Transfiguration of Our Lord Sunday

February 19, 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.

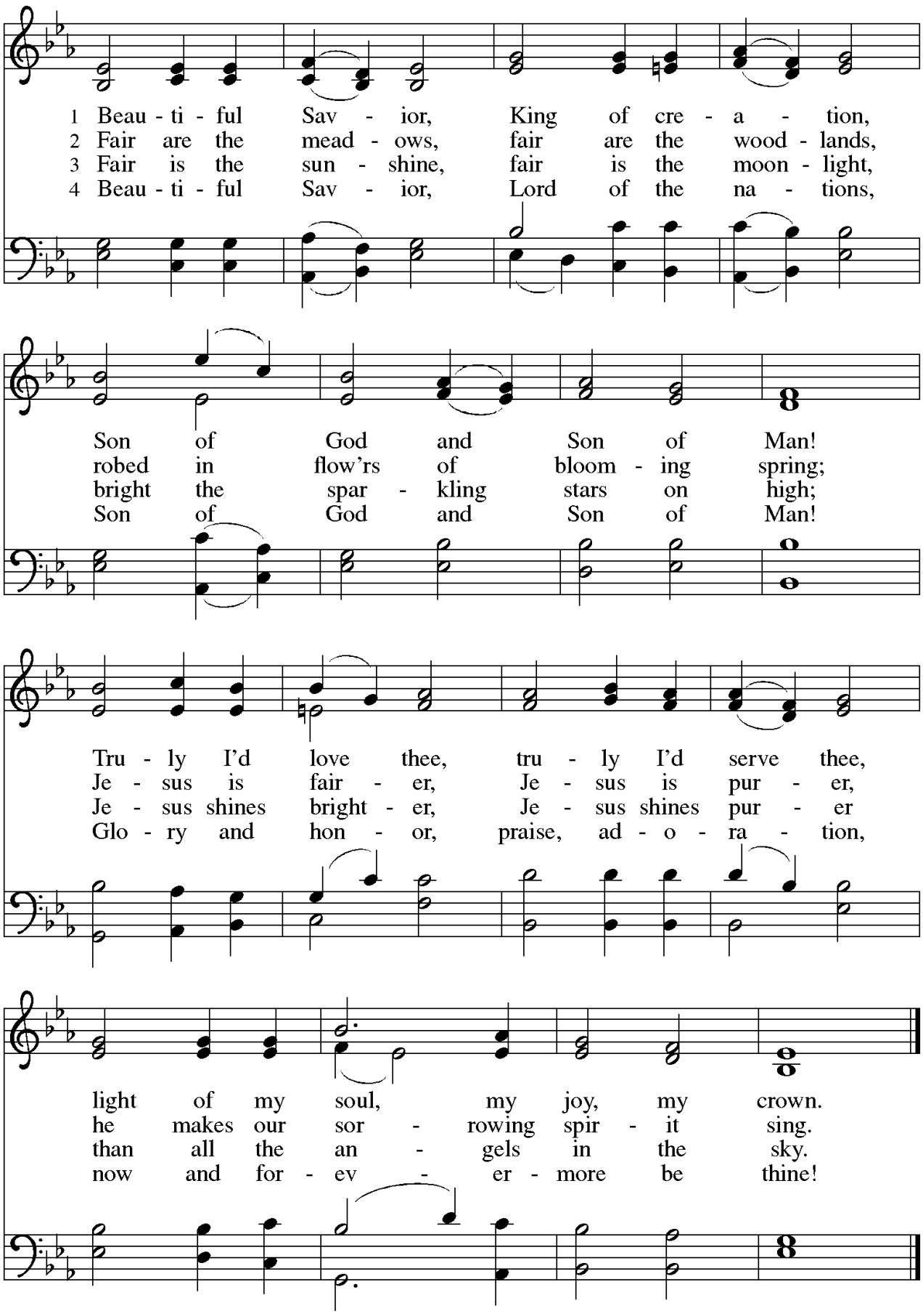
P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

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.

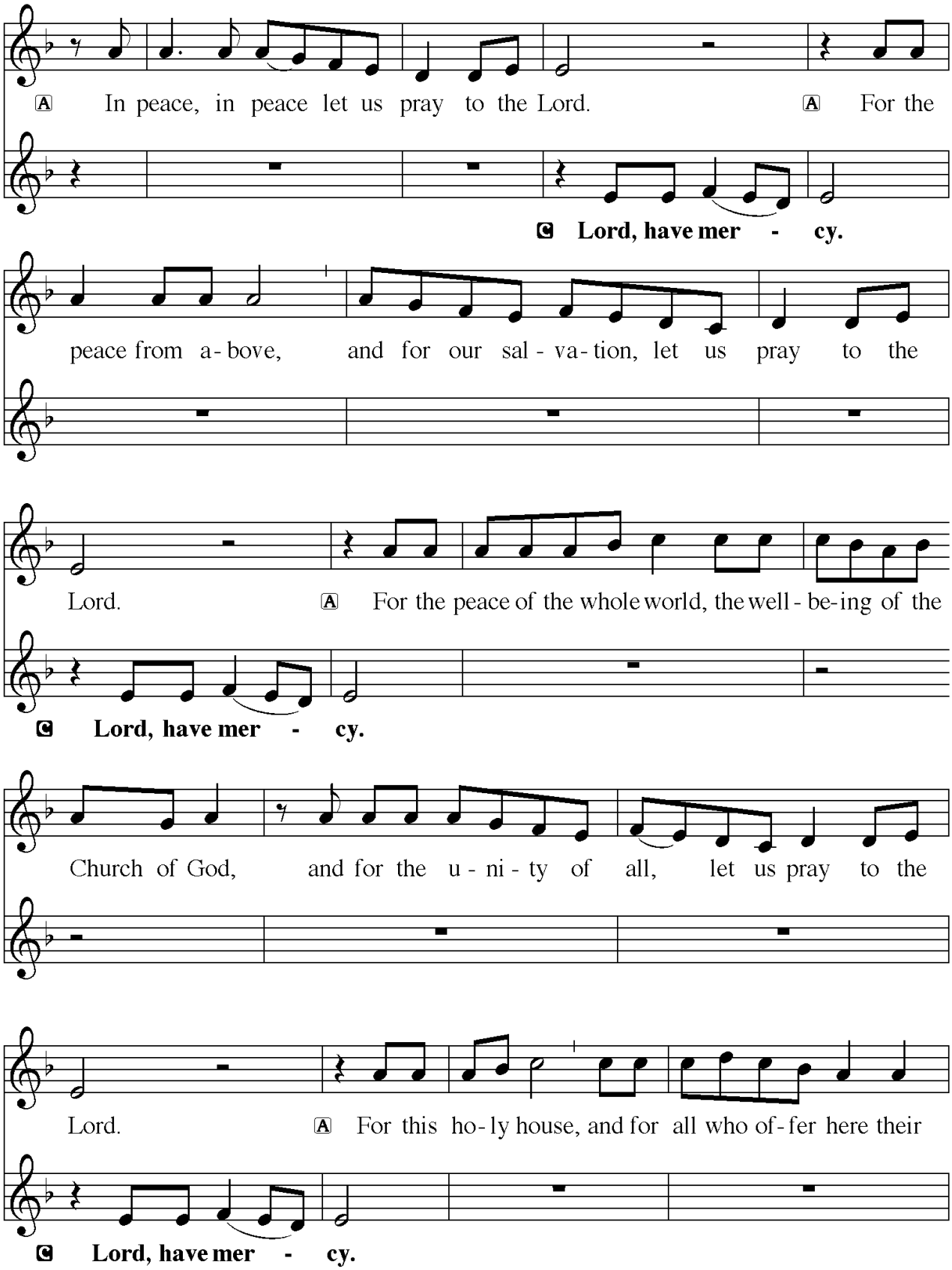
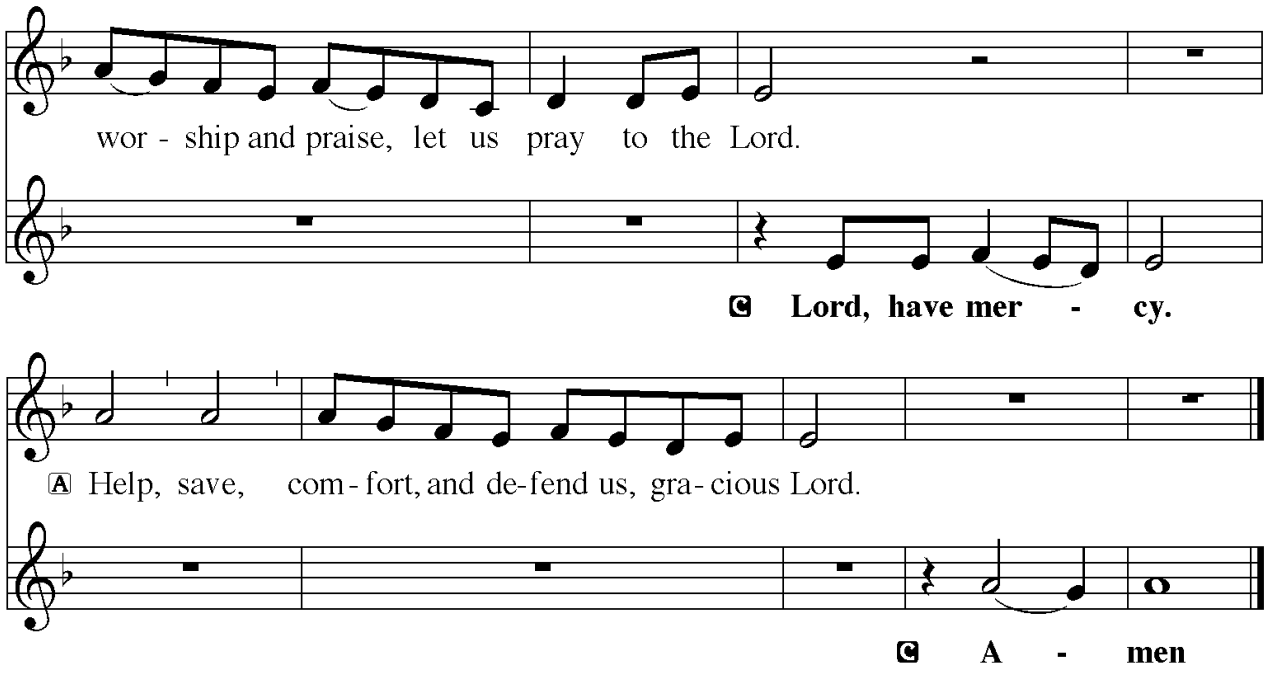
Through this water you have claimed us as your beloved,
calling and equipping us
to fearlessly follow Jesus wherever he leads.
Now renew us in your promise that we may continue
to serve this world in all its need;
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.

