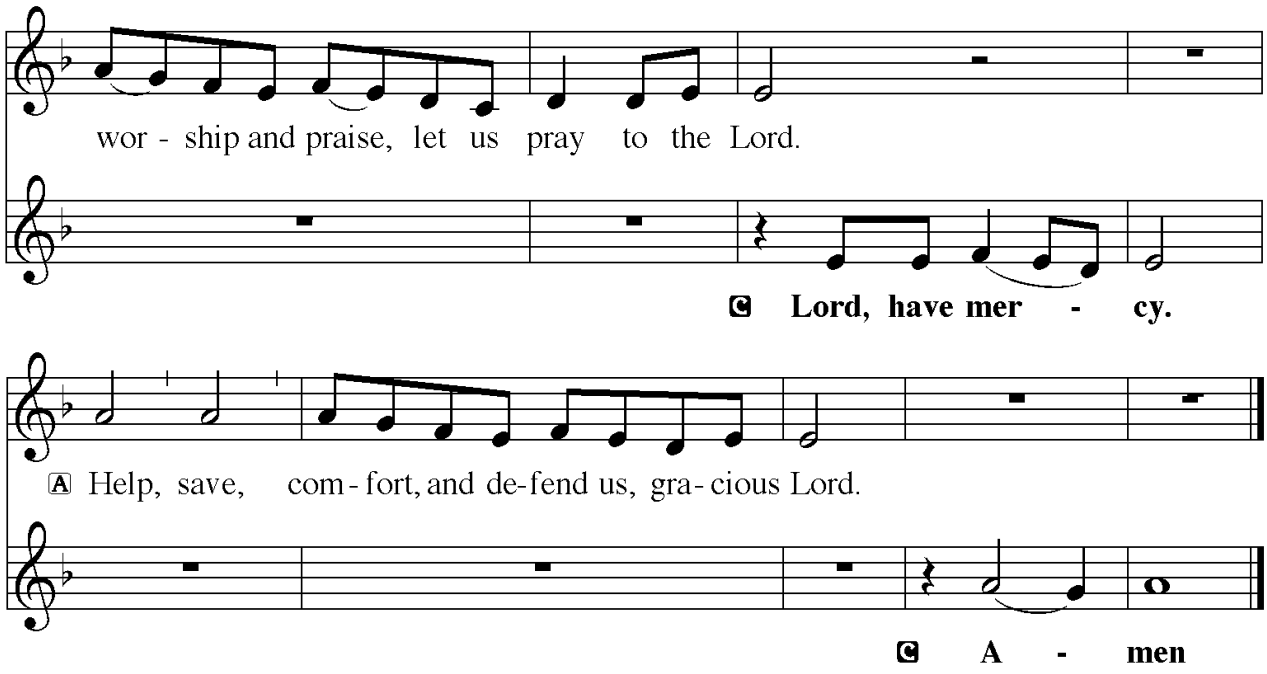
Through this water you have gifted and called us to be salt and light,
flavouring the world with your love
shining the light of your compassion
into the darkness of callousness and indifference.
Now renew us in your promise that we may continue
to serve this world in all its need;
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.

C: Amen.

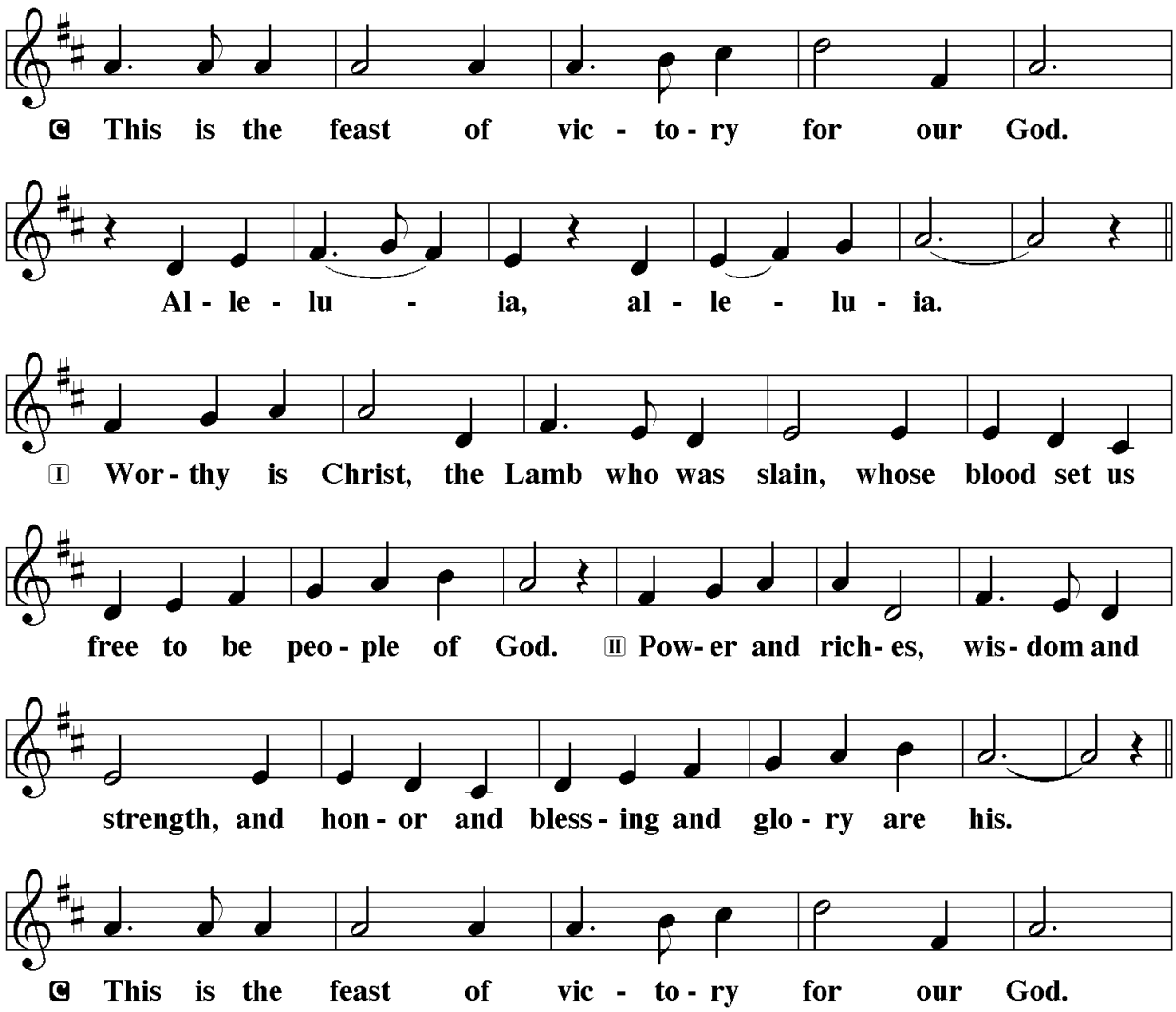
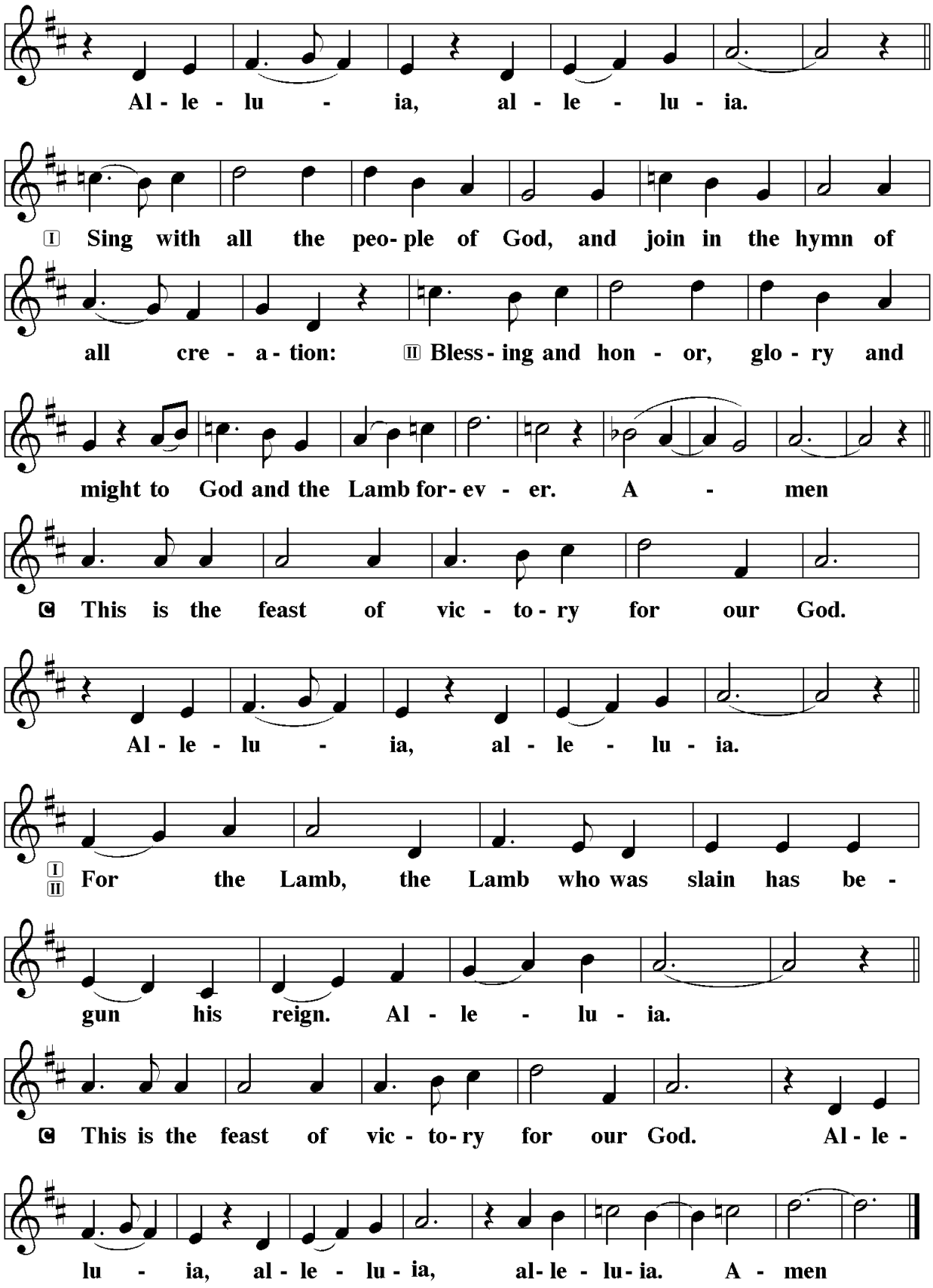
Gathering Hymn W&P # 17 Beauty for Brokenness, God of the Poor

Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the light of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie



Hymn of Praise



The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Word

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

Children's Time

First Reading: Isaiah 58:1-9a

Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.

Shout out, do not hold back!
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.
Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments,
they delight to draw near to God.
"Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.
Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.
Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;

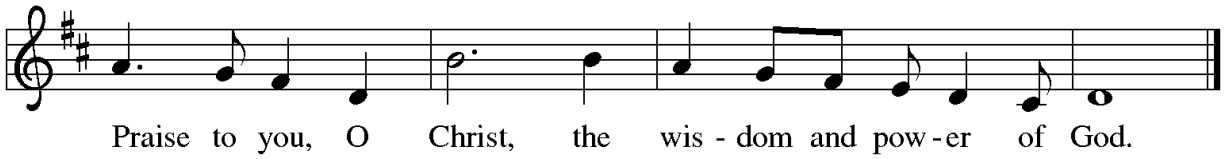
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112:1-9

Refrain:



L: Praise the LORD!
Happy are those who fear the LORD,
who greatly delight in his commandments.
Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures forever.

C: Refrain

They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.
It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.
For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered forever.

C: Refrain

They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.
Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.
They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever;
their horn is exalted in honor.

C: Refrain

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

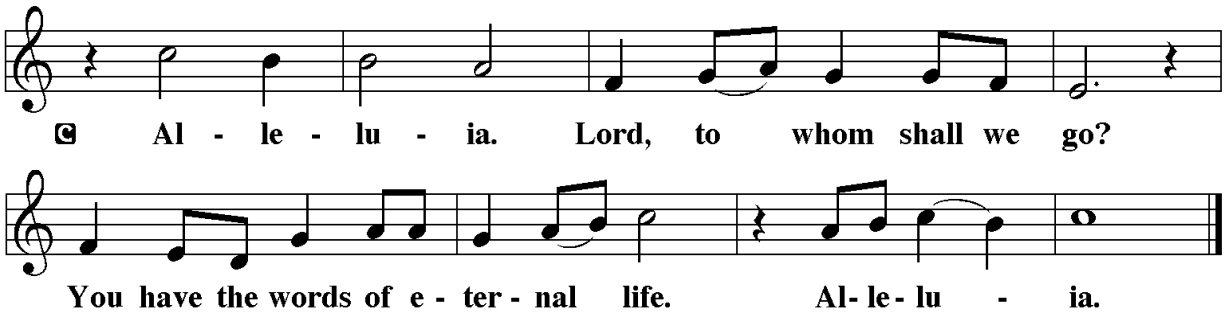
Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,

nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him"—
these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

L: The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



P: The Gospel reading is announced.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:13-20

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.

[Jesus said:] "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

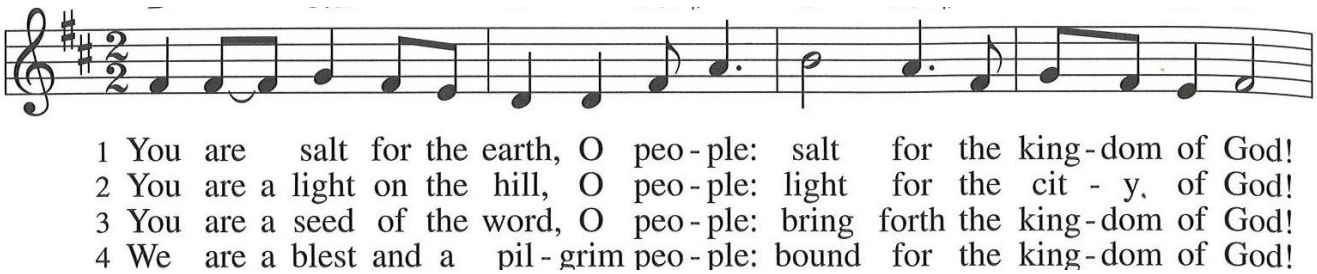
"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

