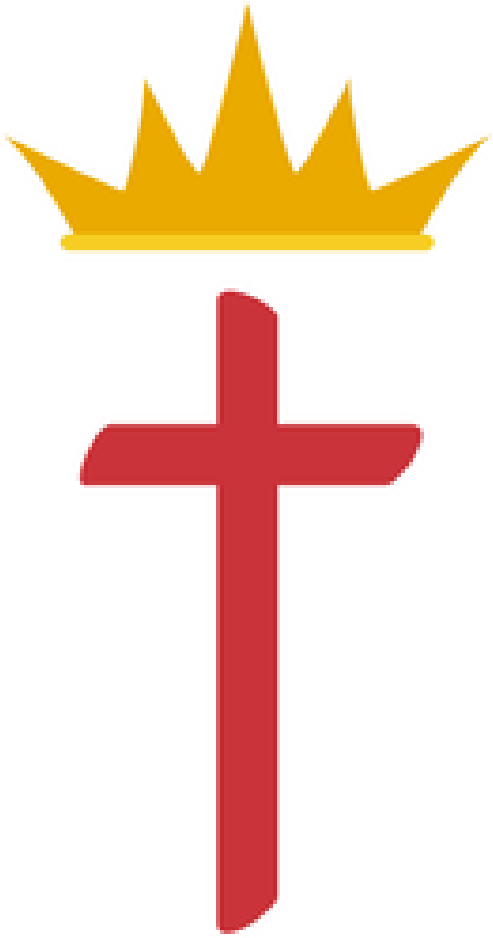


Christ the King

Holy Communion

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Great Falls, Virginia

November 22, 2026

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Our vision is to be a vibrant community of Jesus' disciples,
empowered by the Holy Spirit to bring God's grace into our world.

ELW refers to Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the red hymnal in the pew.
W&P refers to Worship & Praise. *ACS* refers to All Creation Sings.

A: indicates Assisting Minister; L: indicates Leader; P: indicates Presiding Minister;
C: indicates Congregation.

At places where the ✠ appears, it is customary to make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism.

Should you need to use an enlarged order of service, complete with Bible readings and hymns, you will find several in black binders just outside the sanctuary.

A few notes about worship:

- **We welcome you to worship today!** Please take a few moments to print your information on the pad in the red folder.
- **We are glad to have children in worship.** We also know that children sometimes need to move and express themselves in ways that the service (and the pews) don't accommodate. There is a family break room/nursery available with toys, a rocking chair, changing table, and other items. It is staffed during Sunday School and the worship service, but you are free to use it as needed.

  To find the family break room, turn left in the foyer and go past the doors leading to the parking lot. It's the first door on the left down the hall.
- The worship service is streamed live on Facebook. The camera angles are set so that worshipers' faces are never seen on camera (the camera may occasionally pick up the back of the heads of those sitting in the front rows); only those leading worship from the chancel, lectern, piano, and organ are ever shown fully or face-on.

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Announcements

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CtK Chili Lunch & Youth Pie Auction Today!

Join us today **after the 11:00 a.m. service** for our fabulous **Chili Lunch & Youth Pie Auction**. Auction proceeds will go toward future youth events.

National Youth Gathering Update

While making our plans for the 2027 National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, we have encountered several obstacles which we could not resolve. Sadly, Christ the King will not be attending the Gathering. We are in discussions to see if we can plan a local service opportunity for next summer. We plan to use the funds which have been donated to the Gathering for future youth events. We appreciate the support of Christ the King!

College Care Box: Donations Due Today

Today is the last day to bring in your donation of at least 14 identical items to go into the college care boxes. **Please join us tomorrow (November 23rd at 6:30 p.m.) to prepare the packages**. Questions? Please email Martina & Don Goss at martinaclark@hotmail.com.

Time to Order Your Poinsettias: Orders Due November 29

Poinsettia sales are live! Plants are $15 each. You may take your poinsettia home on Sunday, January 3. Please order online here or visit www.gflutheran.org/signup. Include your dedication and form of payment on the form. You may pay by cash, check, or online through the CtK website. Cash/checks (made out to CtK) should be in an envelope and put in the offering plate during service. Please note "poinsettia" on the envelope and memo line. To pay online, visit www.gflutheran.org/give. Orders and dedications are due by Sunday, November 29.

Adult Christmas Party (NEW DATE)

Friday, December 11, 7:00-10:00 p.m.

SAVE THE NEW DATE! Our adult Christmas party will be Friday, December 11th from 7:00-10:00 p.m. at the home of Dave and Dolly Whelan at 911 McMillen Ct., Great Falls. We are excited for this festive annual event! Adult family members and friends are welcome. More details to come!

Cornerstones Holiday Gift Cards

Thank you for your support of the Cornerstones Holiday gift card drive. We will be donating your 30 twenty-five-dollar gift cards to children of poverty. The gift cards are to be from Target, Visa and/or Walmart. Please bring your cards to church by Sunday, November 29th.

WELCOME!

ELCA

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Christ the King Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Metro DC Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

MEMBERSHIP

If you would like to know more about Christ the King or are interested in living out your discipleship as a member of this community, please contact the church office at (703)759-6068.

If you would like to be on our email list to receive our weekly newsletter, please contact the church office at (703)759-6068 or visit our website: gflutheran.org.

CALENDAR

Today's Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Marian Zimmerman, in recognition of the 39th birthday of her son, Gary.