C: Amen.

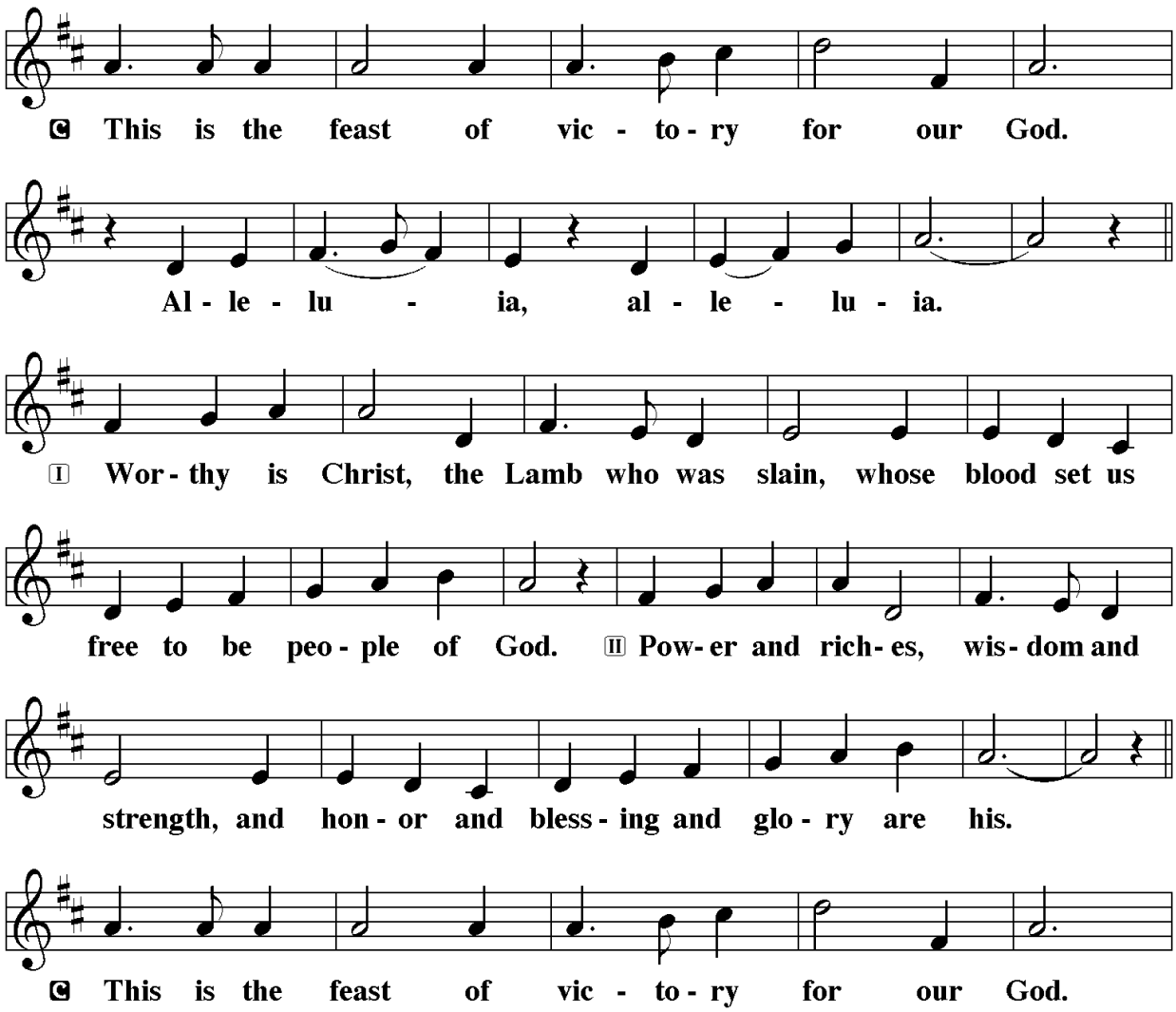
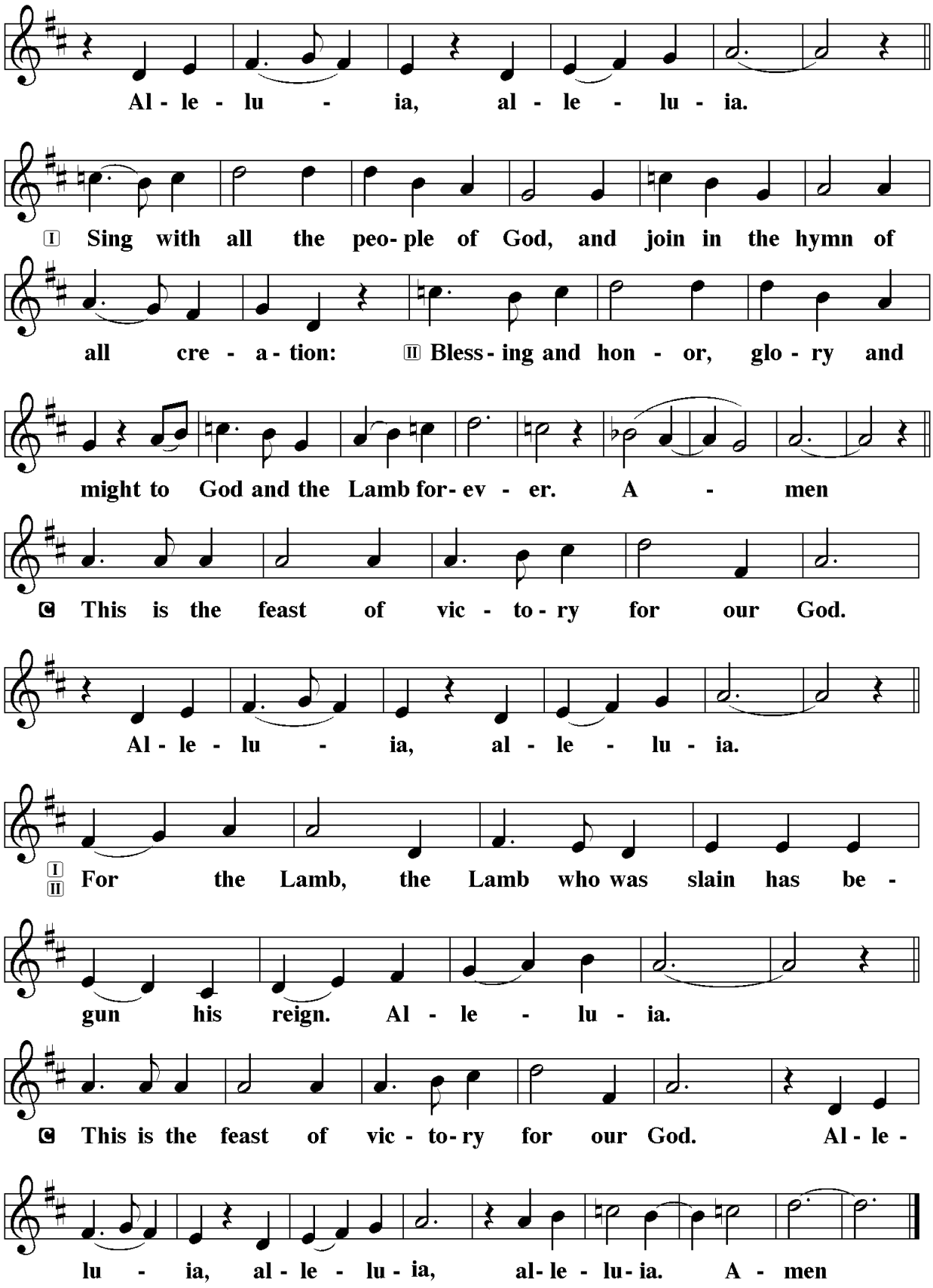
Gathering Hymn # 838 Beautiful Savior

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: Exodus 24:12-18

At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The "glory of the Lord" settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.