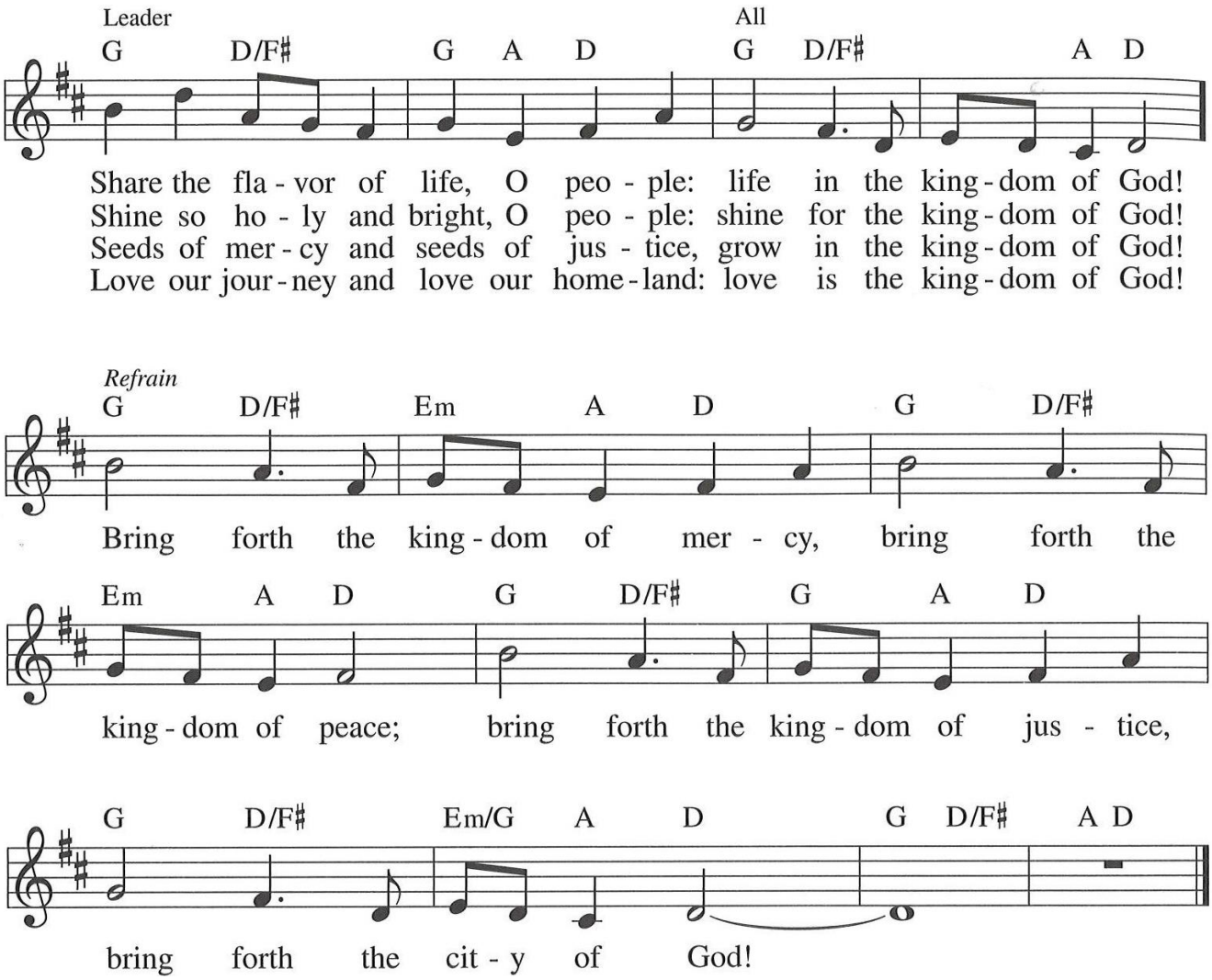
"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day W&P # 22 Bring Forth the Kingdom





Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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

Installation of Church Council

Prayers of the People

After each petition, the Pastor will say "Merciful God" and the congregation will respond, "Hear our prayer".

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

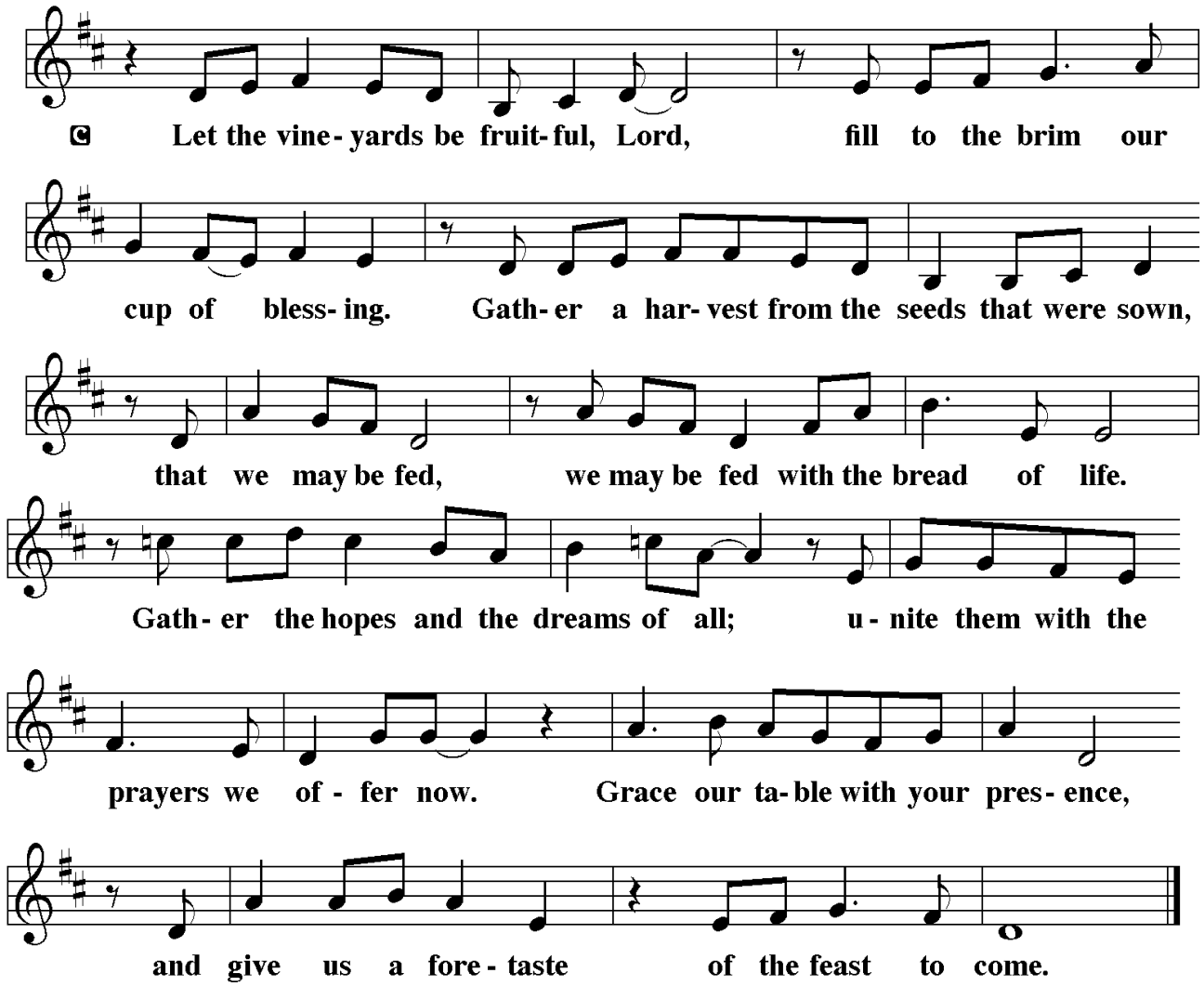
C: And also with you.

All are invited to share a sign of peace with those around them.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Presentation of the Gifts and Offering Song



Offering Prayer

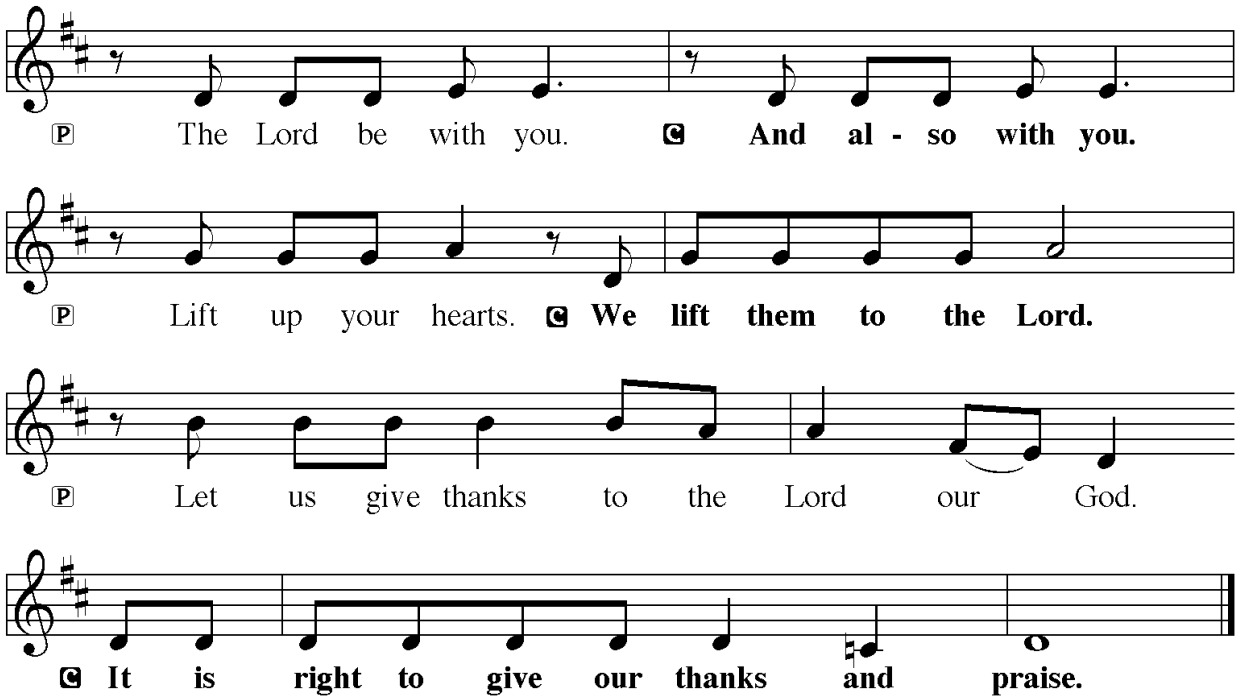
P: Let us pray.