Blood Drive at Christ the King

Thursday, December 10

Our next Red Cross blood drive at CtK will be on Thursday, December 10 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Gysan Fellowship Hall. **Please click here to sign up for a donation timeslot on the Red Cross website.** We will need help setting up at noon and cleaning up at 6:00 p.m. We will also need home baked goods. Questions? Please call Melody Starya Mobley at (571) 276-7356.

Opportunity at Brightview Senior Living

Brightview Senior Living in Great Falls is hiring an Activities Assistant. They are searching for a compassionate, enthusiastic associate who will help facilitate activities with their residents part-time. Retirees, women getting back into the workforce, and young adults still deciding what path to take all may be perfect for this position. Click here to apply.

Need a Name Tag?

As we prepare to welcome Pastor David Nelson and his family in January, it would be helpful if we wear our CtK Name Tags at church. Karen Utter, Dave Whelan, and the Witness team have been working on updating our Name Tags. If you need a new Name Tag, please call Joni Holeman at (571) 577-1108 or email her at joniholemandc@gmail.com.

Prayers for the Congregation

Petra Juulsgaard and Kari Colella ask for prayers of healing for their mother, **Sindy Schwab**.

Antonia Siebert asks for prayers of healing for Janie McCutchen.

For healing: **Caryl Morgan**; **Lynda & Roger Hammel; Karen Magley; Pat & Carol Murphy; Vivienne Wardian**

Signup Genius for Lay Helpers

Please click here to sign up to help with our services each week.

This Morning's Lay Helpers	
8:30 a.m.	**11:00 a.m.**
Asst Minister – Joni Holeman	Asst Minister – Open
Lector – Kristine Heine	Lector – Open
Greeter/Usher – Kris Pace	Greeter/Usher – Open
Set Up Refreshments – Open	Clean Up Refreshments – Open
Counters – Open	

At CtK This Week
November 22 – November 29

Sunday, November 22
Consecration Sunday/Sunday Three
8:30 a.m.—In-person Worship
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School
9:45 a.m.—Adult Forum, In-person & Zoom
11:00 a.m.—In-person Worship
(*streaming available on Facebook Live*)
12:00 p.m.—Chili Lunch & Pie Auction
7:00 p.m.—AA

Tuesday, November 24
7:00 a.m.—Men's Breakfast, la Madeleine
11:30 a.m.—Card Writing Ministry

Wednesday, November 25
7:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 26
CtK Office Closed
7:00 p.m.—AA

Friday, November 27
CtK Office Closed

Saturday, November 28
7:00 p.m.—AA

Sunday, November 29
Bring Your Child to Worship
8:30 a.m.—In-person Worship
9:45 a.m.—Adult Forum, In-person & Zoom
11:00 a.m.—In-person Worship
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Reflections on Stewardship

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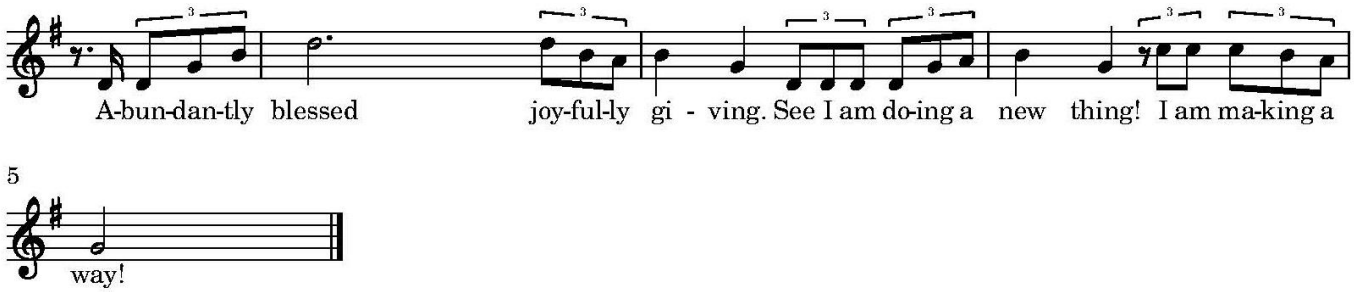
There's a lesson for each of us in the story Jesus tells. Whether we care to recognize them or not, each of us has been given one or more gifts (abilities, skills, talents). It seems to me that one of the points Jesus is trying to make here is that it's what we do with our gifts that will determine how God deals with us. So, what are you doing with what you've been given?

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

STEWARDSHIP SONG III: ISAIAH 43:19 — Sharon Davis



(11:00) GIFT OF MUSIC:

I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy Down in My Heart — Jump Start