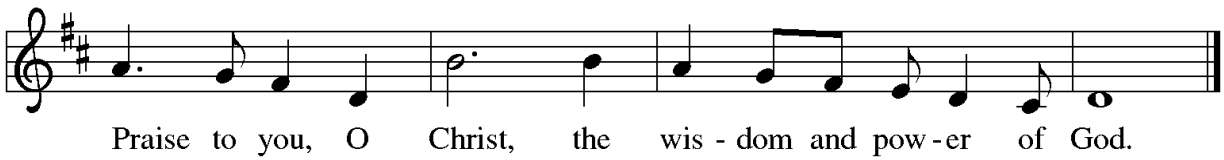
The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

Psalm 99

Refrain:



L: The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
The LORD is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.
Let them praise your great and awesome name.
Holy is he!
C: Refrain

L: Mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.
Extol the LORD our God;
worship at his footstool.
Holy is he!
C: Refrain

L: Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
Samuel also was among those who called on his name.
They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.
He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;
they kept his decrees,

and the statutes that he gave them.

C: Refrain

L: O LORD our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them,
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.
Extol the LORD our God,
and worship at his holy mountain;
for the LORD our God is holy.

C: Refrain

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

At the transfiguration, God's voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.

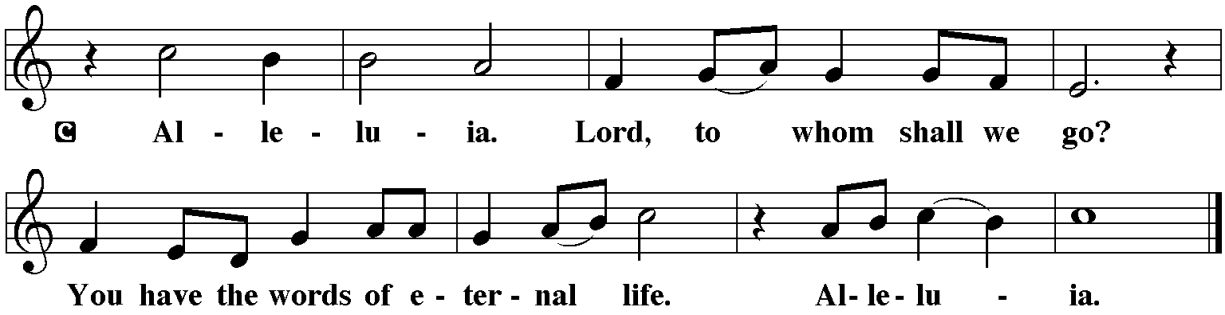
For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from 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 17:1-9

Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the

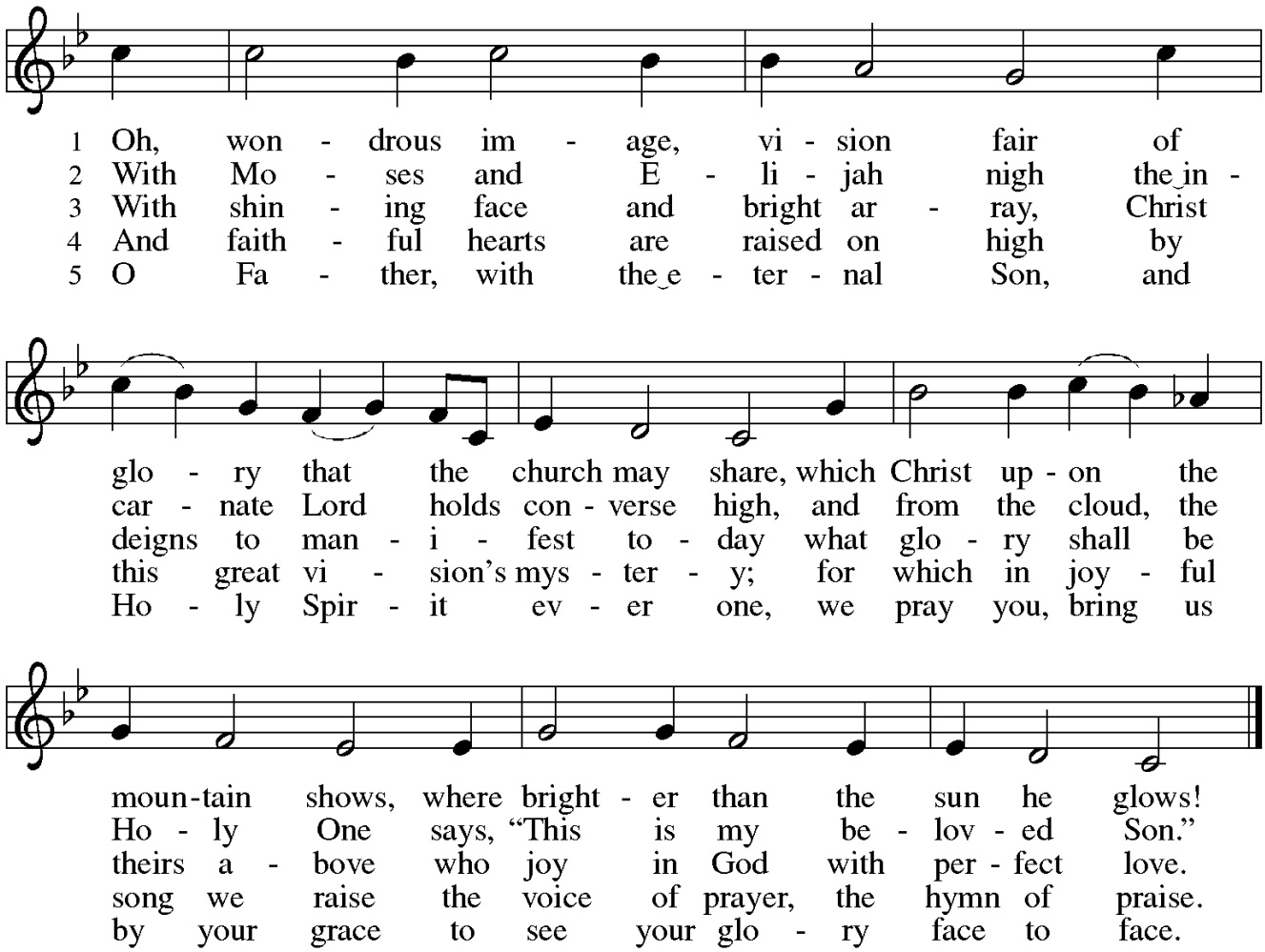
ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #316 Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair

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

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

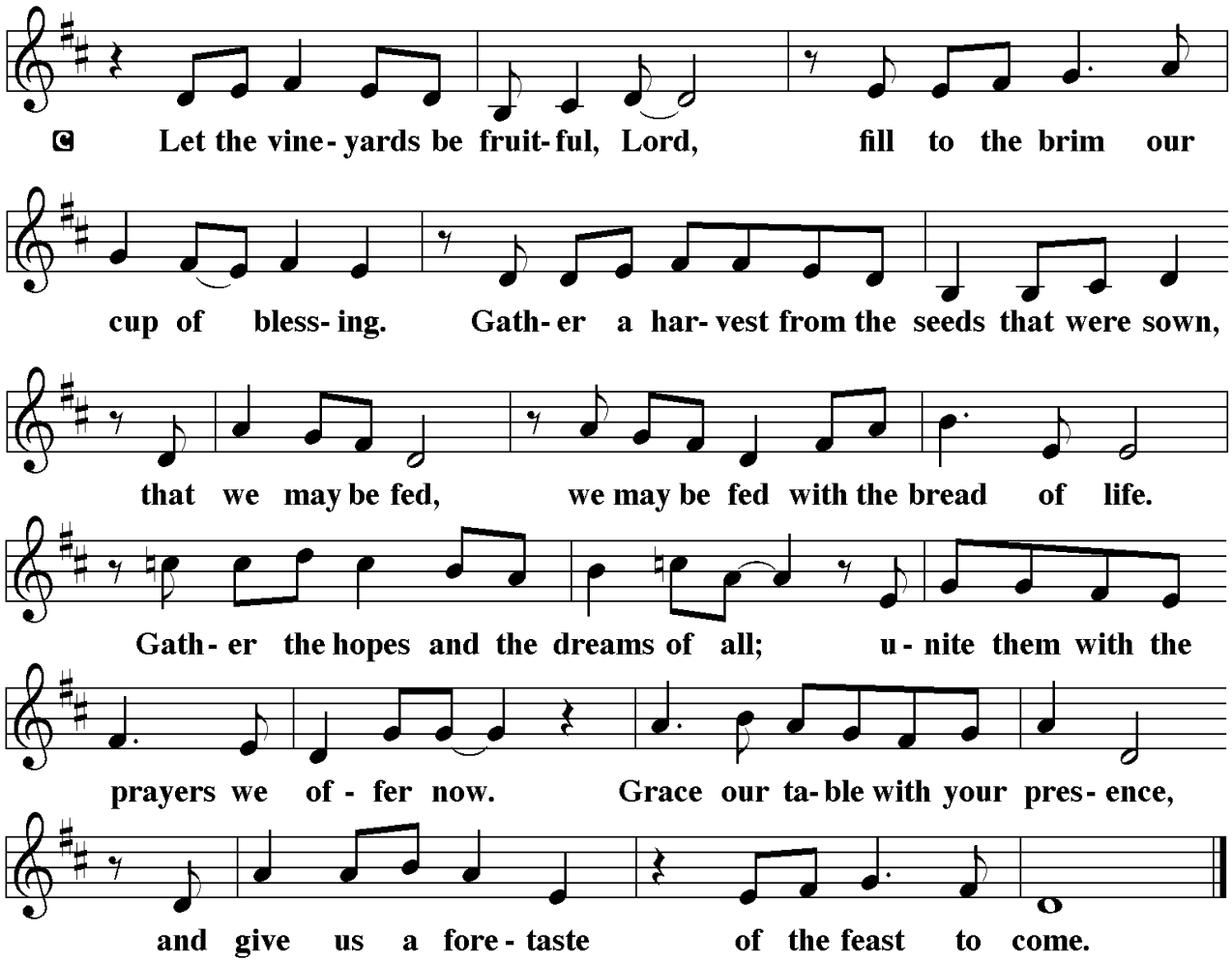
P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

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

Special Music – Choir **Transfiguration** by Brian Wren and Ricky Malano

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

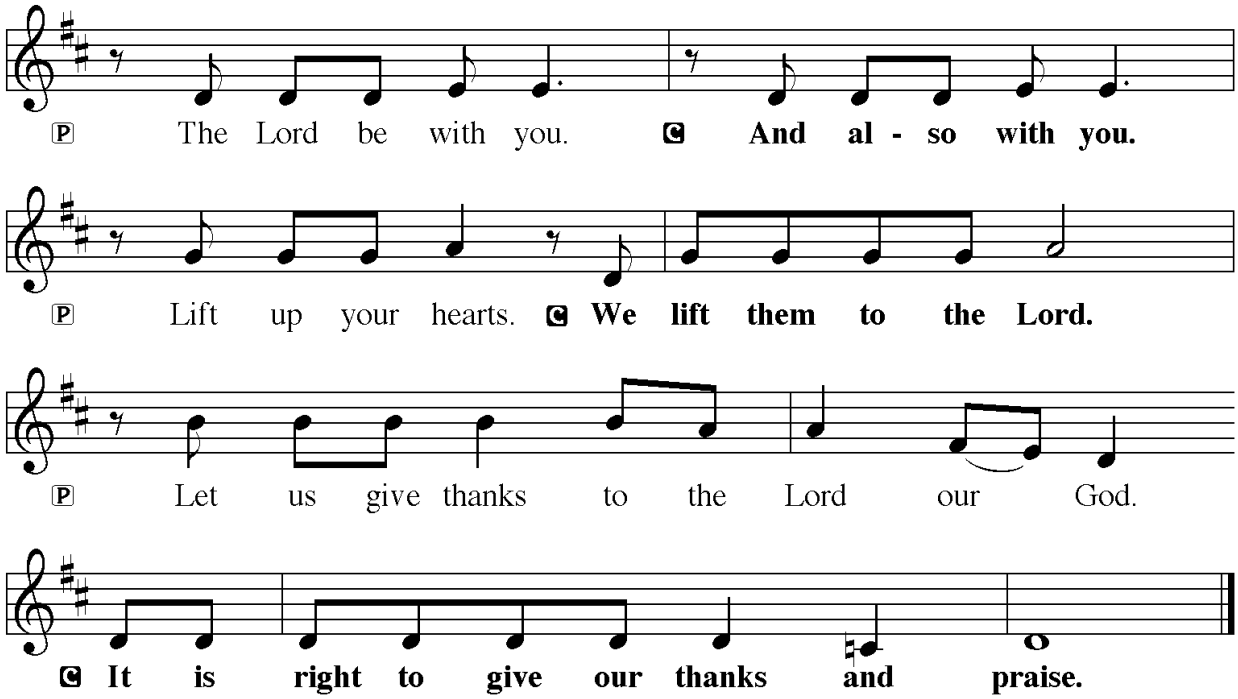
Presentation of the Gifts and Offering Song