Liberating God,
you break the bonds of injustice
and let the oppressed go free.

Receive these offerings in thanksgiving
for all your works of merciful power,
and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.
You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

C: Amen

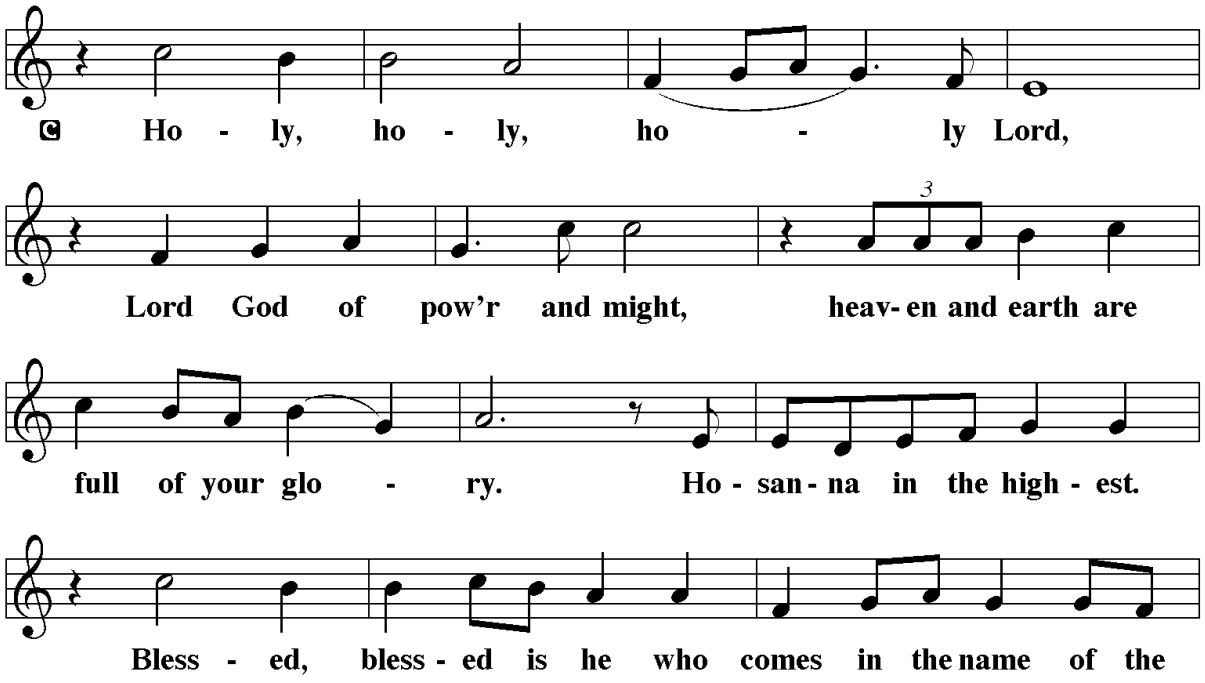
The Great Thanksgiving

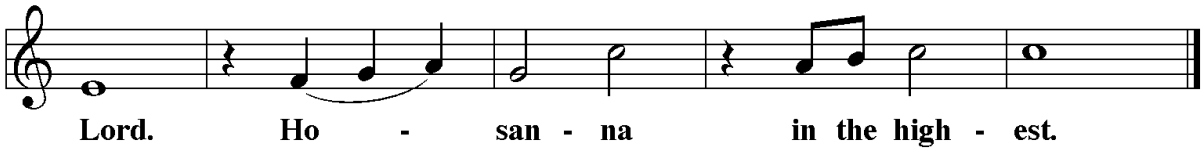


P: It is indeed right and salutary,

The pastor continues, concluding…

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





Thanksgiving at the Table

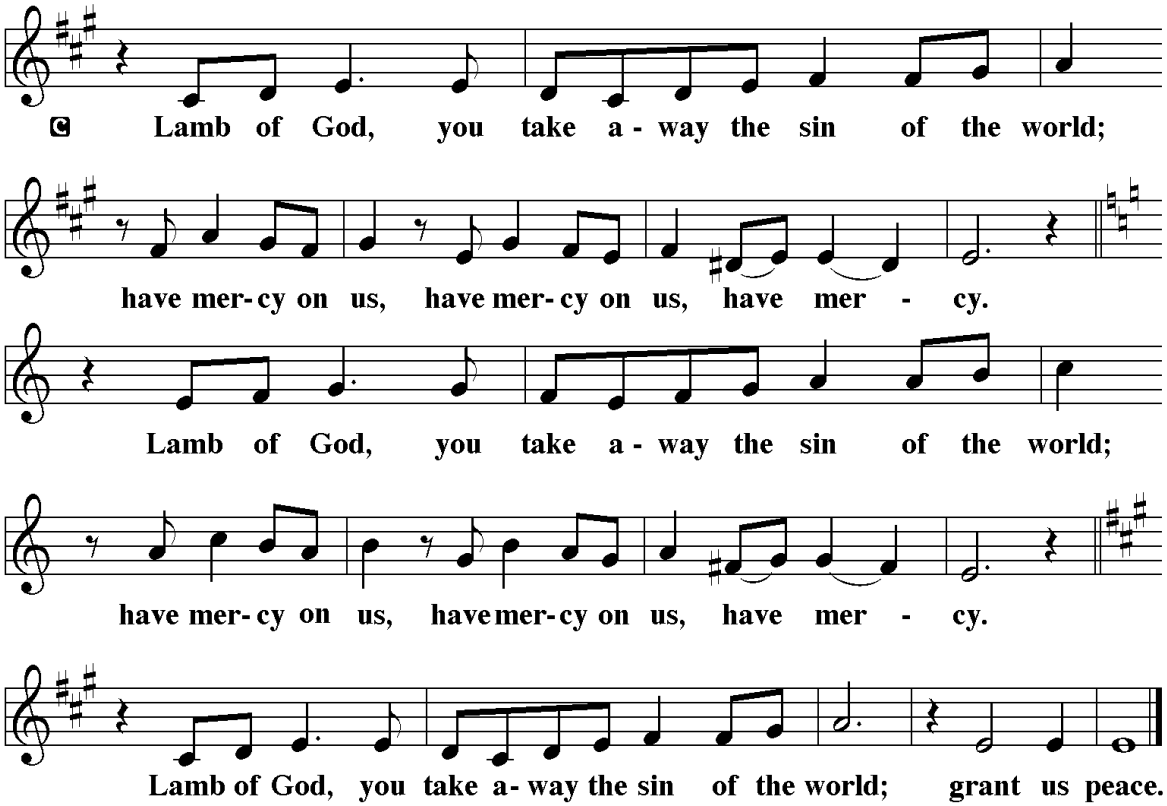
The Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray with confidence the words our Savior gave us:

C: 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.

P: Come and taste the joy of God!