TEMPLE TALK — Peter Saba

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.
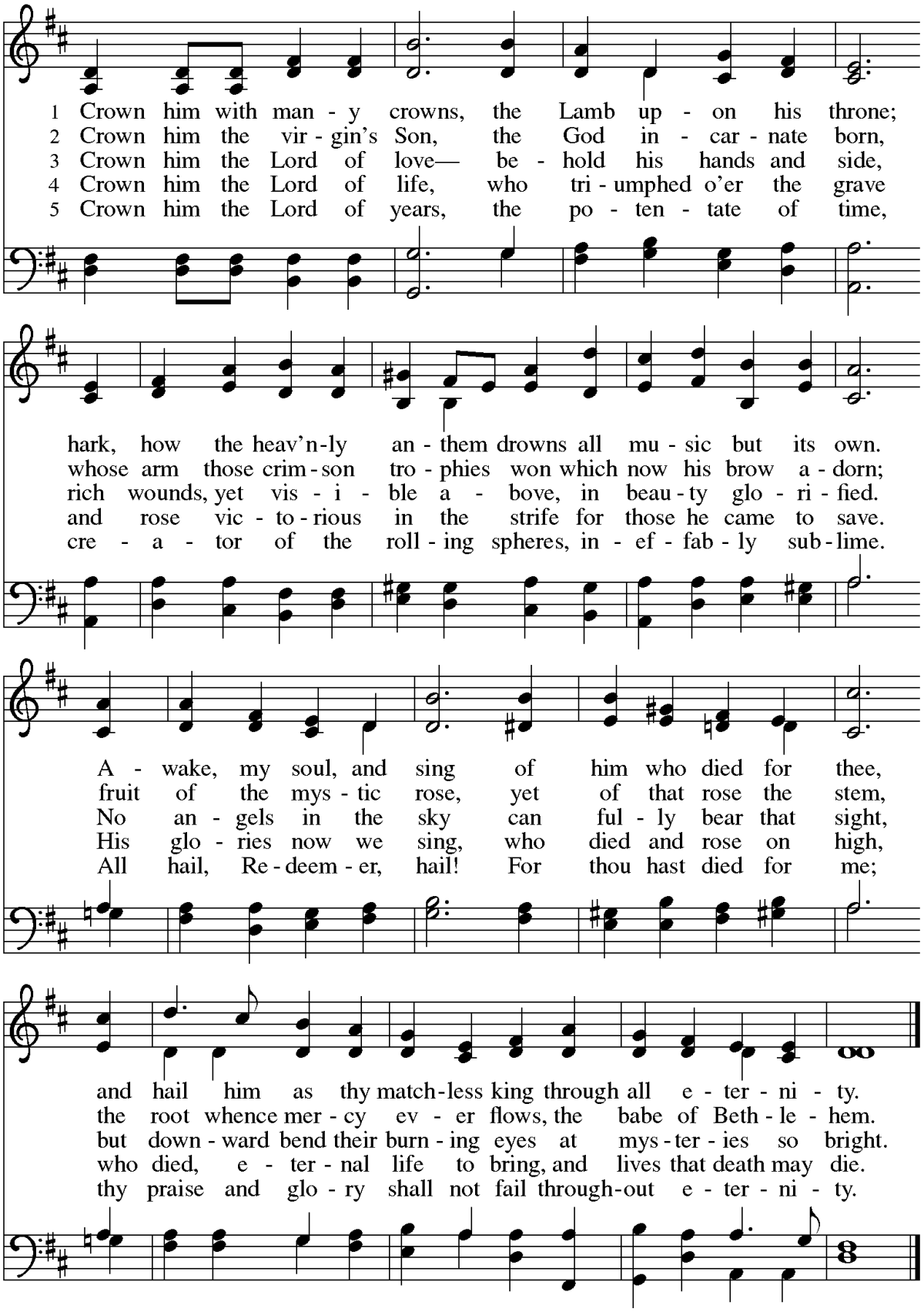
P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

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

C: Amen.
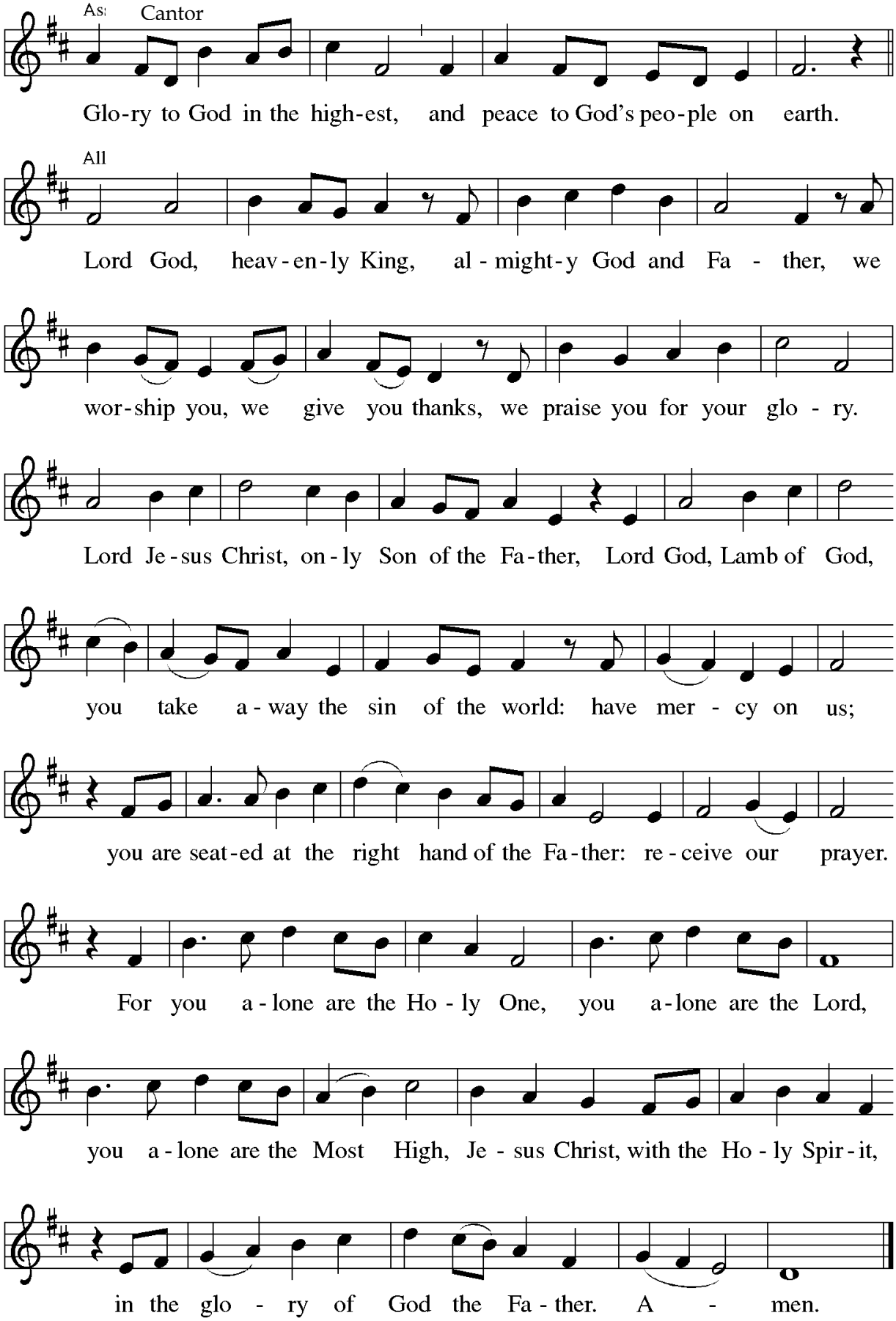
GATHERING HYMN: ELW 855 Crown Him with Many Crowns