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

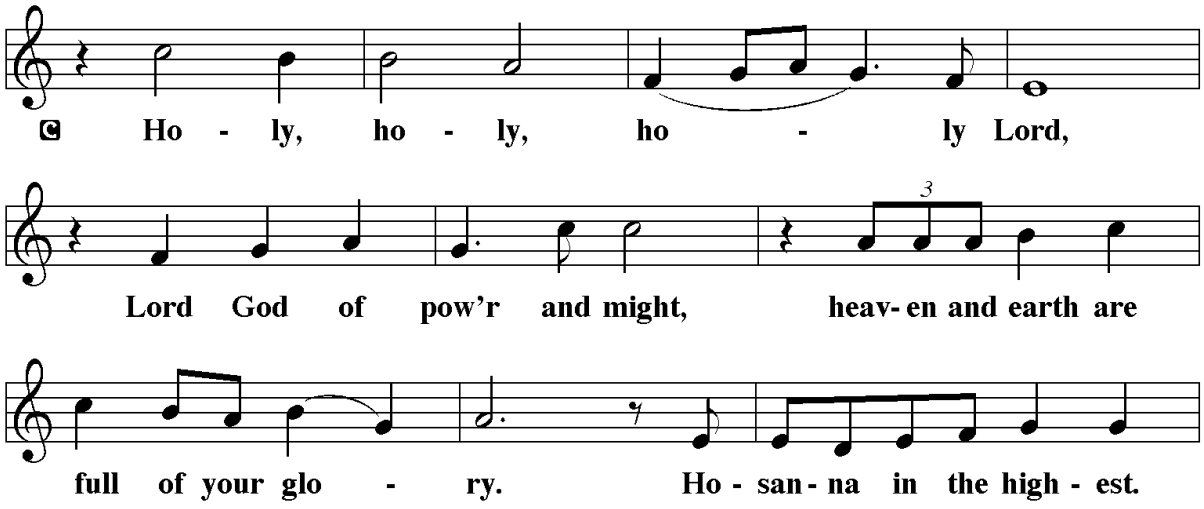
The Great Thanksgiving

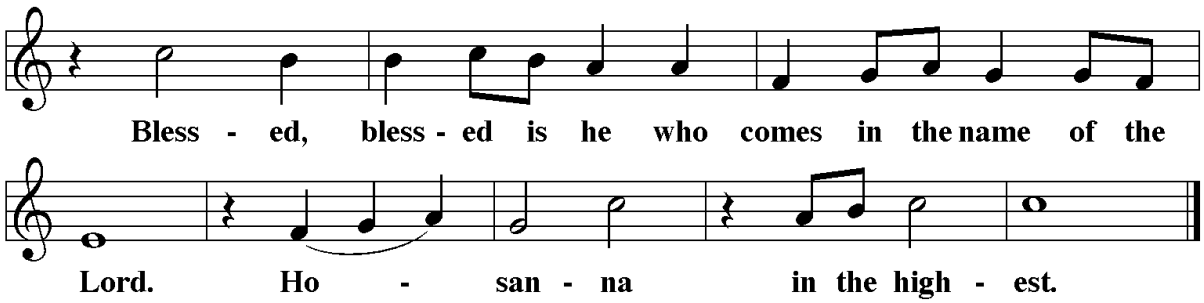


P: It is indeed right and salutary,

The pastor continues, concluding…

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





Thanksgiving at the Table

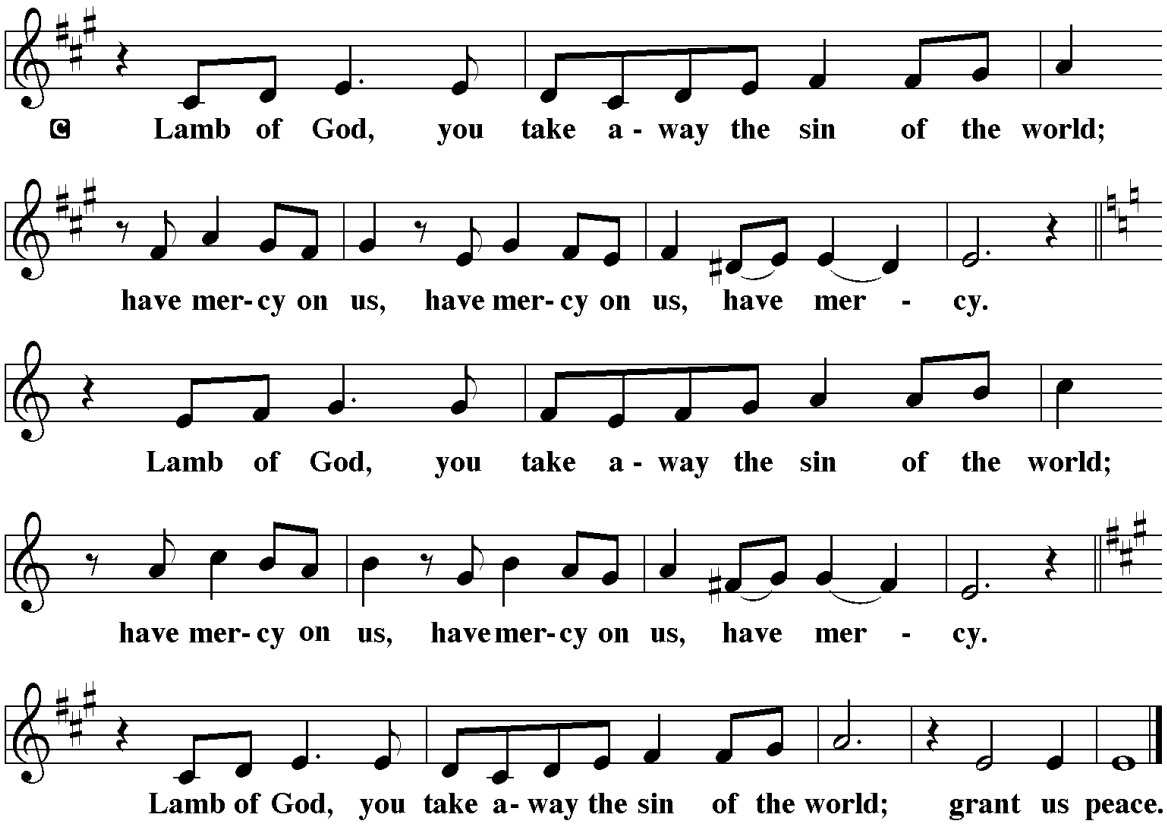
The Lord's Prayer

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!