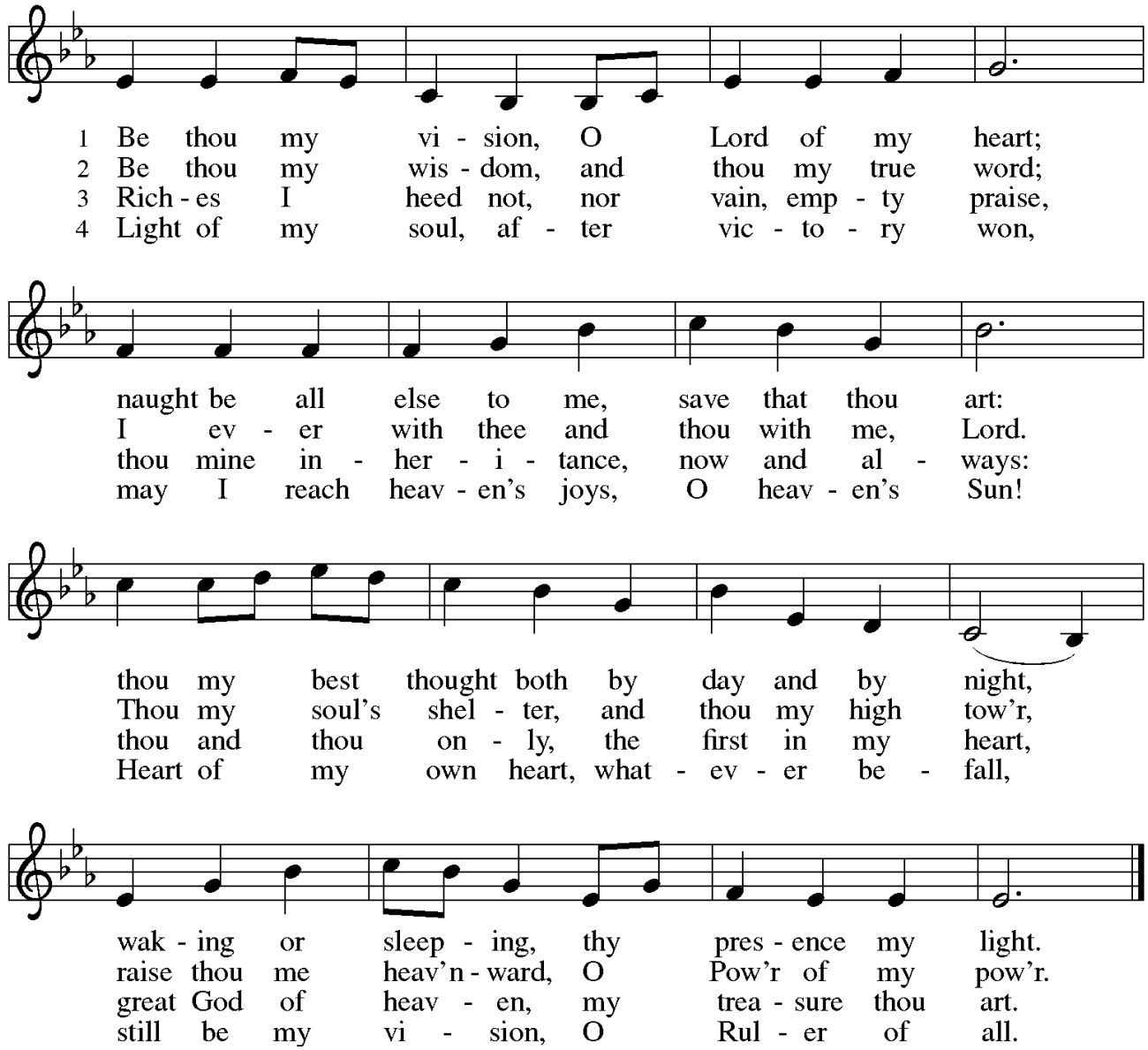
Lamb of God

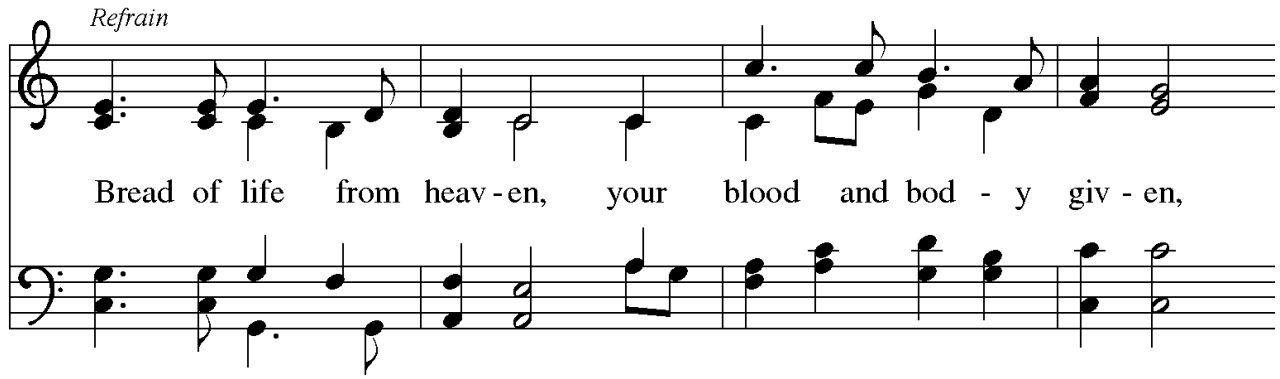
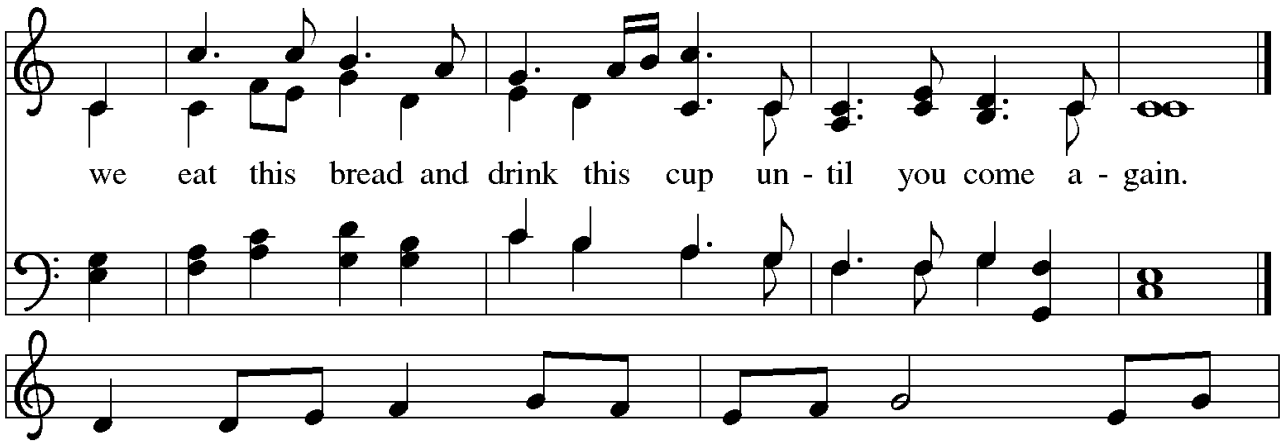


Communion is distributed

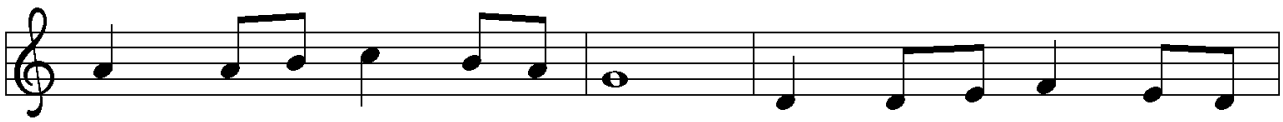
Directions for Communion: Any adult or child who believes that Christ is present in this meal is welcome to participate. At the Pastor's direction, you are invited to advance to the communion rail through the centre aisle, commune in groups, and exit back to your pews through the window aisles, depositing your used

wine/juice vessel in the silver bowl at the head of each window aisle. If you choose to remain in your pew to take communion once all group communing at the rail has ended, please raise your hand to make yourself known and the pastor will come around with bread, followed by the communion assistant with individual glasses of wine and grape juice. White grape juice is located in the centre ring of the tray.

