Come to Believe  Come to Belong

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 15, 2026

PRELUDE Rob Aaron

"Come to believe, Come to belong, Come to receive, the promise of God"

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

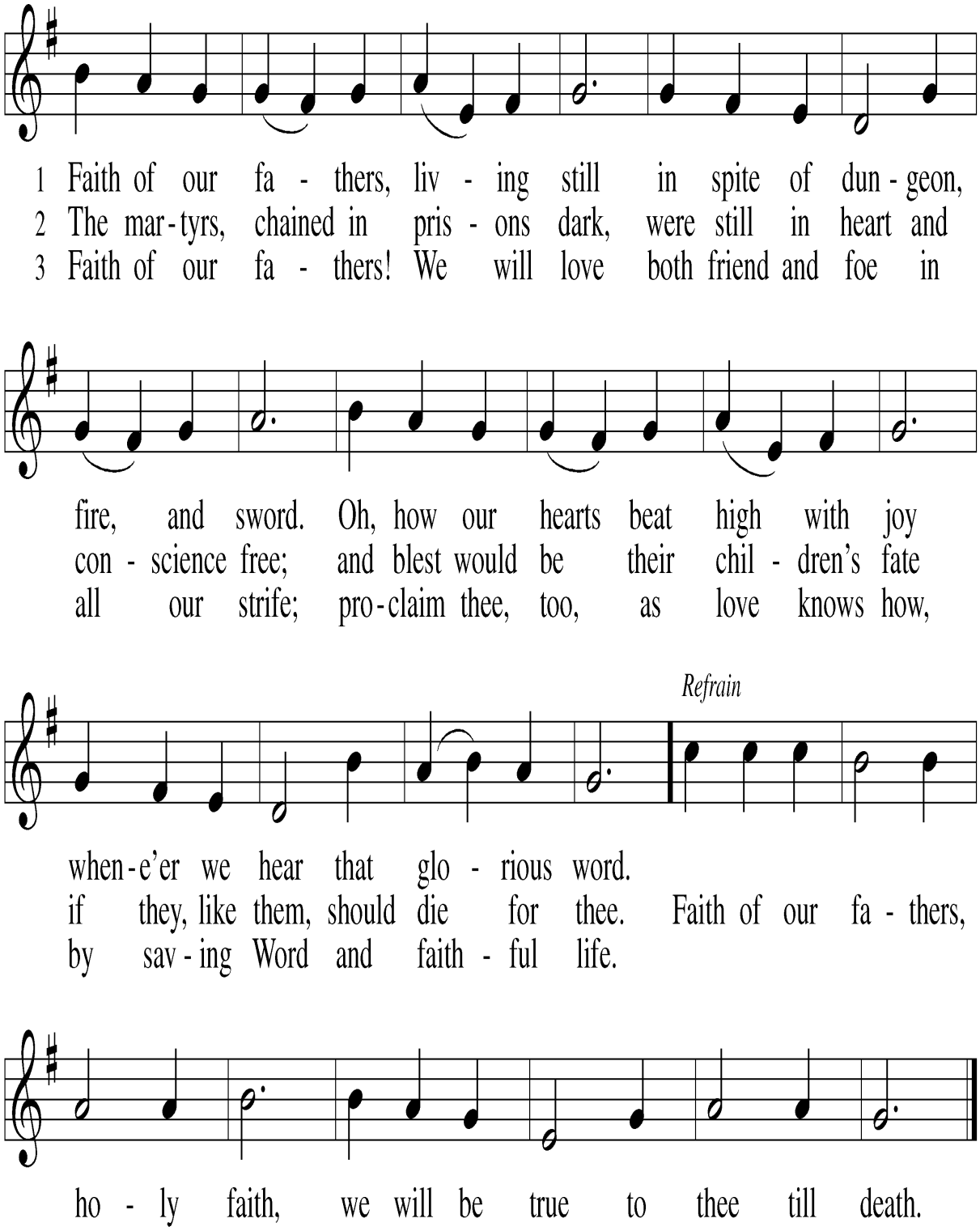
If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Therefore, let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence for self-reflection)

Most merciful God…**We confess that we are in bondage 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*****.**

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 unto you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