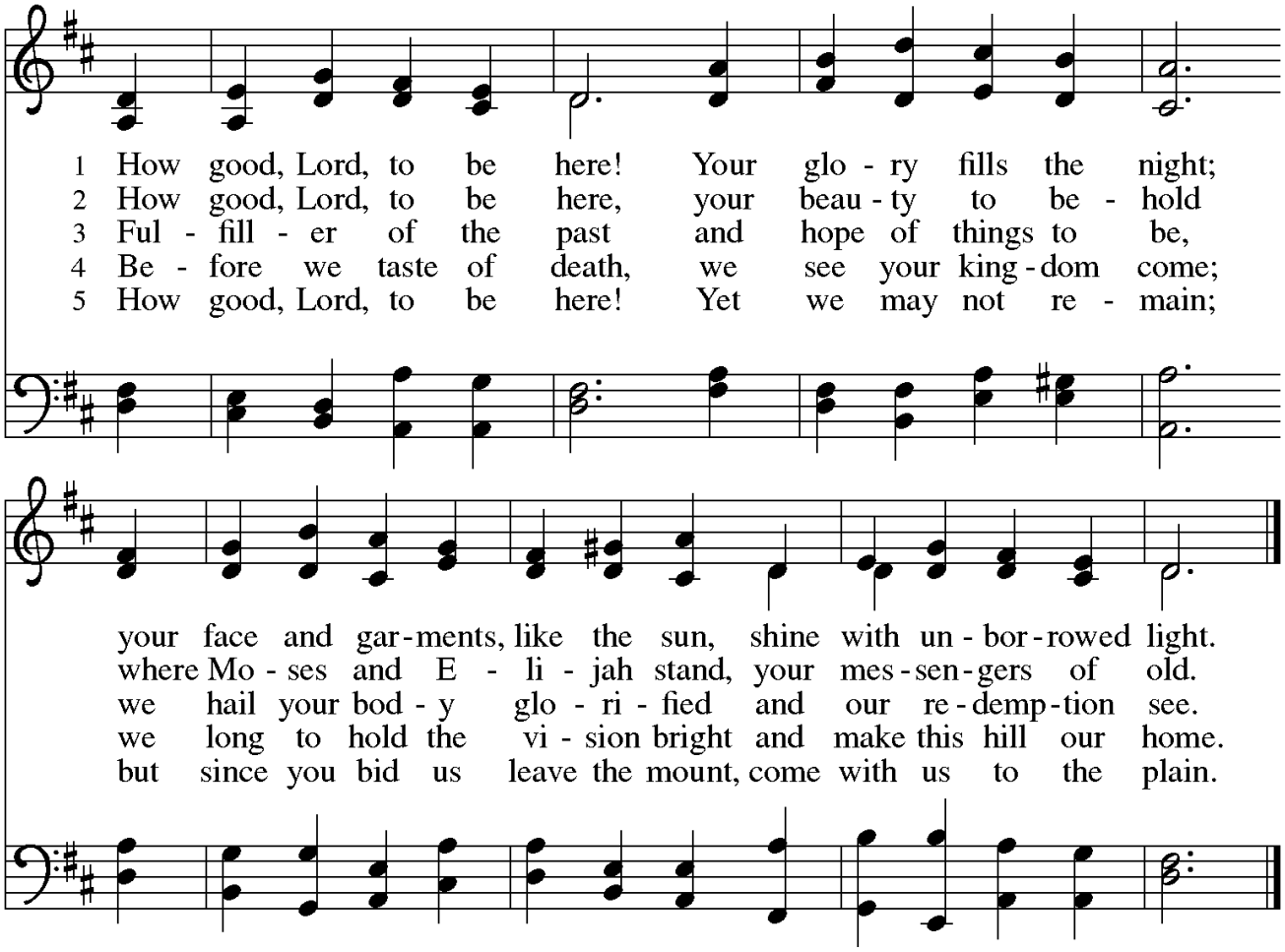
Lamb of God

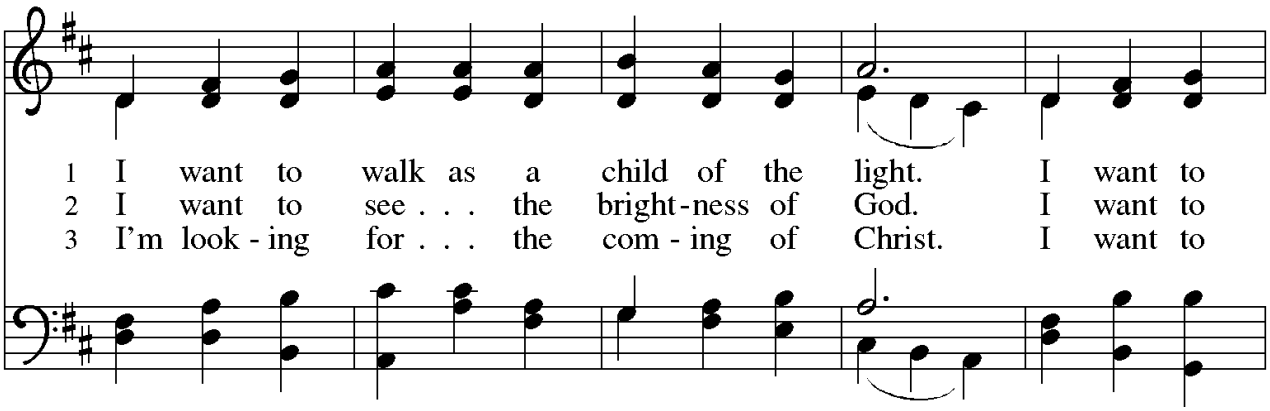
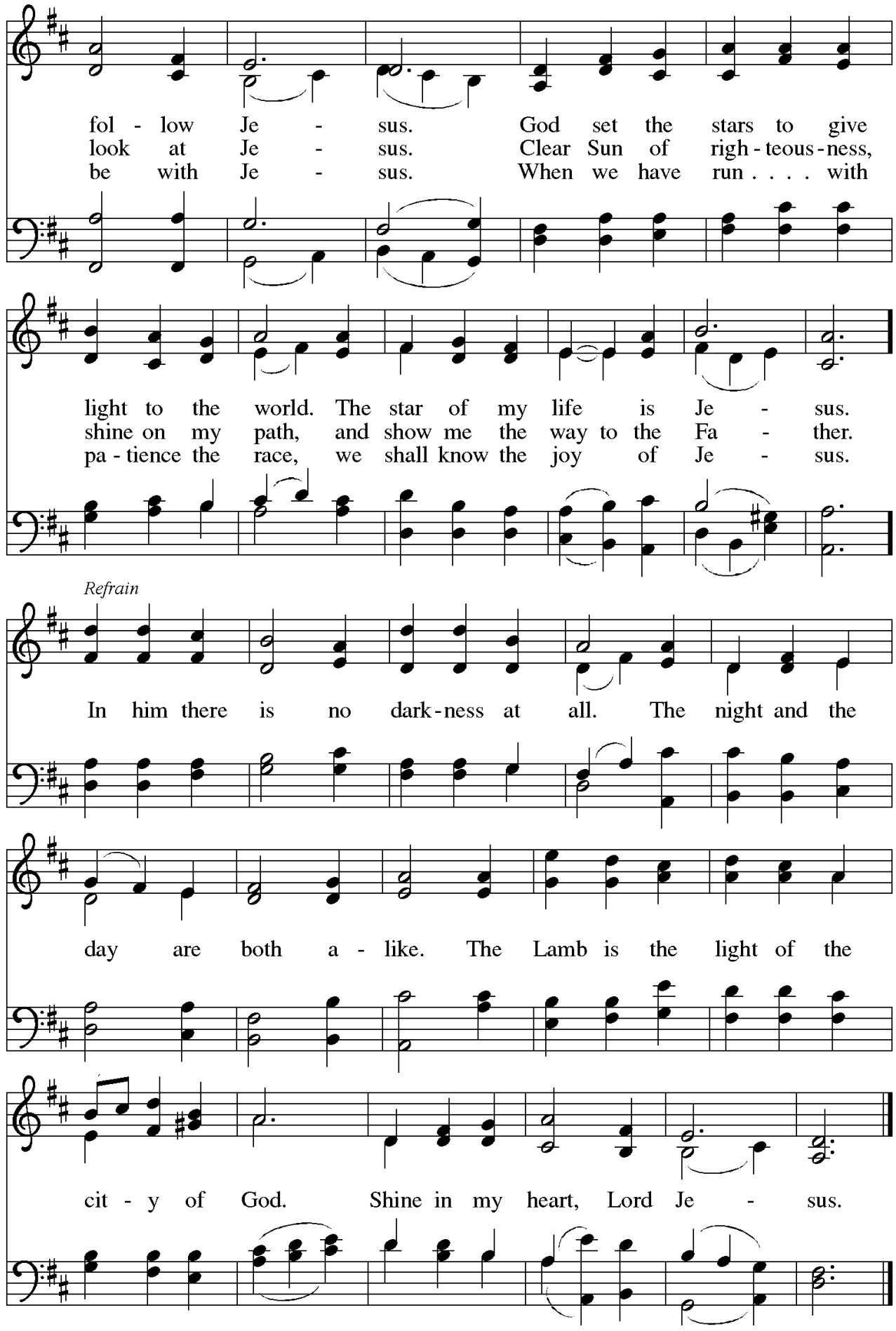


Communion is distributed

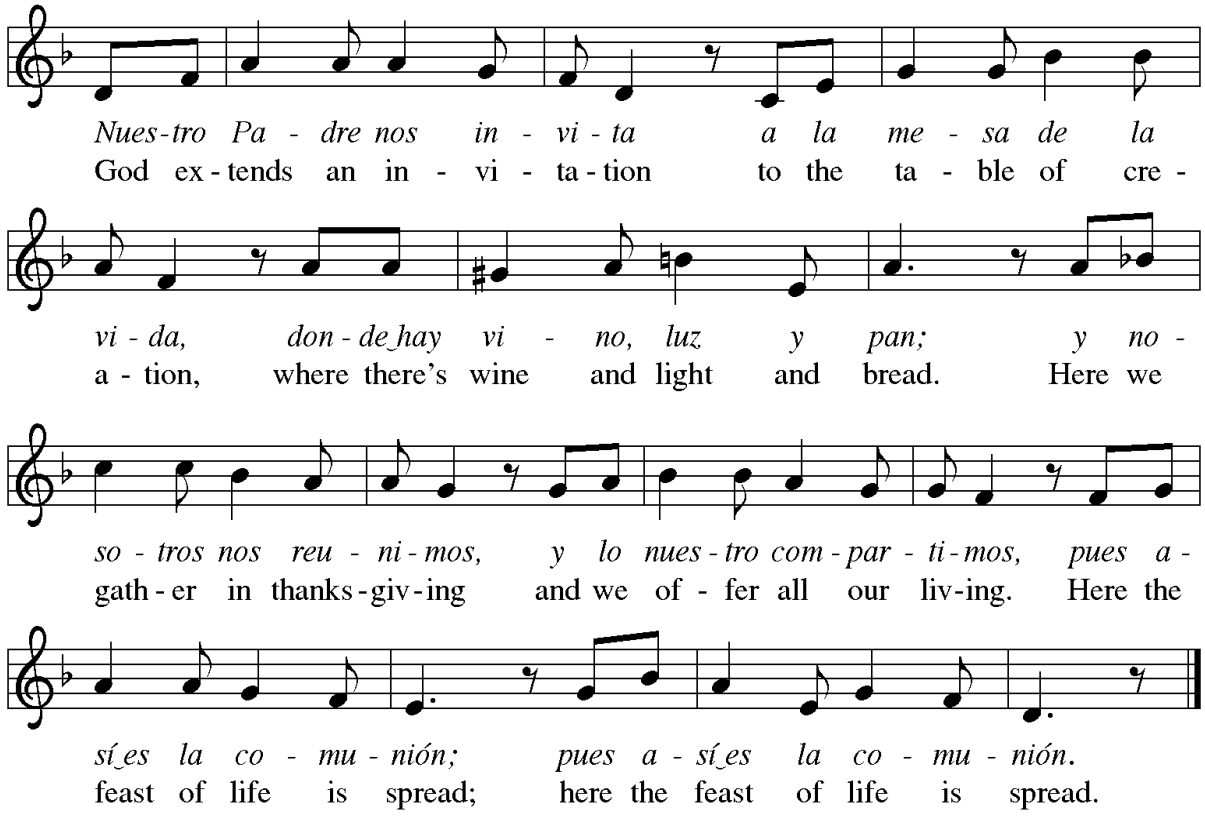
Directions for Communion: Any adult or child who believes that Christ is present in this meal is welcome to participate. At the Pastor's direction, you are invited to advance to the communion rail through the centre aisle, commune in groups, and exit back to your pews through the window aisles, depositing 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 # 315 How Good, Lord, To Be Here!