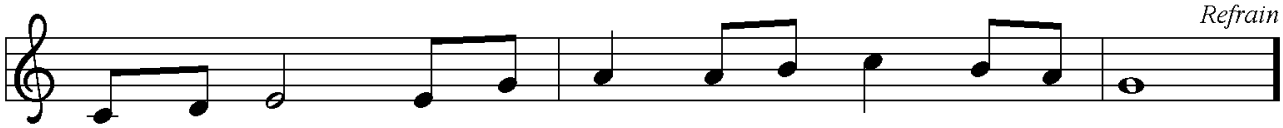
Communion Hymn #793 Be Thou My Vision

Communion Hymn # 474 Bread of Life From Heaven



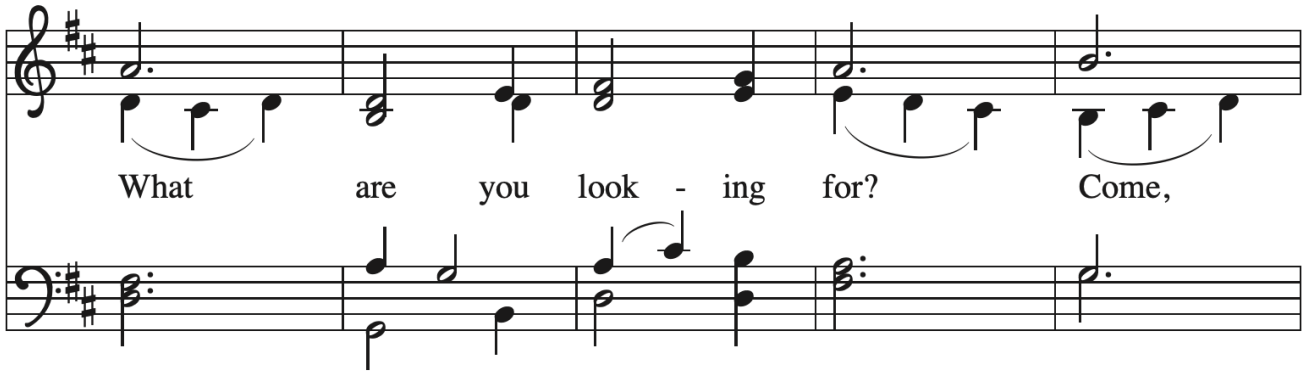
1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing
2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your
3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him -
4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your
5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this

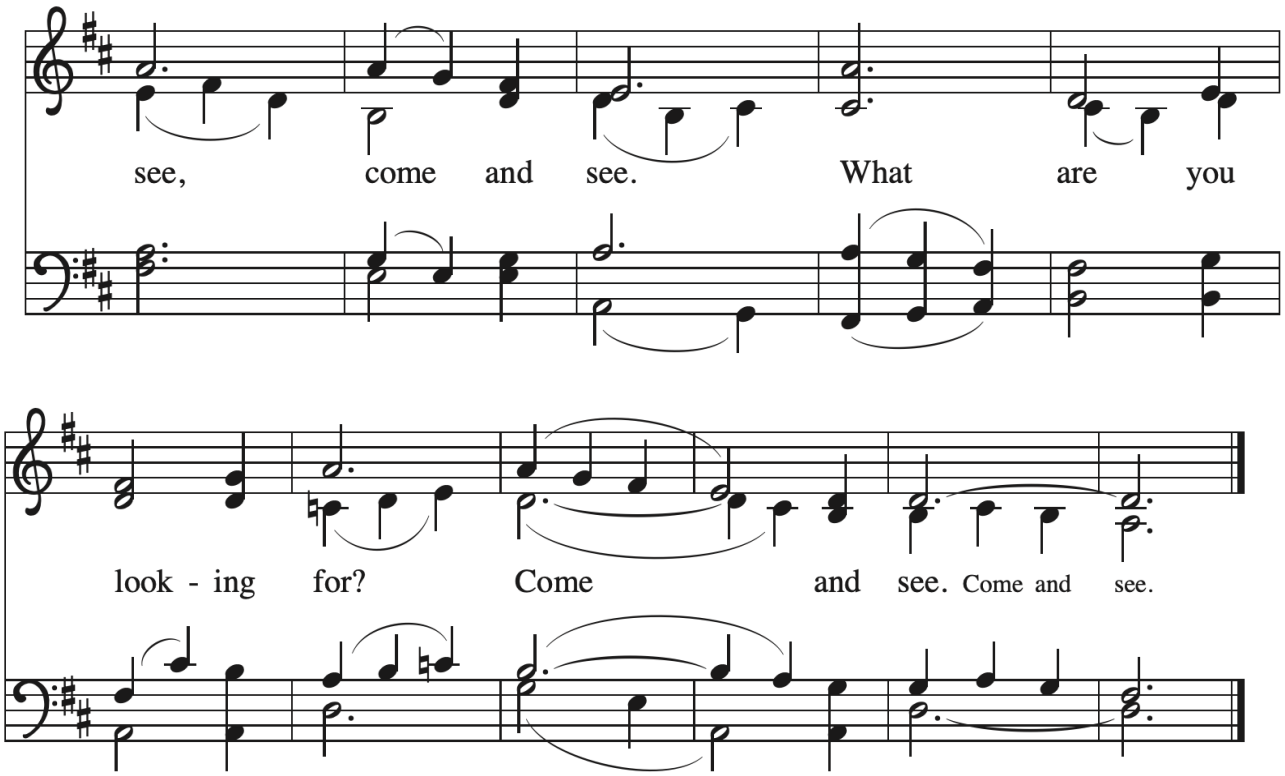


thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round. Eat, all of you, and be
hearts on the food that en - dures. Come, learn the true and the
self for the life of the world. Come to the one who is
home in the life - giv - ing Word. Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly
bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; trust his re - turn and, with

Refrain

sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.
liv - ing way, that the full - ness of life may be yours.
food for you, that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.
One of God, and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.
ev - 'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are re - born.

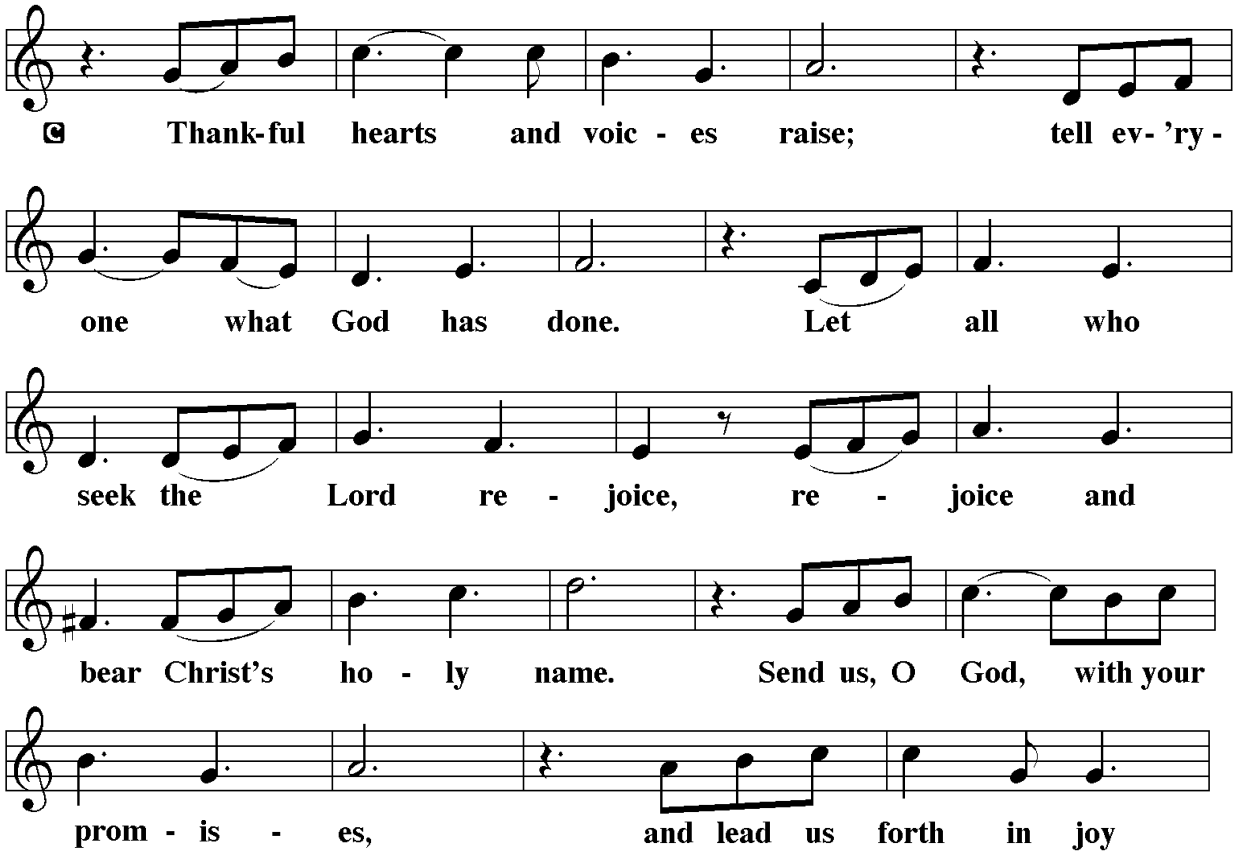
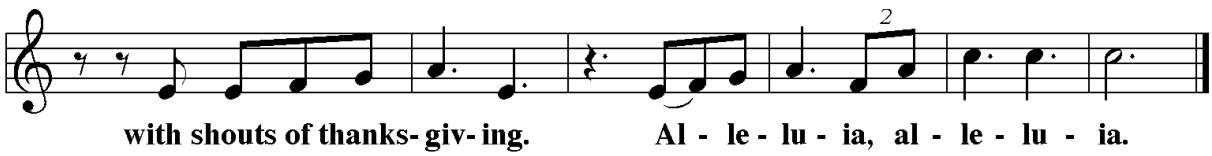
Communion Chant ACS # 976 **Come and See**