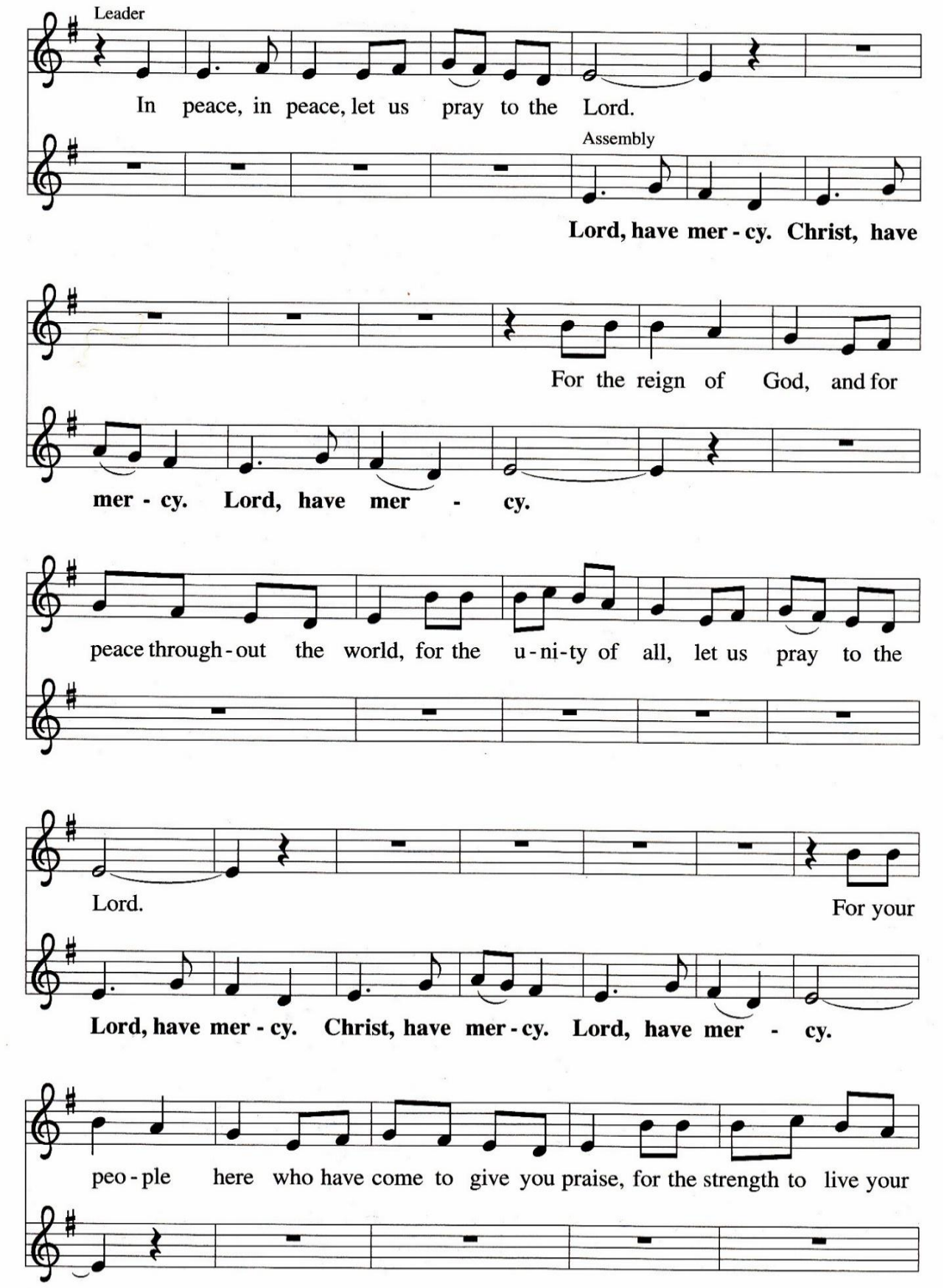
GATHERING SONG *"Faith of Our Fathers"*

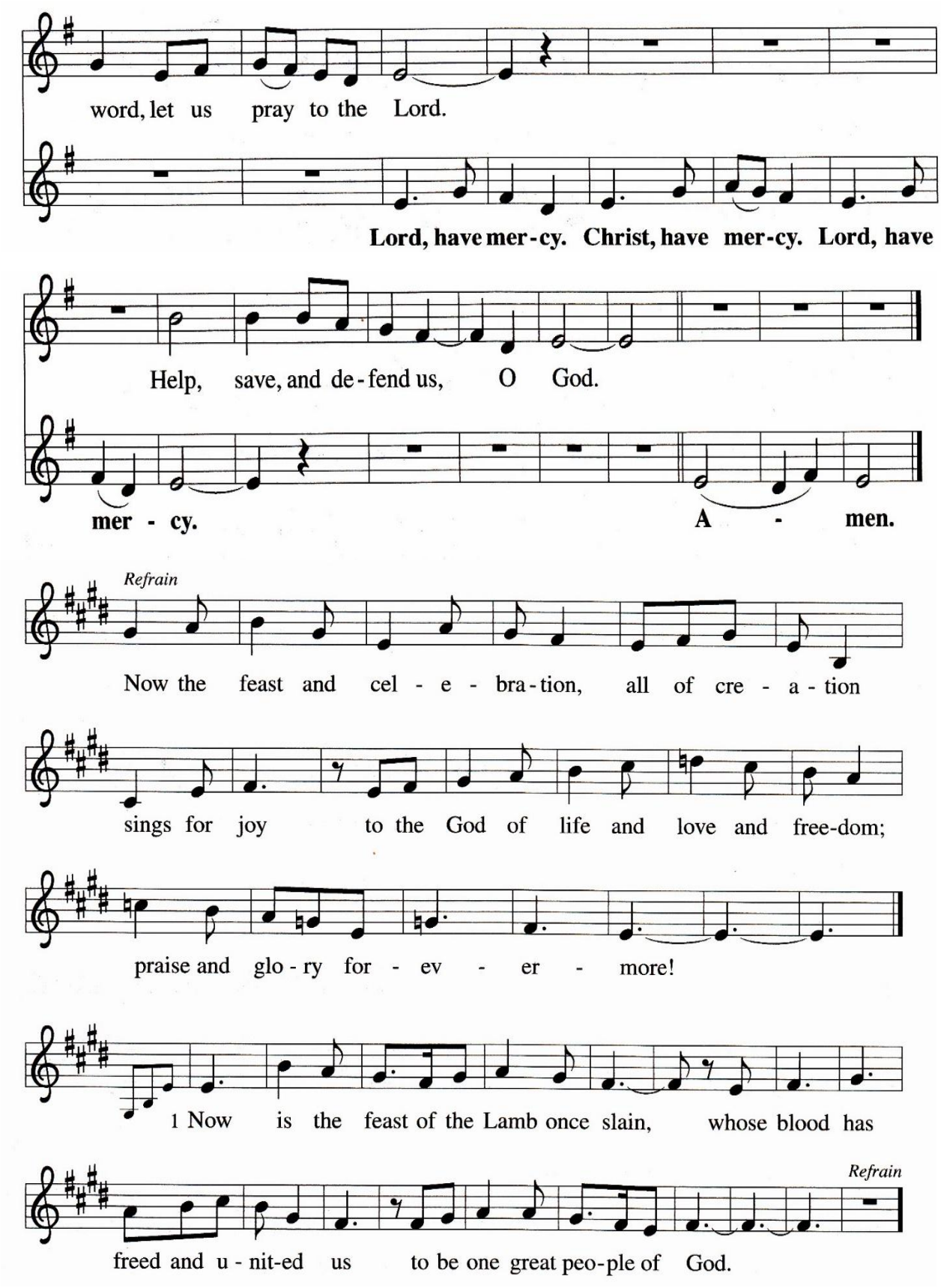


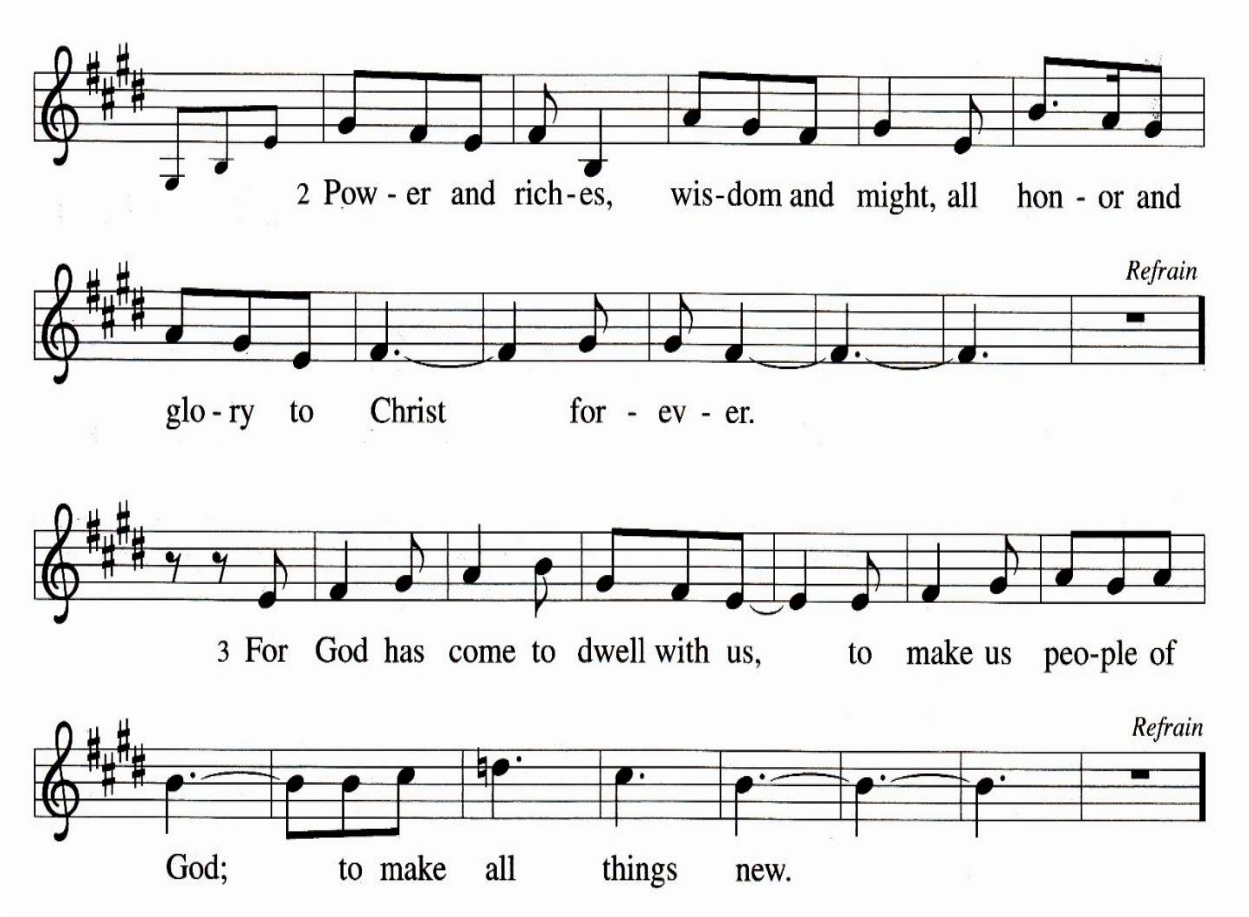
GREETING

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

KYRIE *(Lord, have mercy)*




word, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have
Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.
mer - cy.
A - men.
Refrain
Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!
1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has
Refrain
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together…**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.** ***Amen*****.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests.

12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will
punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their
hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.' 13 Their
goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though
they build houses, they shall not inhabit them though they plant
vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them." 14 The great
day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of
the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there.
15 A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a
day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day
of clouds and thick darkness, 16 a day of trumpet blast and battle
cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.
17 I will bring distress on mankind, so that they shall walk like
the blind, because they have sinned against the LORD; their
blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them
on the day of the wrath of the LORD. In the fire of his jealousy,
all the earth shall be consumed; for a full and sudden end he will
make of all the inhabitants of the earth.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 90:1-8

1 Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
2 **Before the mountains were brought forth,**
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
3 You return man to dust
and say, "Return, O children of man!"
4 For a thousand years in your sight
are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the
night.

5 You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning:
6 in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.
7 For we are brought to an end by your anger;
by your wrath we are dismayed.
8 You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your presence.



SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you
have no need to have anything written to you. 2 For you
yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come
like a thief in the night. 3 While people are saying, "There is
peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon
them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will
not escape. 4 But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day
to surprise you like a thief. 5 For you are all children of light,
children of the day. We are not of the night or of the
darkness. 6 So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep
awake and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and
those who get drunk, are drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to
the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith
and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has
not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our
Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us so that whether we are
awake or asleep we might live with him. 11 Therefore encourage
one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
still you're there right beside me
And nothing will I fear as long as you are near,
please be near me to the end.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
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GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord!

14 "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his
servants and entrusted to them his property. 15 To one he gave
five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to
his ability. Then he went away. 16 He who had received the five
talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five
talents more. 17 So also he who had the two talents made two
talents more. 18 But he who had received the one talent went
and dug in the ground and hid his master's money.

19 Now after a long time the master of those servants came
and settled accounts with them. 20 And he who had received the
five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying,
'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five
talents more.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good
and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will
set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And he
also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you
delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents

more.’ [23] His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ [24] He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, [25] so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.’ [26] But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed?

[27] Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. [28] So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. [29]For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. [30]And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

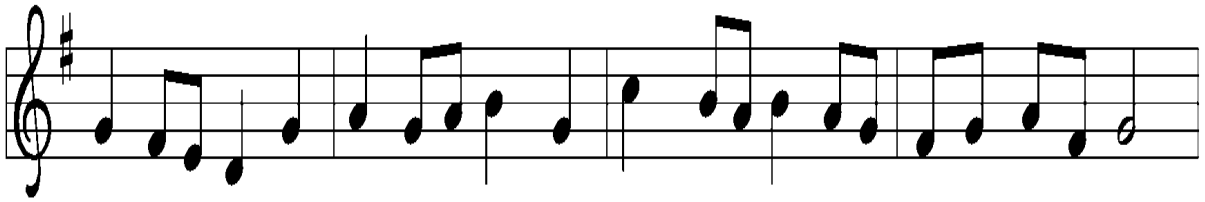
The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ!