GREETING

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

C: And also with you.


Cantor
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.
All
Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa - ther, we
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.
For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORD

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

R: A reading from Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. 12 As
shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort 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 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 strays, 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.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 95:1-7a *said responsively*

The Reader (R) says the regular text;
*the Congregation (**C**) says the **bold text**.*

R: 1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

C: 2 Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.

R: 3 For you, Lord, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

C: 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.

C: 6 Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

R: 7a For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 1:15-23

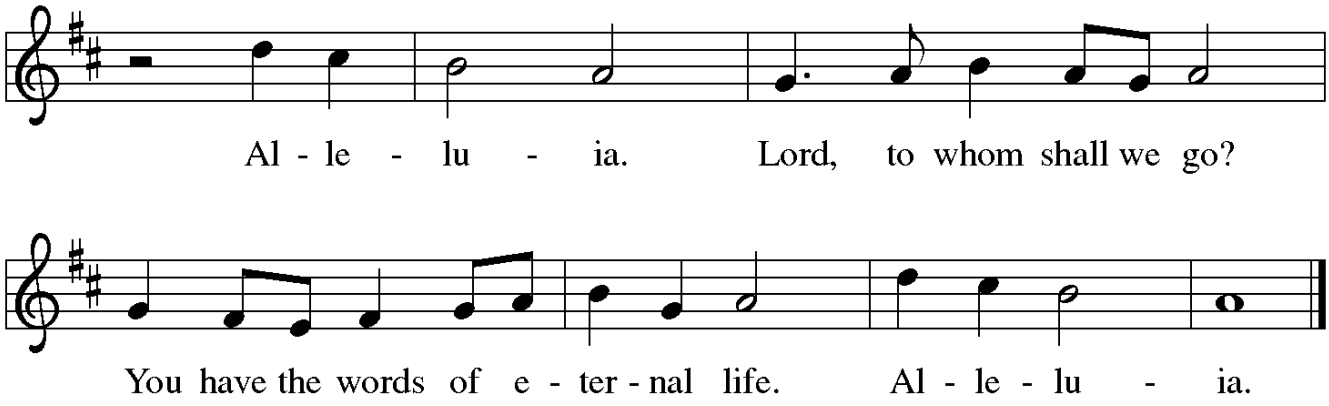
R: A reading from Ephesians.

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 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 perceive 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.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia *ELW page 151*



HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: 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. 32 All the nations will be gathered
before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the
sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.
34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my
Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, 35 for 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, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and
you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37 Then 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? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed
you or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison
and visited you?' 40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to
one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' 41 Then he will say
to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire
prepared for the devil and his angels, 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was
thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I 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.'
44 Then 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?' 45 Then 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.' 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal
life."
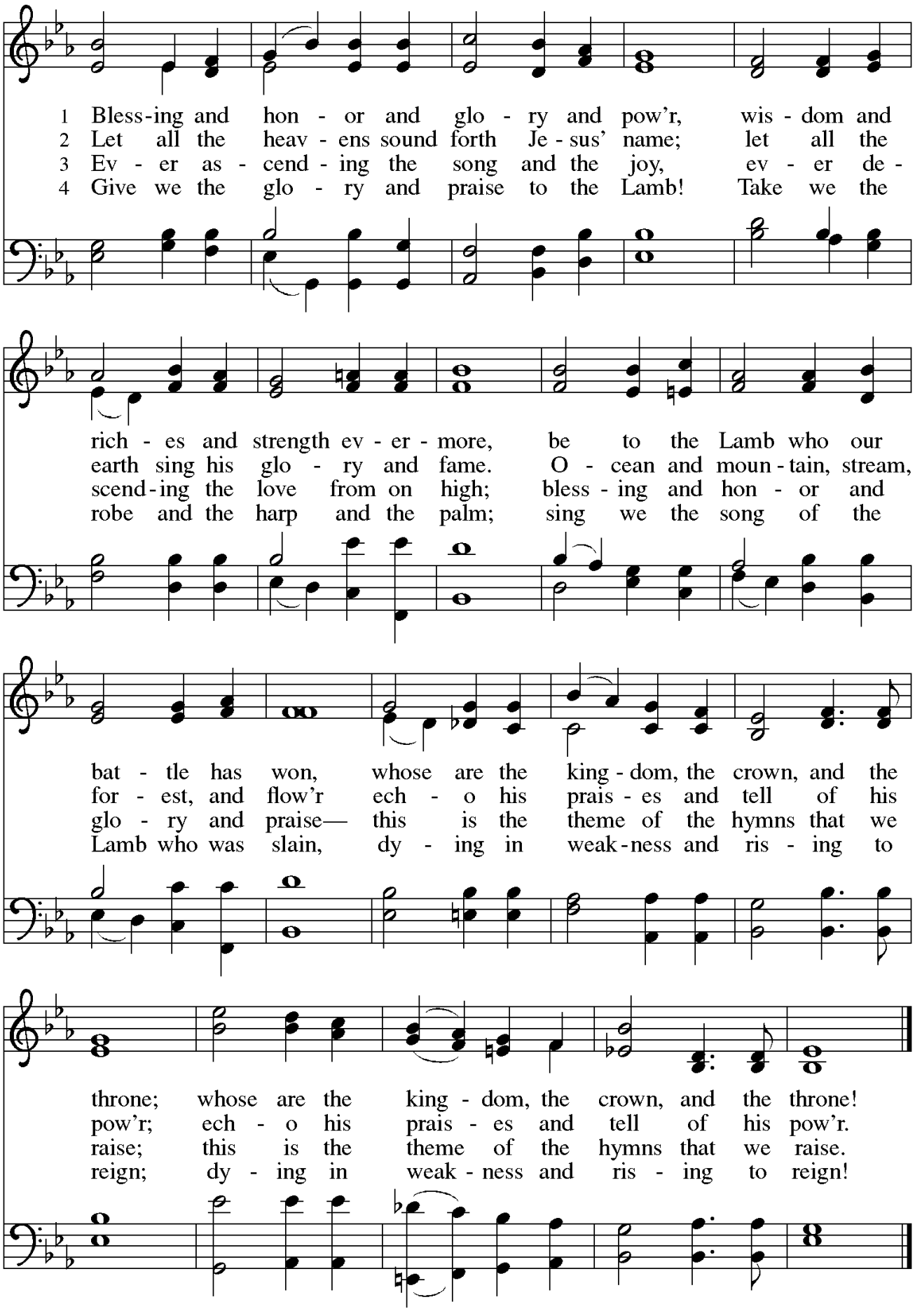
The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON The Rev. Sandy Kessinger

Silence for meditation may follow the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 854 Blessing and Honor



NICENE CREED

said in unison

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.

Please sit or kneel as you are comfortable for our time of prayer.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Prepare your people for your reign to come among us. Where the church is wary, make us bold; where we are complacent, stir us to action; where we are anxious, assure us of your never-ending care. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: All the heights, depths, and expanses of the earth belong to you. Deliver every corner of your creation from disaster. Restore lands ravaged by floods, fires, drought, or contamination. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Gather all the nations at your side and teach them the ways of your kingdom of wholeness and abundant life. Empower judges, juries, and legal advocates to create and uphold pathways toward transformative justice. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Bind up the wounds of all your people. Give courage to all who experience uncertainty, guide all people facing difficult decisions, and lift the spirits of any who are in need those on our prayer list and those we name in our hearts. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Accompany communities struggling with conflict. Help us to listen deeply to one another, that we might know one another more fully and release any hurt or anger. Create ways of healing and reconciliation among us. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Fill us with the spirit of wisdom and perseverance that you grant to all the saints, and bring us, at the last, into the hope of your promised new day. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

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

C: Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace by saying Peace be with you *as you shake hands or embrace. Please be seated following the sharing of the peace.*

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

To give: use the QR code, go to gflutheran.org/give, or make checks payable to "Christ the King Lutheran Church."

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We welcome you to worship today! Please take this time to print your information on the pad in the red folder.