Communion Blessing

Song After Communion



Prayer After Communion

P: Holy One,
we thank you for the healing
that springs forth abundantly from this table.
Renew our strength to do justice,
love kindness,
and journey humbly with you.

C: Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Blessing

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice
and breaks the oppressor's rod
☩ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,
today and always.

C: Amen

Sending Hymn # 866 We Are Marching in the Light

We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib:

We are dancing . . .
We are praying . . .
We are singing . . .

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
February 5, 2023

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Flowers are placed on the altar in worship and celebration of the mystery of God and the Spirit, who calls us to be the light of the world and the city on the hill, and then helps us to live so.

Sunday Morning Bible Study Change: Beginning next week, **February 12th**, we will be experimenting with a hybrid format **at 9:15 am**. So, all are invited to continue to join either by Zoom, or meet in-person at the church at the new time for a brief bible study on one of the readings, usually the Gospel text for the day. All are welcome

Directory Proof Pages: Proof pages are available. Please review your directory information and if updates are required, please jot down the necessary changes. A new directory will be published soon after our ACM, so these pages will only be out and available for noting changes for a few short weeks.

Concert at GSLC: GSLC is hosting an evening of harp music and narration entitled ***The Night Circus*** on **Sunday, February 19th** at **7 pm**. This fundraising event is by donation, and all proceeds will go to 3030 Gordon/TriCities Homelessness Shelter. All are welcome. Please us help get the word out about this event, and invite your friends to attend with you! See poster on 20 for more information.

Congratulations from WCC: In a congratulatory letter, World Council of Churches general secretary Rev. Prof. Dr. Jerry Pillay celebrated the ordination of Rev. Sally Azar, the first Palestinian Christian woman to serve in this role in the Holy Land. To read the full article, please click here.

February is Black History Month: For Black History Month, the BC Synod will be sharing an article each week in February lifting up a Black leader in British Columbia. Look for these here each of the four weeks in February. This week we feature Nora Hendrix. To read about her and discover other links to further information, click here.

Concern for Jerusalem: Take note of the following statements/letters which have been published expressing concern over the recent violence in the Holy Land from:

ELCIC/ACC World Council of Churches Patriarchs and Heads of the Churches in Jerusalem

Lutheran Manor Society: Special General Meetings: Please see the notice of this meeting on page 21.

Young Adults Invited to Learn and Advocate for an End to Hunger: Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB) is inviting young adults (ages 18-30) who care about ending global hunger to apply for the upcoming event - the *Young Voices* edition of *Hunger on the Hill*. Each year, CFGB takes a group of passionate folks to Ottawa with us to learn how to advocate for an end to global hunger and meet with MPs face-to-face, to communicate about the importance of this mission. This spring, our *Hunger on the Hill* event will take place **from March 4 to 8**. If interested, please apply when you click here. Applications close **on February 8.**

Truth & Reconciliation Conversation: Lutheran Church of the Cross in Victoria is inviting all Lutherans to join in on a conversation around how to start doing the work of truth and reconciliation. It will be held by Zoom on **February 15th at 10 am**. You can join with this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85486445277 (Meeting ID: 854 8644 5277). **Guest Speaker:** Neil Vallance, adjunct law professor at UVic and author, who will be sharing information on BC Treaties particularly as they relate to Indigenous people on Vancouver Island. Check out the book which Neil Vallance co-edited: "To Share, Not Surrender: Indigenous and Settler Visions of Treaty-Making in the Colonies of Vancouver Island and British Columbia." (University of Chicago Press 2021)

Tri-Cities Winter Shelters: The Tri-Cities winter shelter program is a rotating program funneling clothing and other needs between four different locations from November to March, as well as a pop-up Emergency Cold Weather Shelter at Kyle Centre in Port Moody if required. Below is an updated list of specific items which are currently in short supply:

- Coats, mittens, hats, scarves, new underwear, socks, weather appropriate shoes, sweaters, rain gear, ponchos
- Hand warmers
- Personal items – female hygiene, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand sanitizer
- Gift cards for TriCity locations (McDonalds, coffee shops, etc.)

Please bring your items and place them in the appropriate bins near the front main doors. Thank you for showing your love to those in our community in need.

Living our Faith: Love: Beginning September 2022, ELCIC members are invited to join in a year of love. As a whole church, we will learn about love, grow in our experience of loving one another and deepen our daily interactions with one another and God through Jesus' many teachings. Watch ELCIC National Bishop Susan Johnson's introduction to a year of love here. Monthly encouragements will be posted below, as well as on our social media pages and through ELCIC News. See the latest post by Lynn Granke on page 21.

CONCERN FOR UKRAINE:

- **CLWR Emergency Appeal for Ukraine:** Your continued prayer and financial support for–Ukraine is greatly appreciated. You can make a designated donation offering to the church marked "Ukraine Appeal", call 1-800-661-2597 to donate by credit card or click here, or send a cheque to CLWR by mail to 600-177 Lombard Avenue, Winnipeg, BC R3B 0W5.

CREATION CARE:

- **Watch *Voices from COP27* recordings:** Video recording of an online conversation with the KAIROS/For the Love of Creation delegates who have just returned from the 2022 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP27) in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt. It features two panels of delegates who explore how the conference has shaped their thinking about climate justice work going forward. Click here and scroll down to view links.
- **Laudato Si Circle**: The next Laudato Si' Circle meets next on **Wednesday, February 8th** from 7:30-9 pm at St. Joseph's Parish of Port Moody, in the portable on their property (140 Moody Street). All are welcome!

SOCIAL JUSTICE:

- **Advocacy Letter for Renter's Right to Housing:** Many renters are facing excessive rent increases they cannot afford which is leading to their "economic eviction." Many have little option but to live in poorly maintained and unsafe homes. Many are facing discriminatory and illegal behaviour from some landlords with little recourse to protect their rights. You are invited to send a letter calling on the government to take steps to ensure that renters across Canada have basic legal protections so they can live in secure homes. This initiative is sponsored by the Canadian Centre for Housing Rights.
- **Watch *Forgotten Tragedies: Remembering the Past and Moving Towards Reconciliation***: All are invited to watch the World Council of Churches webinar ***Forgotten Tragedies: Remembering the Past and Moving Towards Reconciliation*** recorded on December 13, 2022. It features speakers from around the world, including Canada, and offers meaningful reflections on the role that racism played in history and how it influences the present. You can view the recording when you click here.