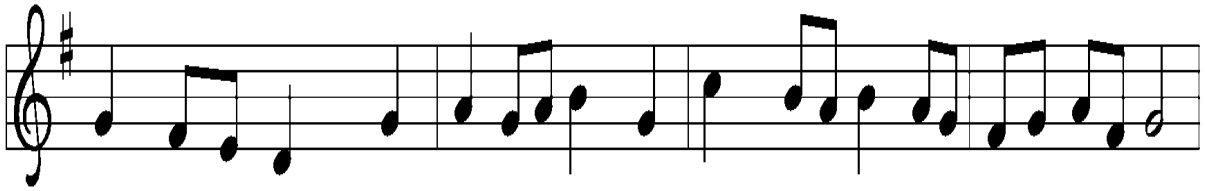
SERMON Pastor Gary Heltsley



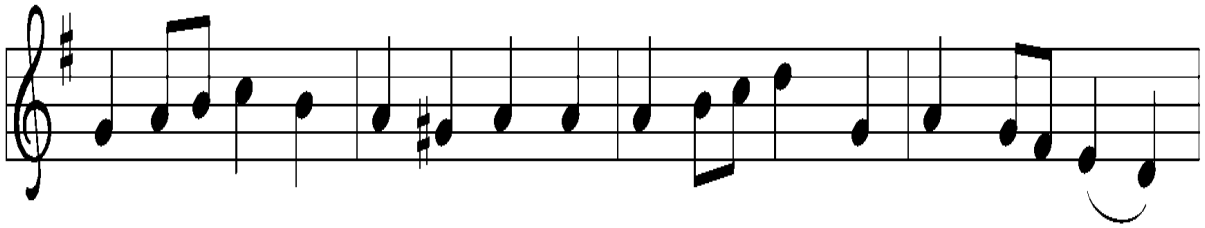
HYMN OF THE DAY *"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"*



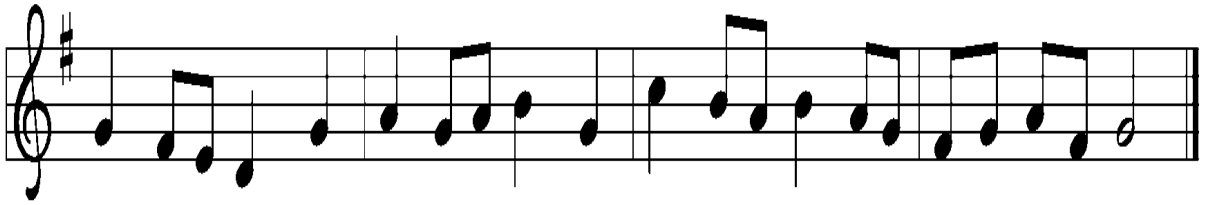
1 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er dwell-ing in the ho-liest realms of light;
2 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er liv-ing as the church's ver-y life;
3 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er work-ing through the church's min-is-try;



Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er brood-ing o'er a world of gloom and night;
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er striv-ing through us in a cease-less strife;
quick-'ning, strength-'ning, and ab-solv-ing, set-ting cap-tive sin-ners free;



Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er rais-ing those of earth to thrones on high;
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er form-ing in the church the mind of Christ:
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er bind-ing age to age and soul to soul



liv-ing, life-im-part-ing Spir-it, you we praise and mag-ni-fy.
you we praise with end-less wor-ship for your gifts and fruits un-priced.
in com-mu-nion nev-er end-ing, you we wor-ship and ex-tol.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
***Amen*.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P) Let us approach the Throne of Grace to pray for the Church, the world, and one another.

A brief silence is kept.

Father, thank you for entrusting to us the treasures of your Kingdom and the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Give us grace to be faithful stewards of your bounty, to your glory and for the good of your people.
Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer***.

Make this congregation into a "School of Discipleship." Make us bold in granting forgiveness – or asking for it. Make us brave in talking about the hope that is in us. Show us how to ease the burdens of others for whom he gave his life.
Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer***.

Give teachable minds and willing hearts to the leaders of the nations. Remind them that they must give you an account of their stewardship of power, authority, and talents. Give to each of us the gifts of kindness, humility, and generosity, so that all our lives may be touched by happiness and brightened by hope.
Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer***.

We ask you to come to the rescue of all who cry out for healing of body, mind, heart or spirit – especially those we name out loud or silently in our hearts *(allow time for silent or spoken prayers)*. Deliver them from their afflictions, and restore them to the fellowship of all who care for them.
Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer***.

Keep in your sheltering arms all those who have died trusting in your promises. Give us faith to leave here today with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us, until you bring us home, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer***.

P) Hear our prayer; and graciously grant all that glorifies you and benefits our poor broken world, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen***.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING



OFFERTORY *Doxology*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **A-men**

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together…**All that we have comes from your hand. We bring what you have already given us—bread and wine for your table, and gifts for the work of your kingdom. Most of all we give you thanks for your greatest gift to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord.** ***Amen***

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

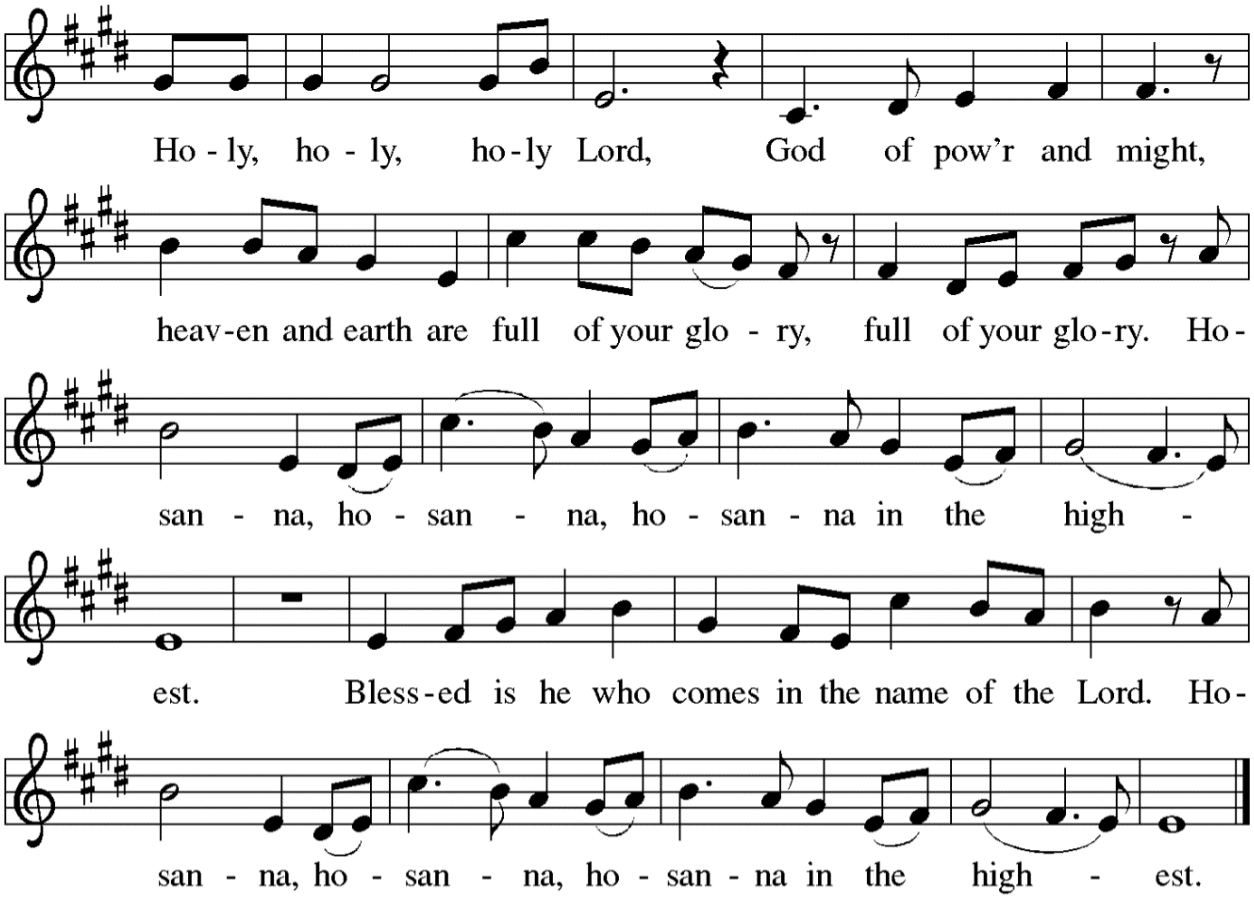
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right… and join their unending hymn:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Sung)*

Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION – We believe and teach that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine/juice, which are his body and blood. All who trust in Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table *(the red liquid is wine; the white liquid is grape juice)*.

"Lamb of God"

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

Have mercy on us.

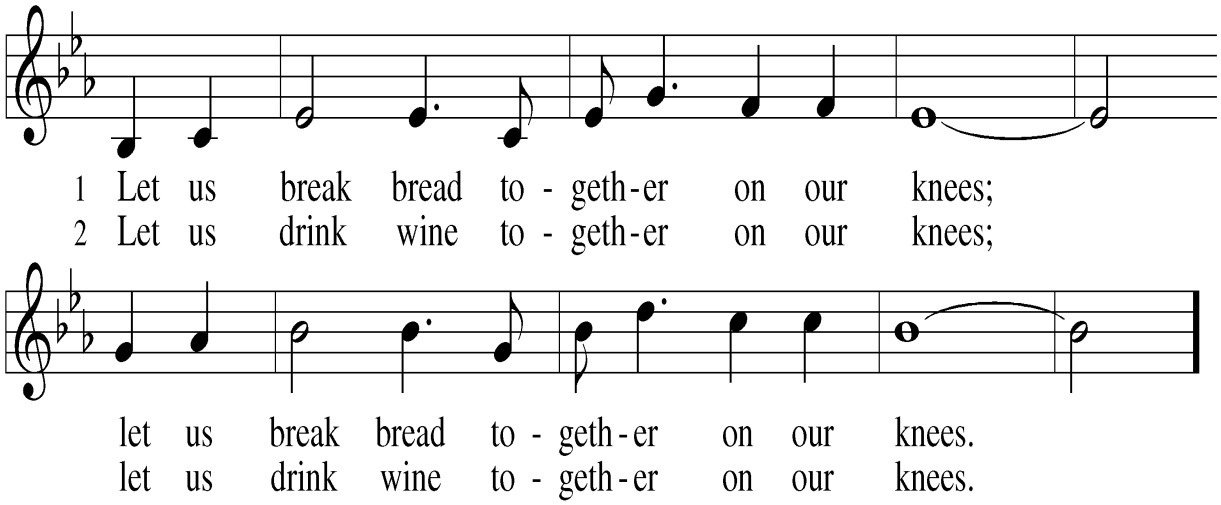
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