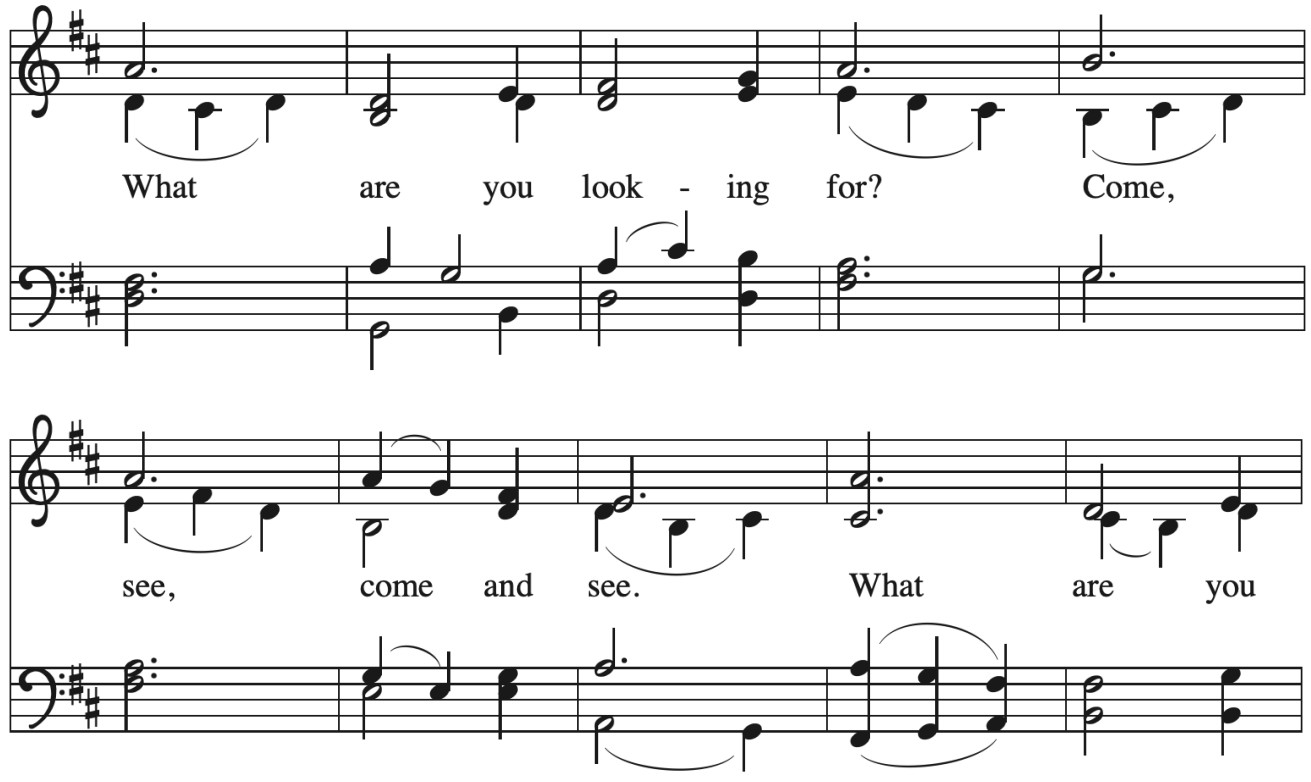


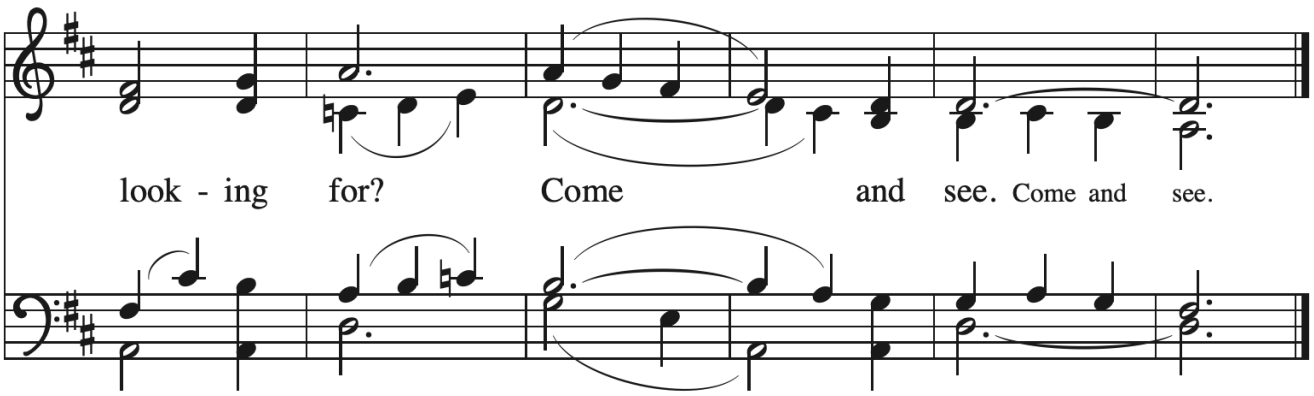
Communion Hymn # 815 I Want To Walk As A Child of the Light

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . . with
light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.
Refrain
In him there is no dark - ness at all. The night and the
day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the
cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Communion Hymn # 486 God Extends An Invitation (sing 3 times)



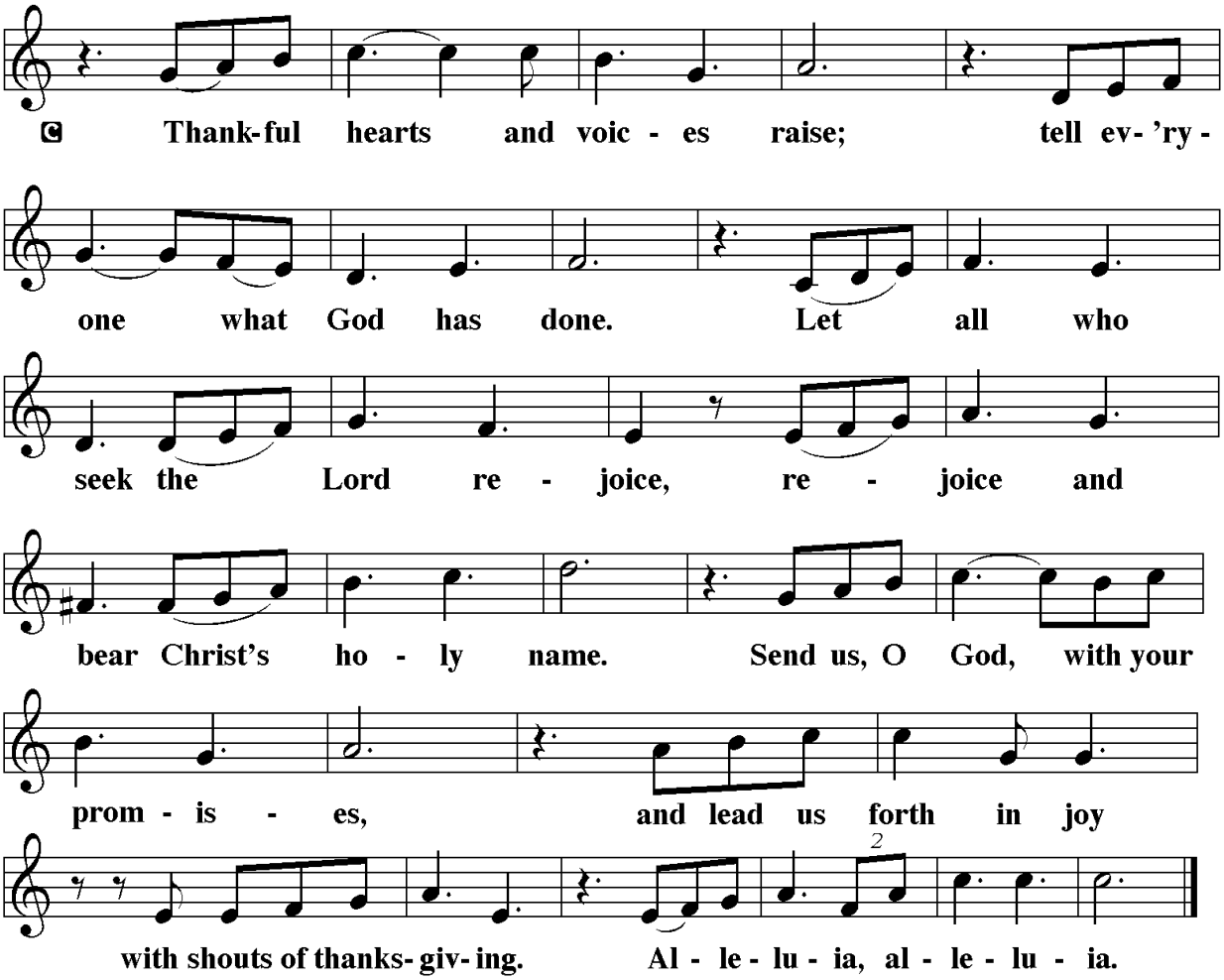
Communion Chant ACS # 976 Come and See





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 # 671 Shine, Jesus, Shine

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send for th your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us;
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me: **Refrain**

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me: **Refrain**

Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS
February 19, 2023

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Flowers have been placed on the altar in thanksgiving for Jesus, who by the transfiguration the glory of God was shown even as Jesus was declared to be the beloved Son. Praise too that through the activity of the Holy Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.

CLWR Emergency Appeal for Türkiye and Syria: CLWR and the Humanitarian Coalition are rushing assistance to help those devastated by the earthquakes in Syria and Türkiye. The Canadian Government is currently matching all donations. Please consider making an immediate financial donation to help provide blankets, shelter, clean water, food, and healthcare to victims in these areas and join us in prayer. You can designate a gift to CLWR-Earthquake through the church, give online at clwr.org/earthquake or call 1-800-661-2597 (Mon-Fri 8:30am-4pm CST)

Concert at GSLC: GSLC is hosting an evening of harp music and narration entitled *The Night Circus* **tonight at 7 pm**. This fundraising event is by donation, and all proceeds will go to 3030 Gordon/TriCities Homelessness Shelter. All are welcome. See poster on 21 for more information.

Ash Wednesday Service: We will gather this **Wednesday, February 22** at **7 pm** , for an Ash Wednesday service to mark the beginning of Lent. It is our hope to live-stream the service.

Soup and Sing: Our tradition of mid-week Lenten services begins on March 1. We will gather at 6 pm for a dinner of soup and bread followed by Holden Evening Prayer at 7 pm. We are in need of 2 people each week to provide soup and 1 person each week to provide bread. Please sign up on the sheet on the ushers table. It is our hope to live-stream these services.

Caring for Mental Health: Our Education team is planning to offer "*The Sanctuary Course*" for all who are interested. This popular learning opportunity was created to inspire and equip communities of faith to explore how to be places where individuals living with mental health challenges feel safe, supported, and a sense of belonging. Developed in consultation with mental health professionals, theologians, and people with lived experience, this eight-session study explores key mental health topics and examines meaningful ways to offer companionship, support recovery, and promote wellbeing. Enrolment is limited so if you are interested please sign up on the sheet on the usher's table and indicate your preference for meeting time. A start date will be announced once we have had a chance to gauge interest.

Water and Spirit Devotions for Lent: Devotionals are now in for those who ordered them. Please see Sherry at the back table to pick up your copy. Cost is $4.25

Vigil for Peace in Ukraine: February 24th will be the one year anniversary of the invasion of Ukraine. We continue to pray for peace in Ukraine and to worry for the people who continue to live there and fight. We invite you, on **Friday, February 24th at 7pm on Zoom,** to join in a candle-light vigil over Zoom for peace in Ukraine. We will gather to hold space in honour of those who have died, to pray for peace, and to remember the struggles that so many continue to face. **Vigil for Peace Zoom link click** here **or as shown below:**

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86318923824?pwd=cStXUXdOeHhTdzZFNmwwemgwajRDQT09
Meeting ID: **863 1892 3824**
Passcode: **956380**
Dial by your location: **+1 778 907 2071**

"Protecting Our Children" - Anti-Human Trafficking Forum: Four Rotary Clubs have organized a day of educational seminars featuring guest presenters who will speak on threats to our children here in the Tri-Cities, covering topics such as human trafficking, sextortion and gang recruitment. Eagle Ridge Bible Fellowship (1160 Lansdowne Drive, Coquitlam) is hosting this event on **March 1st from 8:45 am to 3:30 pm** and lunch and refreshments will be provided. Space is limited so register early. See the poster on page 23 for more details.

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 Louise Rose. To read about her, click here. The Canadian government also offers learning opportunities about Black History in Canada when you click here.

Give It Up for the Earth: As in past years, For the Love of Creation (FLC) will partner with Citizens for Public Justice on **"Give it up for the Earth,"** a Lenten initiative. This annual campaign runs **from February 22 to April 8 (Easter)** pledging personal actions and supporting FLC's advocacy goals from COP27. The 2023 programme will be available throughout February. Please sign-up to CPJ's newsletter for updates. A webinar on Biodiversity and COP15 will also be held in March. Details will be shared as it becomes available.

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

National Office welcomes Peter Wall as Assistant to the Bishop for Worship: The Very Rev. Peter Wall joined the ELCIC National Office in the role of Assistant to the Bishop, Worship on February 1, 2023. Wall comes to the ELCIC from the Anglican Church of Canada, where he has served as a Rector, Dean and Priest throughout the province of Ontario over the past 30+ years.

Lutheran Manor Society: Special General Meetings **February 21st**: See the notice details on page 22.

Rev. Rebekah Swanson has resigned: Please see message from Bishop Kathy on page 22

Truth & Reconciliation Conversation: This Wednesday, 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)

ELFEC - Webinar: Tax Hacks to Help you "Give Smarter": ELFEC is a national investment fund of the ELCIC managed by the Eastern Synod of our church. They are offering a free 30-minute webinar with information on how to set up your estate to support loved ones and charity, and save on taxes. To register and find out more click here.

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.

CLWR's Annual Report now available: Canadian Lutheran World Relief's Annual Report is now available as a PowerPoint presentation. To view the report and see how your donations are making a difference and changing lives around the world please click here.

LENTEN RESOURCES:

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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:

- **Building Momentum for Climate Justice Across the Synod:** The Synod's Climate Action Justice Group has created a very helpful document with information promoting the conduct of Green In-person Gatherings. We will be paying attention to this as a congregation, but you may also find useful tips in there for your own personal gatherings. You can download the document when you click here.
- **Laudato Si Circle**: The next Laudato Si' Circle meets next on **Wednesday, March 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:

- **WCC Message of Love**: The World Council of Churches (WCC) has sent out special valentines message as part of it's WCC Thursdays in Black global movement for a world free from rape and violence. To read the full article, please click here.
- **Kairos's Bill C-226 Campaign to end Environmental Racism** Kairos and its network of partners have been conducting a letter-writing campaign in support of Bill C-225. To learn more, please click hre.

This Week At Church (Note 1)

This Sunday ..... Online hybrid Bible Study (on Zoom and in-person) **at 9:15 am**
Transfiguration of Our Lord Worship Service
with Holy Communion and Sunday School
live-streamed at 10:30 am (View here)
The Night Circus Harp Concert at 7 pm

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

Wednesday ..... Prayer Gathering at 1 pm over Zoom
Ash Wednesday Worship Service at 7 pm

Thursday ..... Happy Hour at 4 pm over Zoom
Council Meeting at 6 pm

Friday ..... ignYte Youth Group Meeting at 7 pm

Next Sunday .....Online hybrid Bible Study (on Zoom and in-person) at 9:15 am
1st Sunday in Lent 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

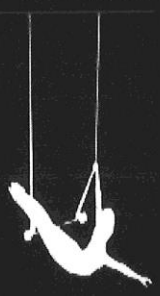
Financial information from:

	January 15	January 29	February 5	February 12
Total Offerings	$ 2,535.62	$ 2,574.95	$ 3,538.00	$ 934.30
- General Offering	$ 2,535.62	$ 2,529.95	$ 3,098.00	694.30
- Designated Gifts		45.00	20.00	240.00
- Project Contingency			420.00	

BESS LU, HARPIST

THE NIGHT CIRCUS

Suite for Harp



an evening of enchanting harp music

with ROB MUIR, NARRATOR

7:00pm Sunday, February 19th

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

1504 Sprice Avenue, Coquitlam

ADMISSION BY DONATION LIVE STREAM: gslcc.ca

PROCEEDS TO 3030 Gordon/Tri-Cities Homelessness Shelter

A Message from Bishop Kathy

Dear BC Synod members and friends,

It is with regret that I pass along news to you today that Rev. Rebekah Swanson has tendered her resignation and will conclude her work in the BC Synod on March 3, 2023. As many of you know Pastor Rebekah has been serving in her role as Interim Assistant to the Bishop since last July while she sought a call in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. (ELCA) She has now accepted a position in the Metro New York Synod and will soon be making a long distance move across the country. Pastor Rebekah has been a great asset to the bishop's office, a good colleague and coworker. She has been a support to several congregations and committees, as well as working on a number of special projects. We will miss her! Please pray for her and her family as they prepare to move and take up this new calling with the congregation in the Metro New York Synod. We give thanks to God for her work and ministry in the BC Synod.

With prayers of thanksgiving,

Bishop Kathy

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

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Coquitlam, Coquitlam Sunrise,
Port Coquitlam, Port Moody

PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN

ATTENTION: PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, CAREGIVERS

HUMAN TRAFFICKING, SEXTORTION AND GANG RECRUITMENT EXIST IN THE TRI-CITIES AND OUR YOUTH ARE VULNERABLE.

OUR FOUR LOCAL ROTARY CLUBS ARE PRESENTING A DAY OF EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS, WHICH WILL OFFER KNOWLEDGE AND RESOURCES TO HELP ADDRESS THESE THREATS TO OUR CHILDREN.

PLEASE JOIN US.

GUEST PRESENTERS:
CHILDREN OF THE STREET SOCIETY
FRASER HEALTH FORENSIC NURSING SERVICE
THE AMANDA TODD LEGACY
AND YO BRO | YO GIRL YOUTH INITIATIVE

Saturday, March 11, 2023, 8:45am to 3:30pm

(Lunch & refreshments will be provided)
Eagle Ridge Bible Fellowship

1160 Lansdowne Dr., Coquitlam

Registration is necessary as seating is limited to 300 participants
Visit: www.PortMoodyRotary.ca/Protecting-Our-Children/
email: Malcolm.rotary@outlook.com if you have any questions.

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Welcome to
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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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