This Week At Church (Note 1)

This Sunday ……. Online Bible Study at 9 am
Fifth Sunday in Epiphany
with Holy Communion and Sunday School
- live-streamed at 10:30 am (View here)

Tuesday …….. Confirmation Class at 6:15 pm

Wednesday …….. Prayer Gathering at 1 pm over Zoom

Thursday ……..Happy Hour at 4 PM

Friday …… IgnYte at St. Laurence at 7 pm

Next Sunday ……..Online hybrid Bible Study (on Zoom and in-person) **at 9:15 am**
Sixth Sunday in Epiphany Worship Service with Holy Communion
live-streamed at 10:30 am (View here)

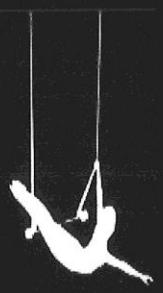
Note 1: Most events are in-person events except those noted "on Zoom" or "Online". The links to these online events are accessible through our website. Our Sunday morning worship service is offered in-person, live-streamed and via on-line recording posted to our website shortly after the service is over.

Last Week at Church

Bob Berry is currently away on holidays. Weekly financial reporting will resume upon his return.

BESS LU, HARPIST

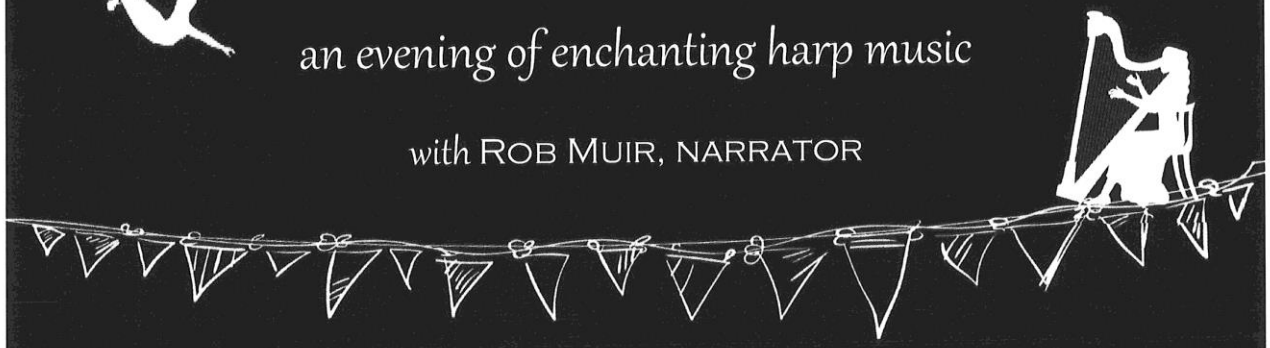
THE NIGHT CIRCUS



Suite for Harp

an evening of enchanting harp music

with ROB MUIR, NARRATOR



7:00pm Sunday, February 19th

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PROCEEDS TO 3030 Gordon/Tri-Cities Homelessness Shelter

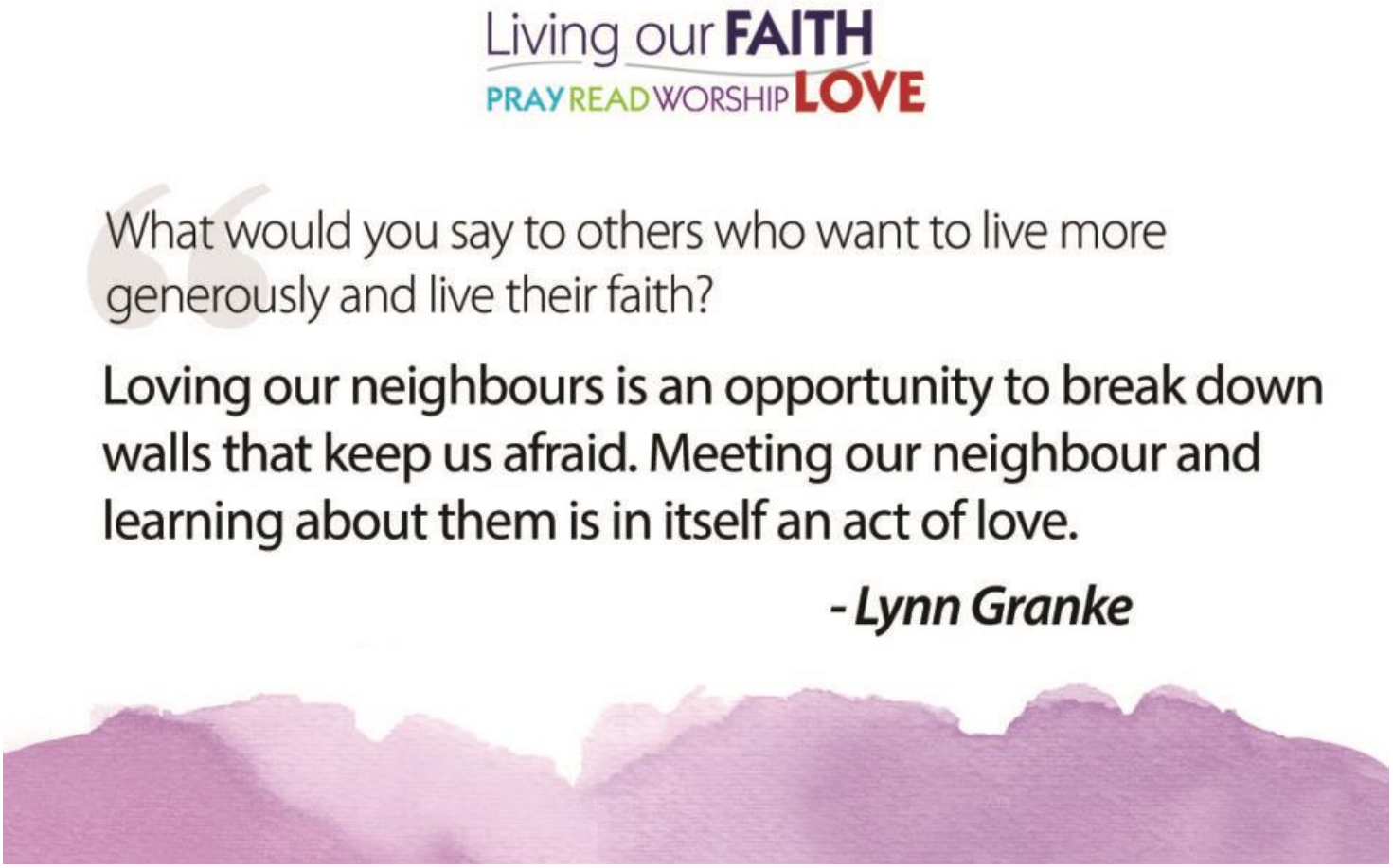
Lutheran Manor Society: Notice of Special General Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Lutheran Manor Society of Vancouver BC calls a Special General Meeting of the Society to consider the following:

> Be its resolved that the Lutheran Manor Society of Vancouver BC amend its bylaw 20.1 by deleting the text that is struck-through and adding text shown in red: "The Society will not alter or delete the affordable housing purpose set out in paragraph ~~2~~(a) of its Constitution and the Society will not alter or delete this bylaw without first obtaining the written consent of the British Columbia Housing Management Commission."

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 7:30 PM, by Zoom. Eligible members of the Society are members of BC Synod congregations and members of congregations/parishes of church bodies that are in a full-communion relationship with this church, who register for this meeting. People may register by contacting Rev. Clifford Reinhardt. Please watch for additional information.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,
Rev. Clifford Reinhardt, Chair
reinhardtcf@gmail.com



Welcome to
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We welcome you to worship today. It is our prayer that you sense the joy that is present in Jesus Christ. God loves and values each of you without conditions attached. We bring our joys and needs before God, trusting in God's presence.

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General Office Hours				
Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00	10:00 – 2:00

We always recommend phoning before stopping by.

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