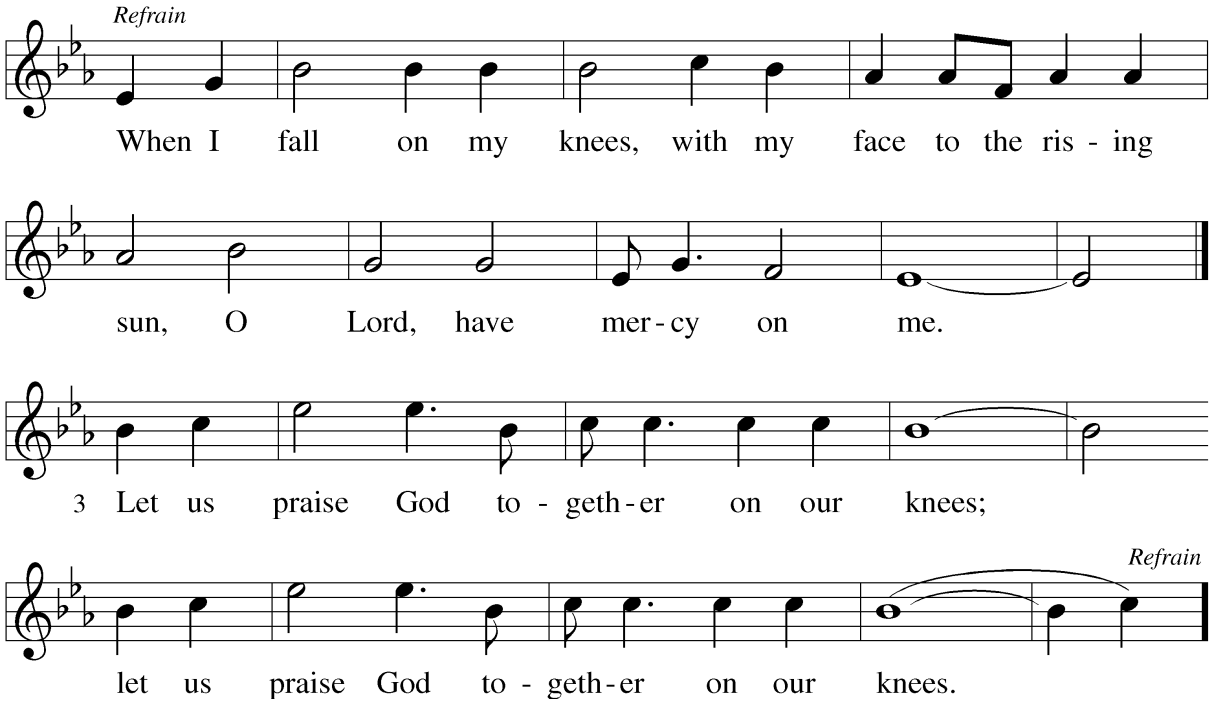
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

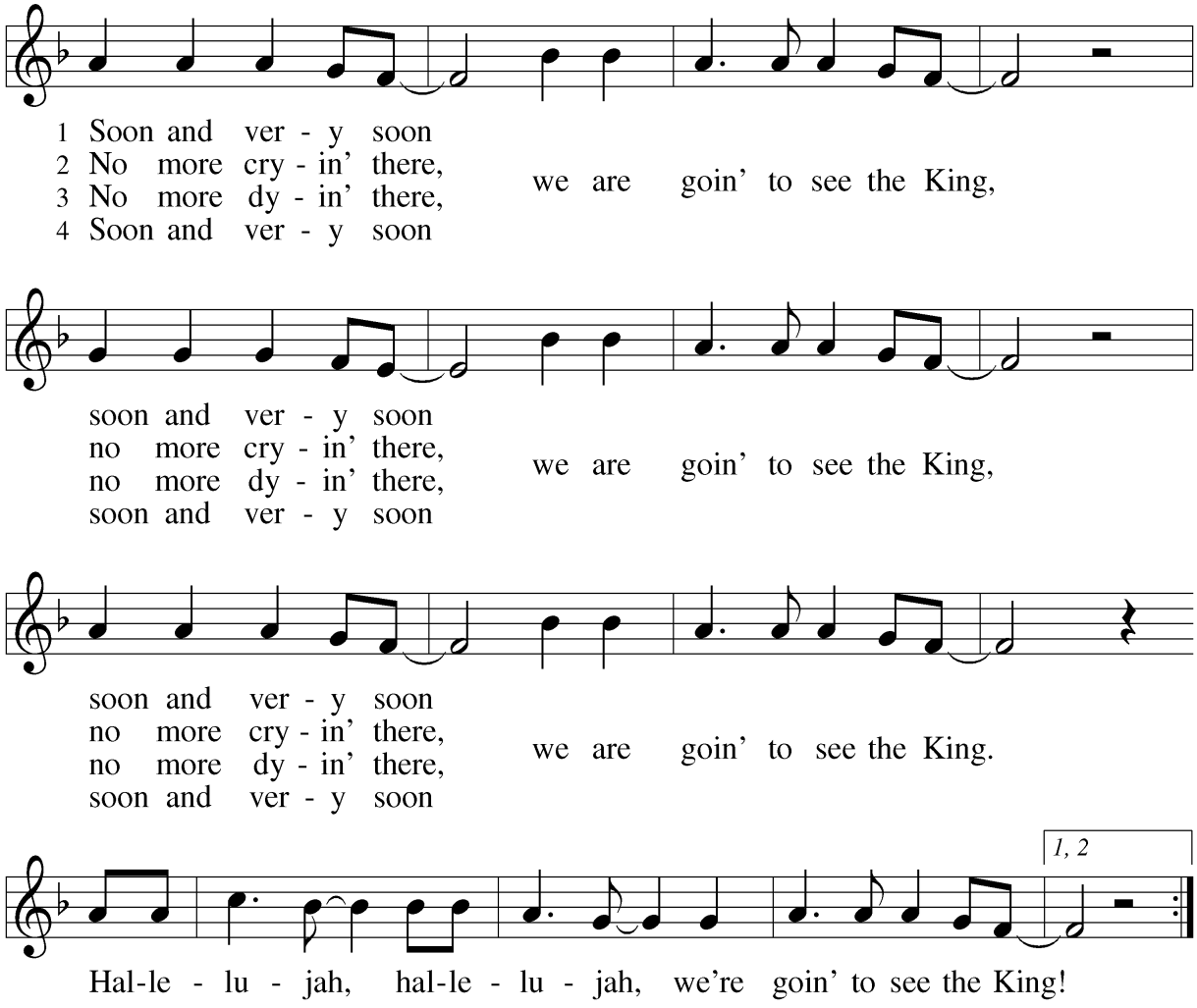
Grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