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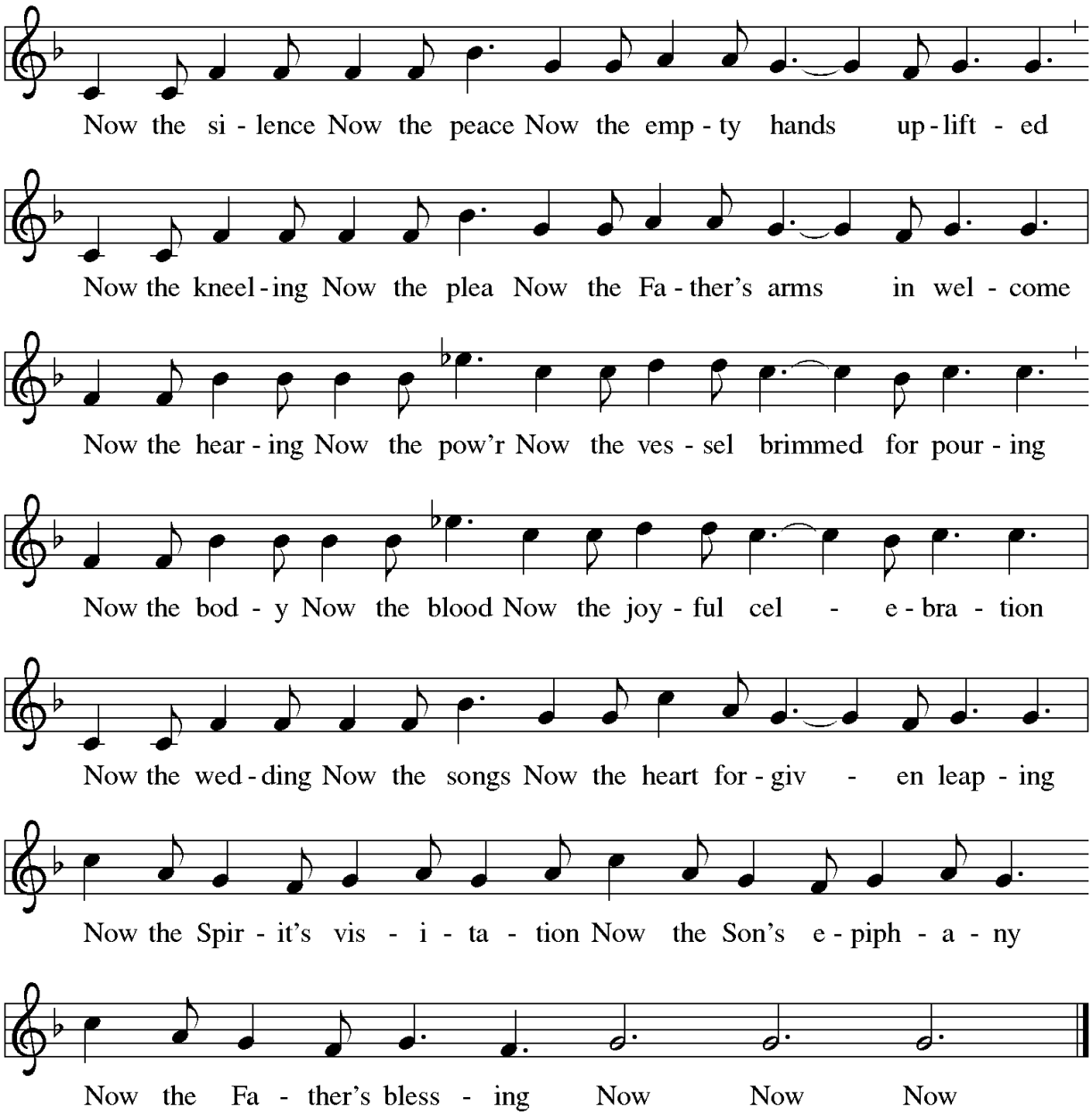
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OFFERING AND REGATHERING SONG: ELW 460 Now the Silence



OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

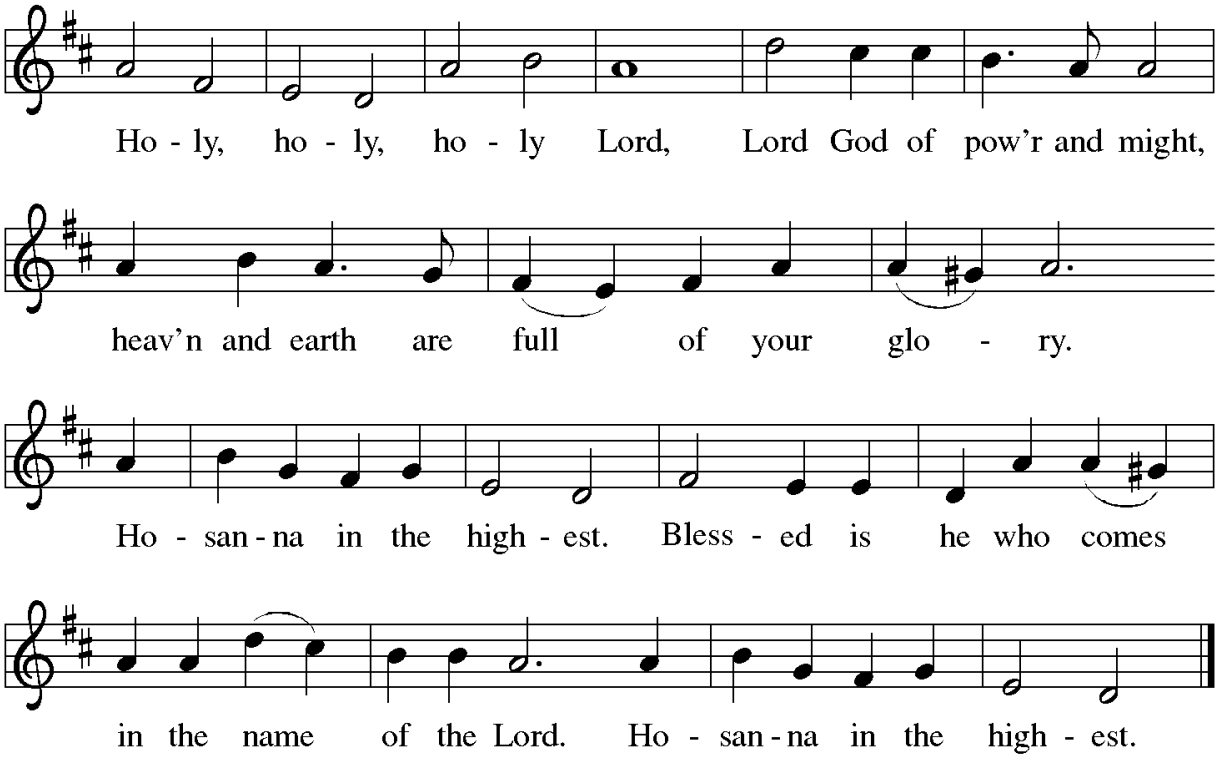
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: 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 all 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 *ELW page 153*