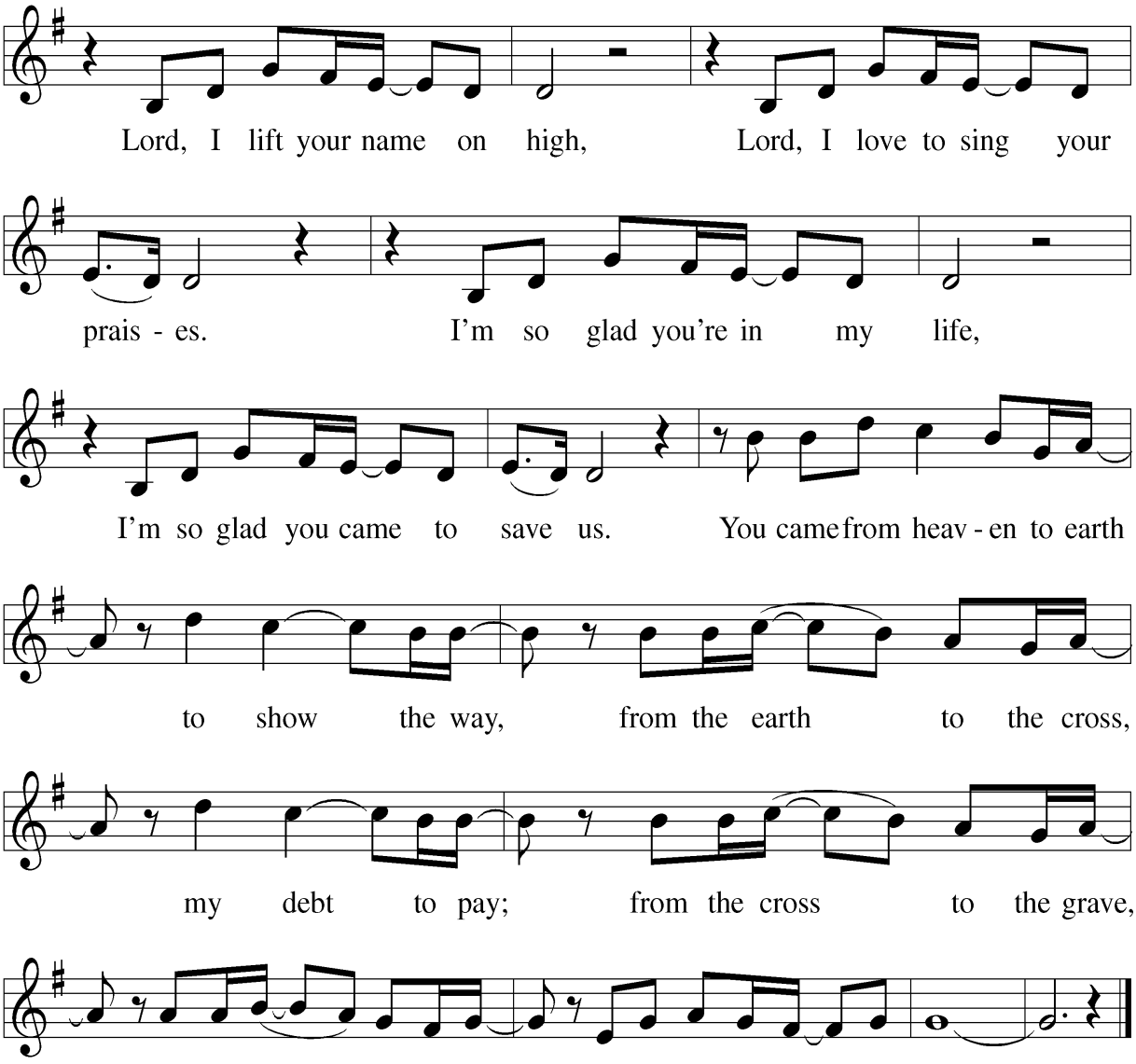




"Soon and Very Soon"



"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"



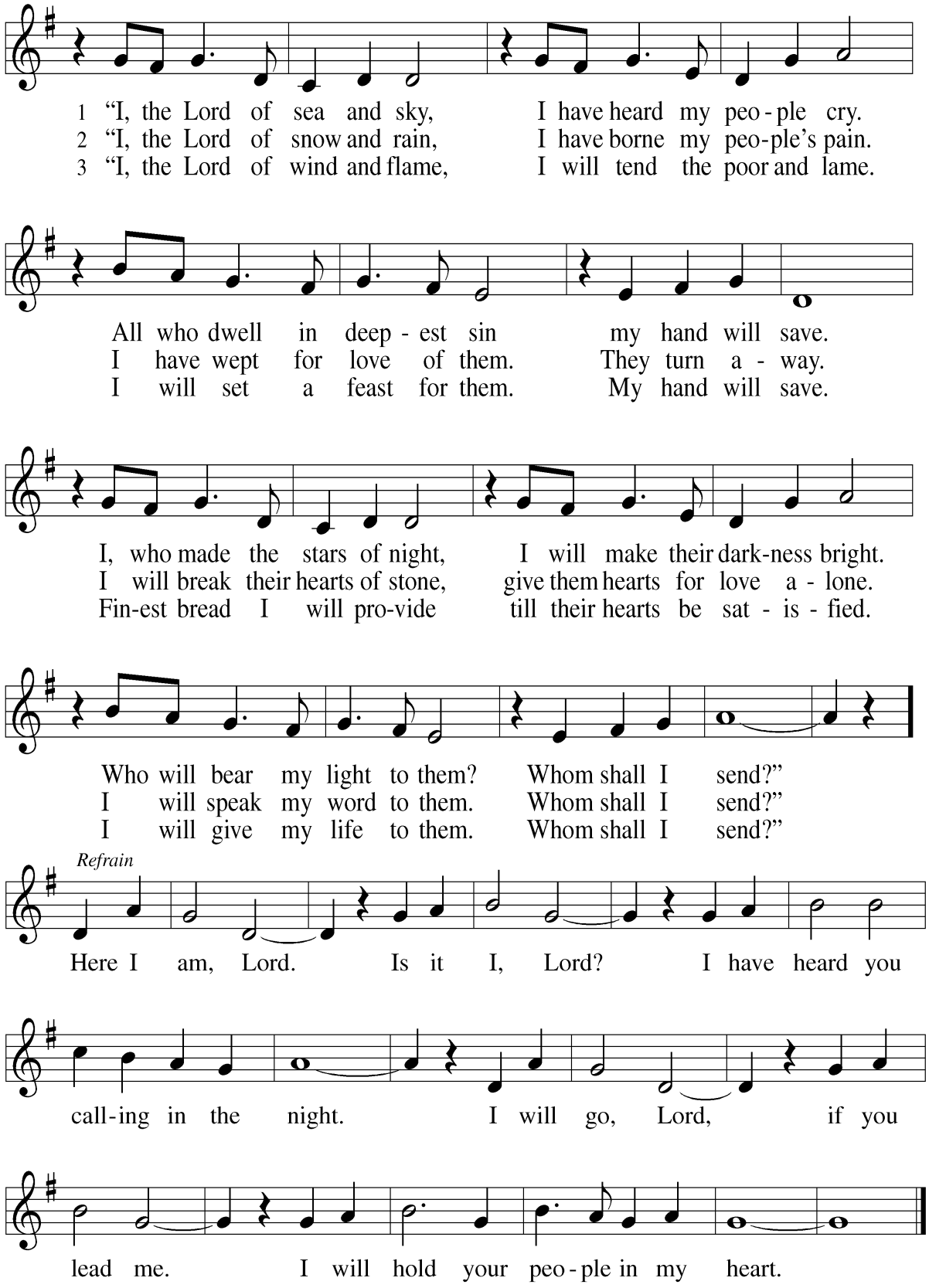
POST COMMUNION PRAYER

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you, and keep you in His grace. ***Amen.***

Let us pray together…**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.** ***Amen***

BLESSING

SENDING SONG *"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"*



DISMISSAL
Go in peace, serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

Pr. Gary Heltsley – presiding ~ Rob Aaron – piano

TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Greeters: Greg Hanson & Liz Webber
Ushers: Dixie Carver & Cathy Moen
Reader: John Lorenz
Sacristans: Shelley Marion & Joleen Wheaton
Communion Assistants: Sandi Fleury & Carol Larson
Sunday School Teacher/Asst.: Janice Schonberg & Deanna Smith
Teen Sunday School Teachers: Mary Severid & Kathy Rakes
Teen Sunday School Asst.: Catie Hughes
Altar Flowers: Patty Rogers
Barista: Michael Wright **Close Up**: Kristian Schonberg

Last Week's Attendance: 94 **Last Week's Offering:** $3,308.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good morning and welcome to ***NORTH BAY LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CHURCH***! We hope you find inspiration and fellowship in our worship service. We invite you to stay for fellowship following our service. ***We are glad that you're here!***

Fellowship Time Today Soup and rolls Sunday.
Next Sunday, Nov. 22nd – Breakfast theme (bring your favorite breakfast item).

Neighborhood Bible Study will meet on **Tues.**, **Nov. 17th at 12:45 pm**. For more information, please contact Sue Nichols or call the church office.

Dementia Support Group will meet on **Wednesday, Nov. 18th at 10:00 am.** For more information, please contact Patty Rogers or call the church office.

GriefShare - *GriefShare* is a Christ-centered grief recovery support group where you can find help and healing for the hurt of losing a loved one. The *GriefShare* group class will meet on **Wednesday, Nov. 18th at 12:30 pm**. Call the office or Pastor Gary if you're interested.

Soup Supper & Holden Evening Prayer Service on **Wednesday, Nov. 18th** we will have a Soup Supper in the Fellowship Hall at **6:00 pm**, followed by a Holden Evening Prayer Service at **7:00 pm**.

Pastor's Bible Study - We will meet on **Thursday**, **Nov. 19th at 3:00 pm**, we will be studying Luke's Gospel led by Pastor Gary.

Women's Bible Study will meet **Fri., Nov. 20th at 11:00 am** in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, please contact Shari Stormo or the church office.

Men's Bible Study - will meet on **Sat., Nov. 21st at 8:00 am** as we continue our study of the book of Exodus.

Operation Christmas Child. It is the 2026 season of sending shoeboxes to children around the world in order to spread God's love and the Gospel message to "the ends of the earth." Boxes and brochures are in the Foyer and Fellowship Hall. You may also go online to samaritanspurse.org/buildonline for more information. The filled boxes are due by ***Sunday, Nov. 22nd*.**

North Mason Coalition of Churches & Community (NMCCC) is collecting hats, gloves & mittens to help keep a North Mason boy or girl warm this winter. We accept donations of new, homemade or clean gently used - to fit kindergarten to high school ages. Last winter break we served 154 students and preschool siblings. Donated hats, gloves and mittens will be distributed on Dec 20th along with a box of food to supplement winter break meals. Look for a donation bin at church, the bin will be collected on ***Dec. 13th***. NMCCC is an all-volunteer 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization serving North Mason students for 20 years. For any questions, contact Barb Bralley or the church office.

Coming Soon:

Thanksgiving Eve Service - North Bay Lutheran will hold a Thanksgiving Eve service on **Wed., November 25th at 6:00 pm**. This is a good time for us to come together and give thanks to God for our many blessings. Please bring a pie to share with everyone after service.

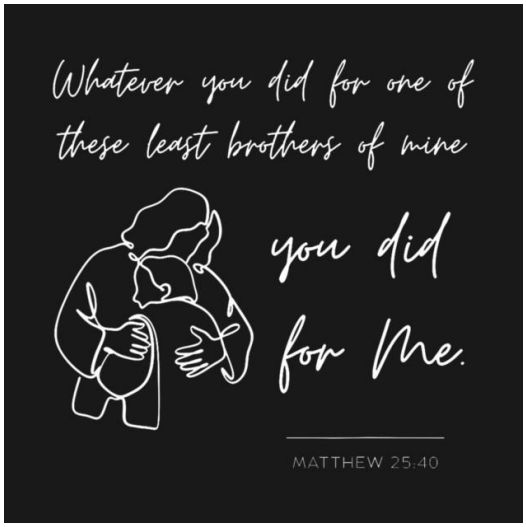
Christmas Concert – On **Saturday, Dec. 5th at 2:00 pm** we will have bells, voices and instruments. Mark your calendar to join us as we welcome in the Christmas season.

Pastor Gary will be in the office Tuesday through Thursday, 9:30 am until noon. **Office Hours** this week are 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Monday through Friday.

Prayers – Please email or call the church with your prayer requests, or if you need pastoral care.

READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 22, 2026

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 ~ Psalm 95:1-7 ~ Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46



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