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: 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 honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

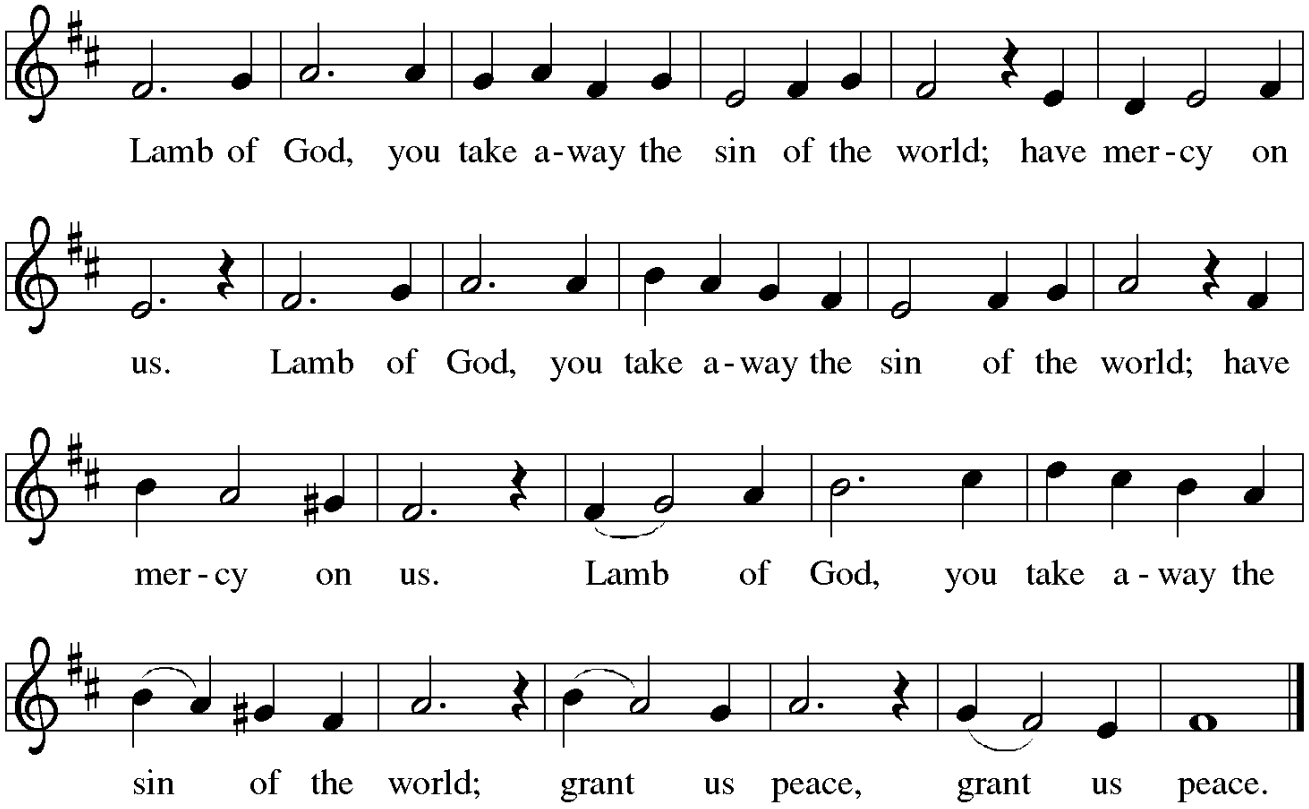
C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Please remain standing.
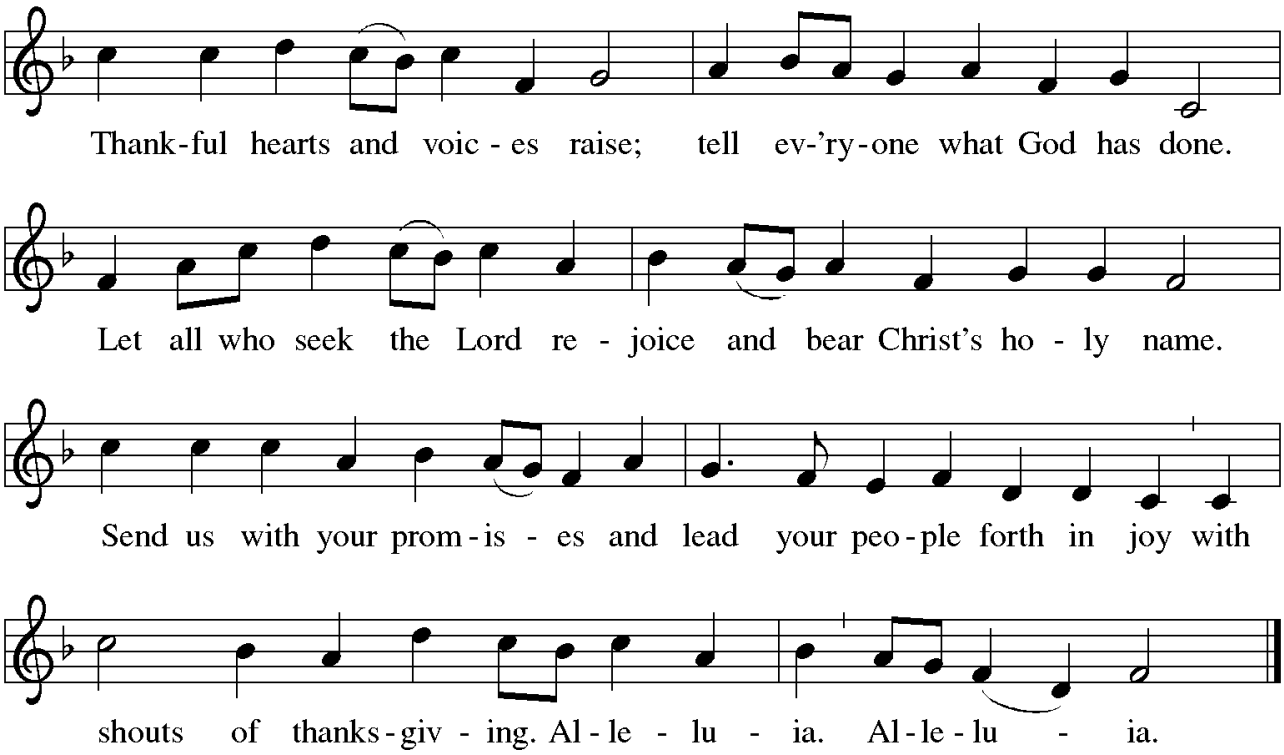
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DISTRIBUTION WITH MUSICAL OFFERING

Instructions for communion distribution will be given at this time. *All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to participate in Holy Communion. Those who have not received instruction or who wish not to receive communion may come forward for a blessing.*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 204 Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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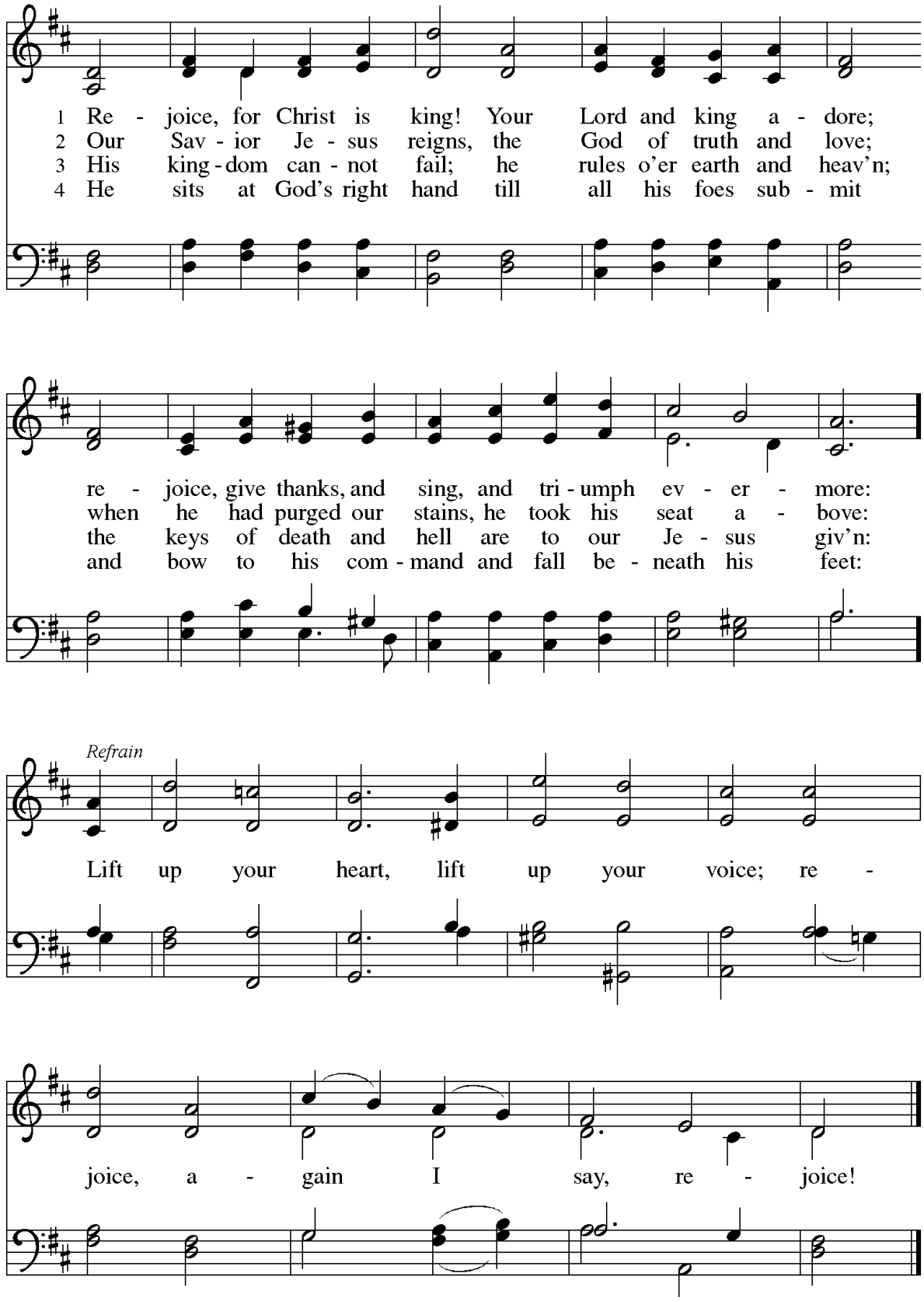
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✢ give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: ELW 430 Rejoice, for Christ Is King!



DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE