Church of the Savior
LUTHERAN

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Thanksgiving Worship



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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Welcome to Church of the Savior – Lutheran:
We are a community of believers, seekers, and doubters. We affirm all of God's people just as they are. We are a welcoming and inclusive community that does not require you to change in any way to worship with us.

We strive to make love grow both in our congregational life and in our nursery school. We recognize all the love we have is given to us from the Holy Spirit, we are but reflections of God's love. One of the ways we make love grow is by being accepting and existing the way Jesus taught us; living in harmony together no matter one's race, nationality, or gender. We strive to create and ensure the safest and most loving environment for everyone. We look forward to growing in faith with you.

With Regard to Holy Communion:
We celebrate Holy Communion nearly every week at Church of the Savior. Holy Communion is a sacred meal in which Christ comes to us in bread and wine. "This is my body given for you… This is my blood shed for you." We believe those words to be true. Christ is truly present in Holy Communion. When we receive the bread and wine of this meal, we receive his body and blood "in, with, and under the forms" of the consecrated bread and wine. All of God's beautiful children are welcome to our Lord's table — it's our Lord's table, after all, and all are invited. Let's be clear — it is not "my" table, or "our" table or a "Lutheran" table. It is our Lord's table, and he sends out the invitations — to everyone under the sun. This includes you to come forward just as are.

For the bread we provide two types of host, with gluten and without. If you would like gluten free let Pastor Paul know when you come forward. We offer both red wine and white grape juice.

To the Parents of Children:
Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome! Sit toward the front where it is easier for children to see and hear what is going on. Little one's tire of seeing the back of others' heads.

Explain the parts of the service and actions of the pastor, ushers, choir, and the people who make worship happen. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

The way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to The Church, to God and to one another. Let them know, and let us show them, that they are at home in their house of worship. The presence of your child is a gift to Church of the Savior. We are blessed to welcome and worship with our children. We know that is took a lot of work to get to this pew today; you are doing a really good job!

PRELUDE: Thanks Be to Thee (Handel)

Land Acknowledgement: adapted from "This Land Belongs to No One" by Hila Ratzabi

Pastor: This land belongs to no one but God. The Earth was here before us and will endure after we are gone. Let us walk gently upon this precious earth, taking only what we need, leaving little waste, nurturing the soil, revitalizing the land to sustain future generations.

This land we dwell upon today is the ancestral land of the Lenni Lenape. We acknowledge their historical roots in this place, the many generations who were stewards of this land. We hear the echoes of their prayers to the Great Mother Earth and seek to learn from their wisdom.

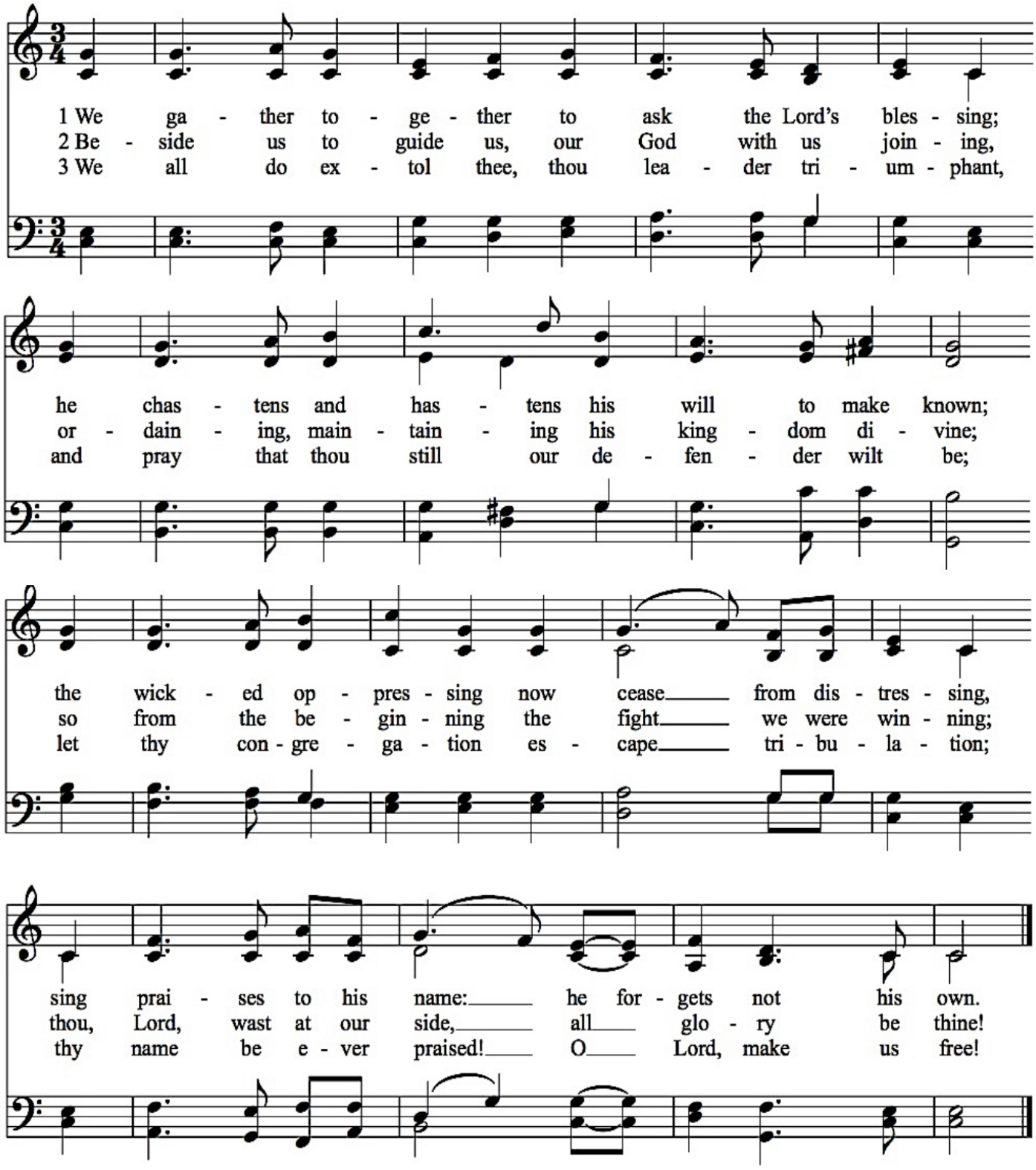
We acknowledge the history of pain, disease, and bloodshed the Native peoples endured. Though we cannot reverse the course of history, let us not ignore it. Let us honor the memory of those who died on this land and let us honor the Native people who, to this day, keep their sacred traditions and culture alive.

We give thanks for our ancestors, who came to this country from all over the world, often enduring hardship, that laid the foundation for our freedom. We acknowledge their sacrifices so that we could enjoy better lives.

We give thanks for the land and the harvest season. We commit to sustaining this earth so it will continue to sustain us and all future generations. We commit to give more and take less from this fragile earth.

People: Thank you, God, for the land that sustains us, for our family and friends, and for this sacred space we are privileged to enjoy.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: We Gather Together



GREETING

Pastor: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

7 "The LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with
springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, 8 a land of wheat and barley,
of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey, 9 a land where you
may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron
and from whose hills you may mine copper. 10 You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your
God for the good land that he has given you.

11 "Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God by failing to keep his
commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes that I am commanding you today. 12 When
you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them 13 and when your herds
and flocks have multiplied and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is
multiplied, 14 then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out
of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, 15 who led you through the great and
terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water
flow for you from flint rock. 16 He fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors
did not know, to humble you and to test you and in the end to do you good. 17 Do not say to
yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.' 18 But
remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may
confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today."

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God

PSALM: Psalm 65

[1] You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be fulfilled.
[2] **To you, the one who answers prayer, to you all flesh shall come.**
[3] Our sins are stronger than we are, but you blot out our transgressions.
[4] **Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!**
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.
[5] Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.
[6] **You make firm the mountains by your power; you are girded about with might.**
[7] You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves,
and the clamor of the peoples.
[8] **Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs;**
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.
[9] You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.
[10] **You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;**
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
[11] You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.
[12] **May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.**
[13] May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

[6] The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. [7] Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. [8] And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. [9] As it is written,

"He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever."

[10] He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. [11] You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, [12] for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. [13] Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your partnership with them and with all others, [14] while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. [15] Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life
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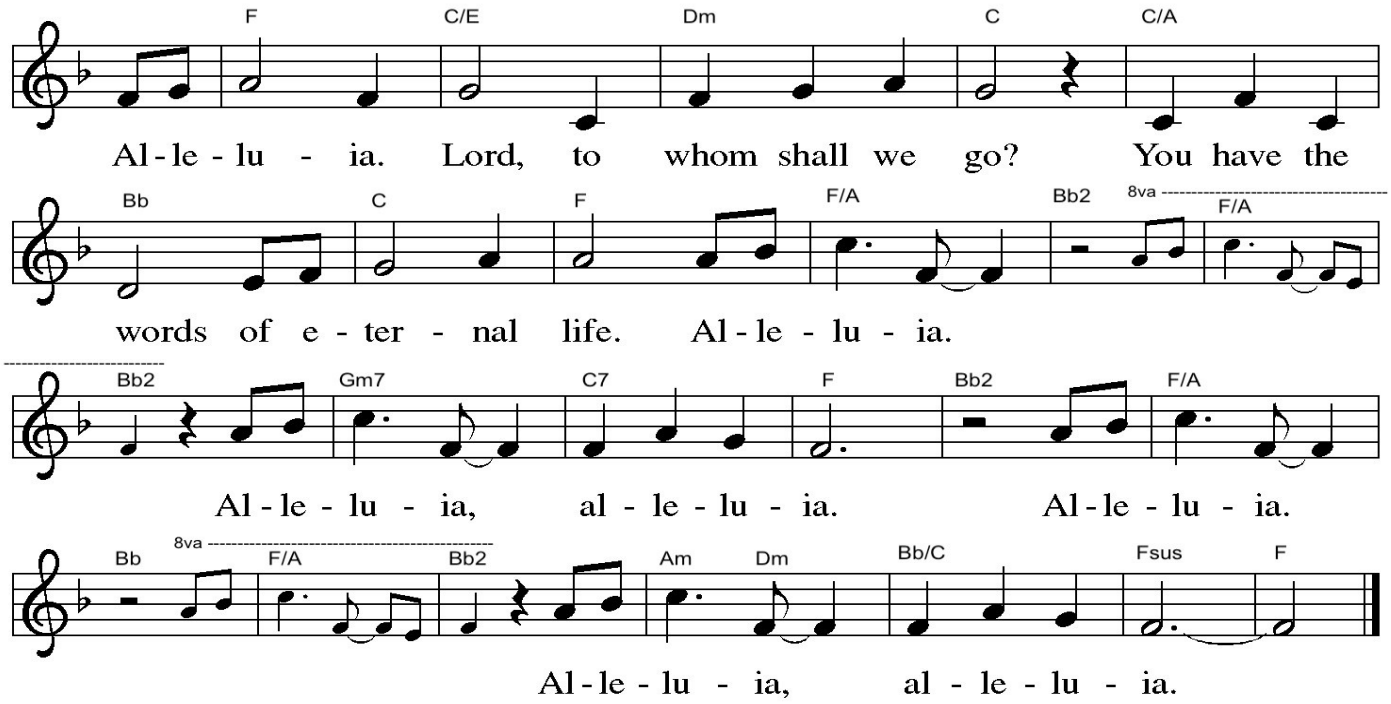
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



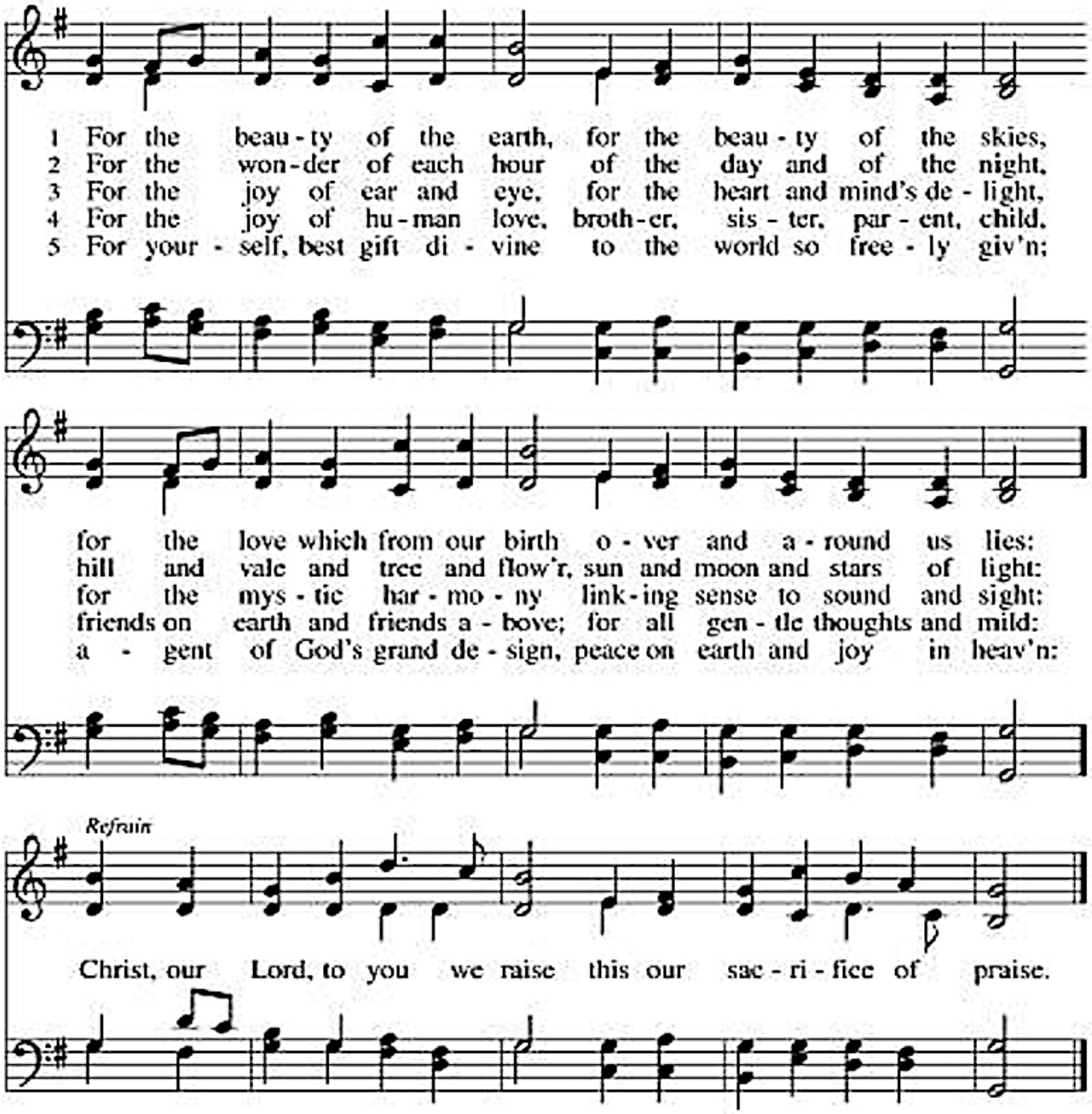
THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

[11] On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. [12] As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, [13] they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” [14] When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. [15] Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. [16] He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. [17] Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? [18] Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” [19] Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: For the Beauty of the Earth



HOMILY: Pastor Paul

CONFESSION OF FAITH - APOSTLES' CREED

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Response: Hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE:

SPECIAL MUSIC: Bill Vollinger: Thank You, Lord

OFFERING

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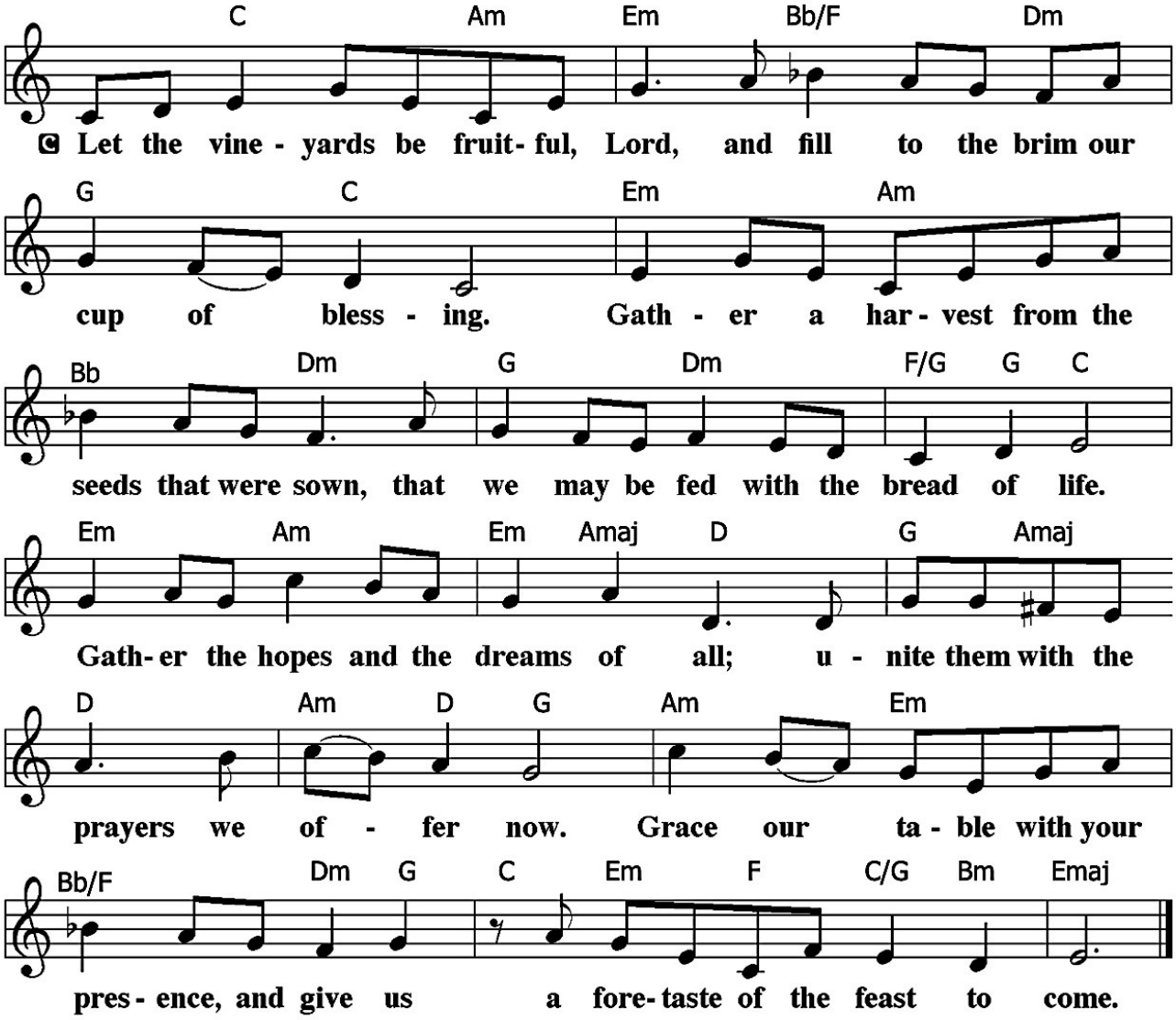


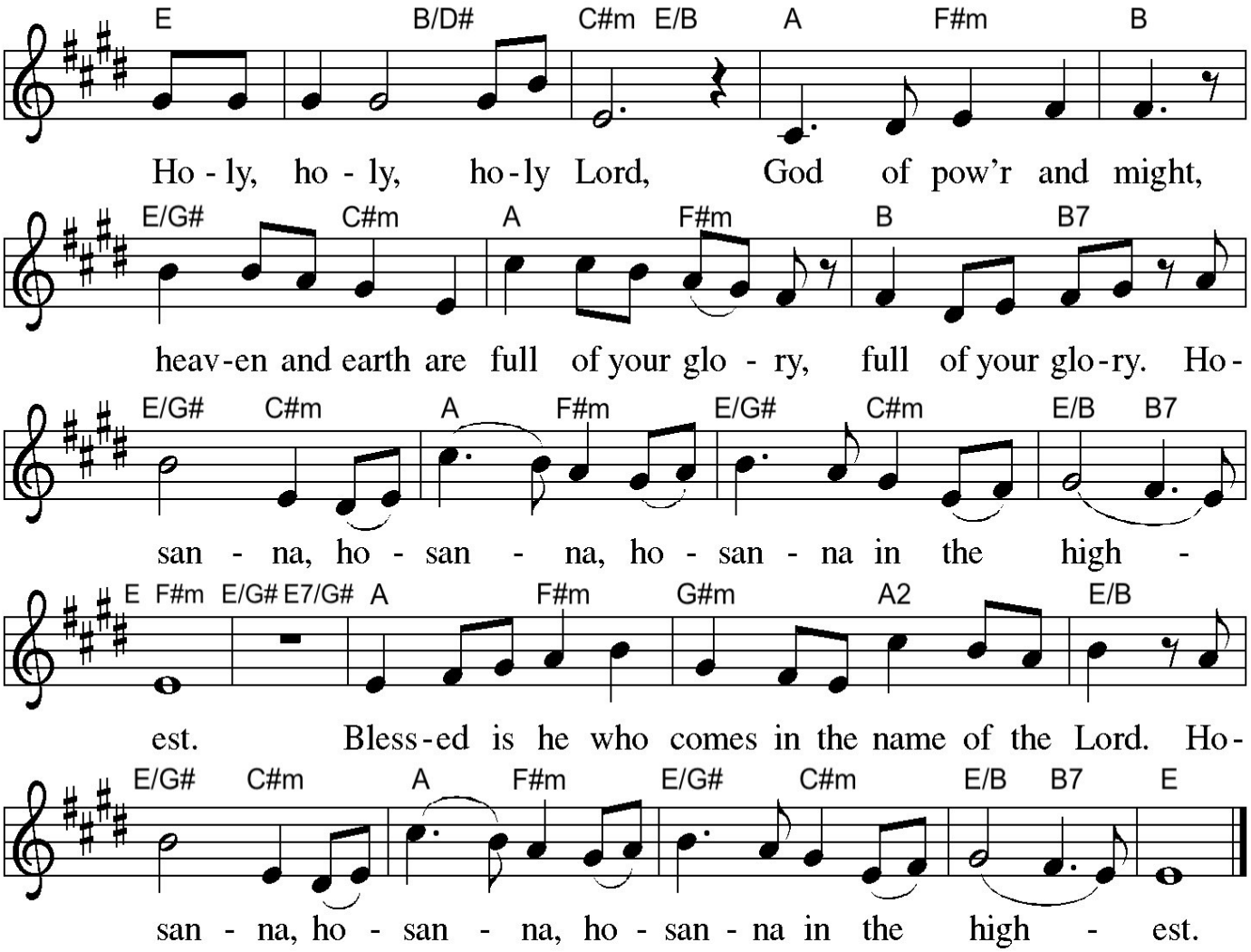
ALL: Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE FOR THE SEASON

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

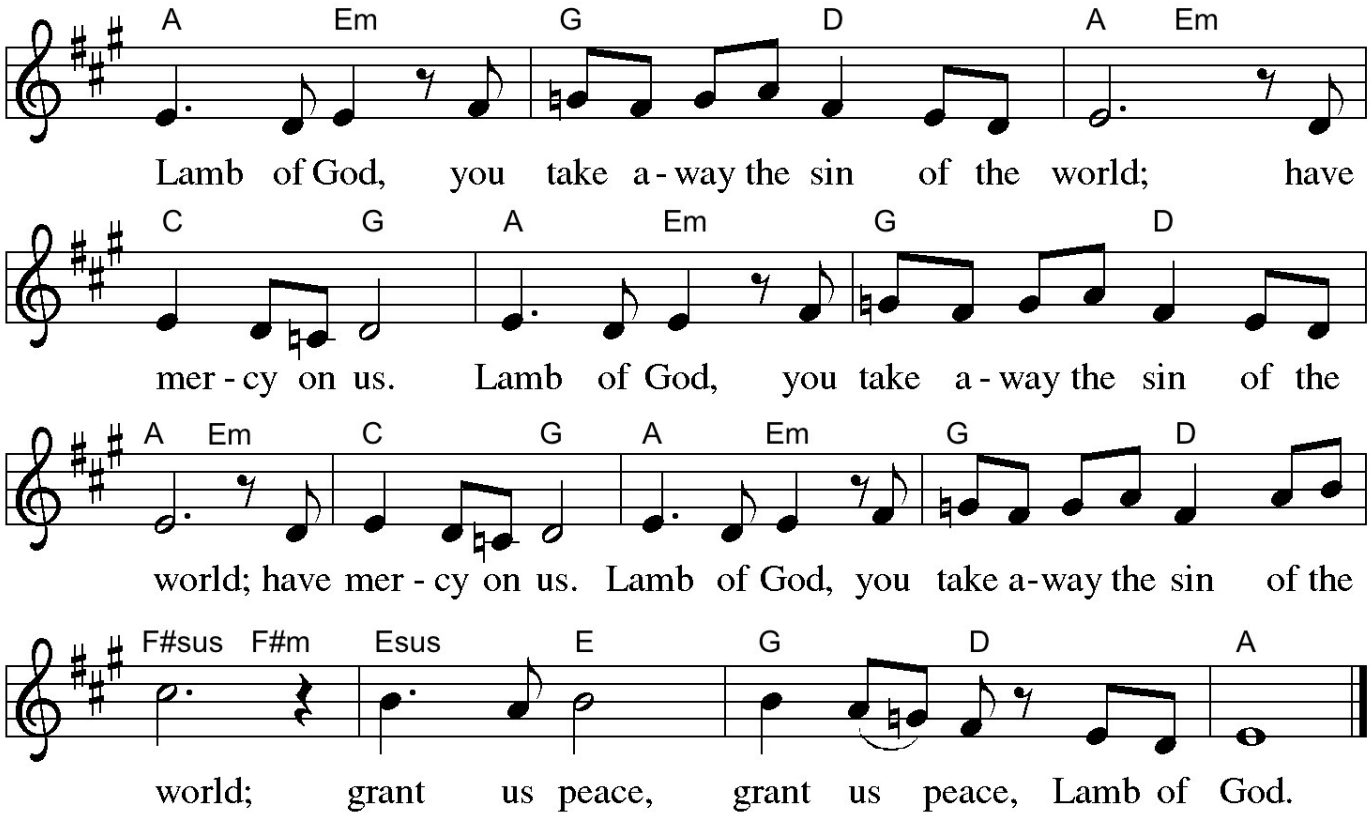
….proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

At conclusion of Eucharistic Prayer ….

People: Amen

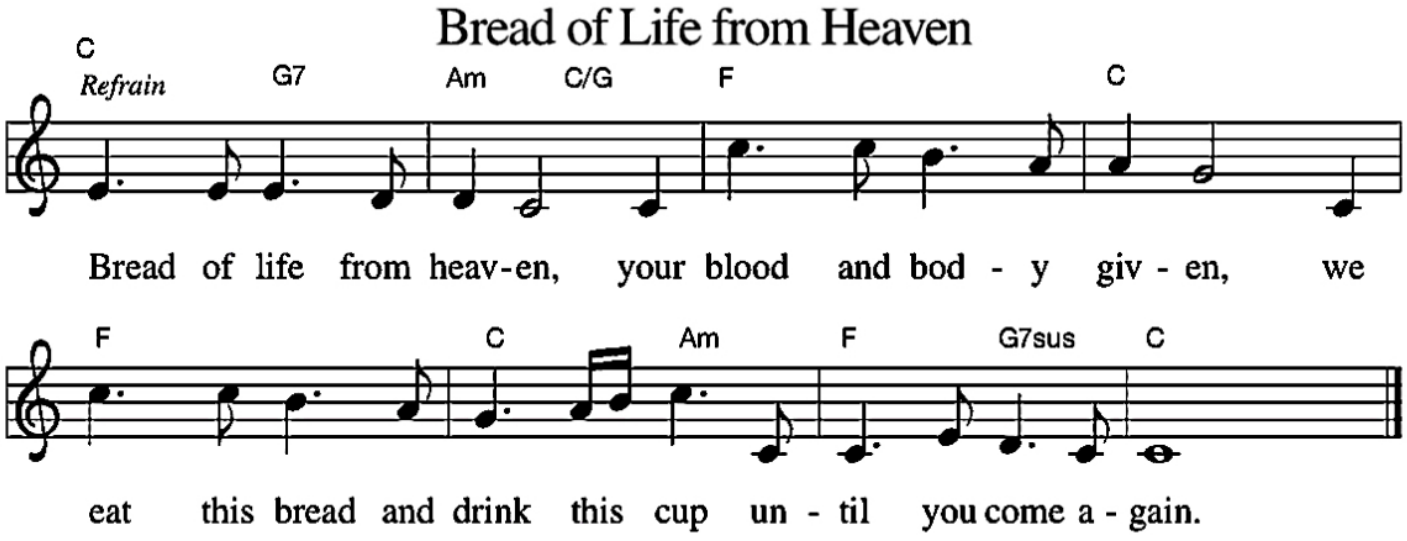
THE LORD'S PRAYER



DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

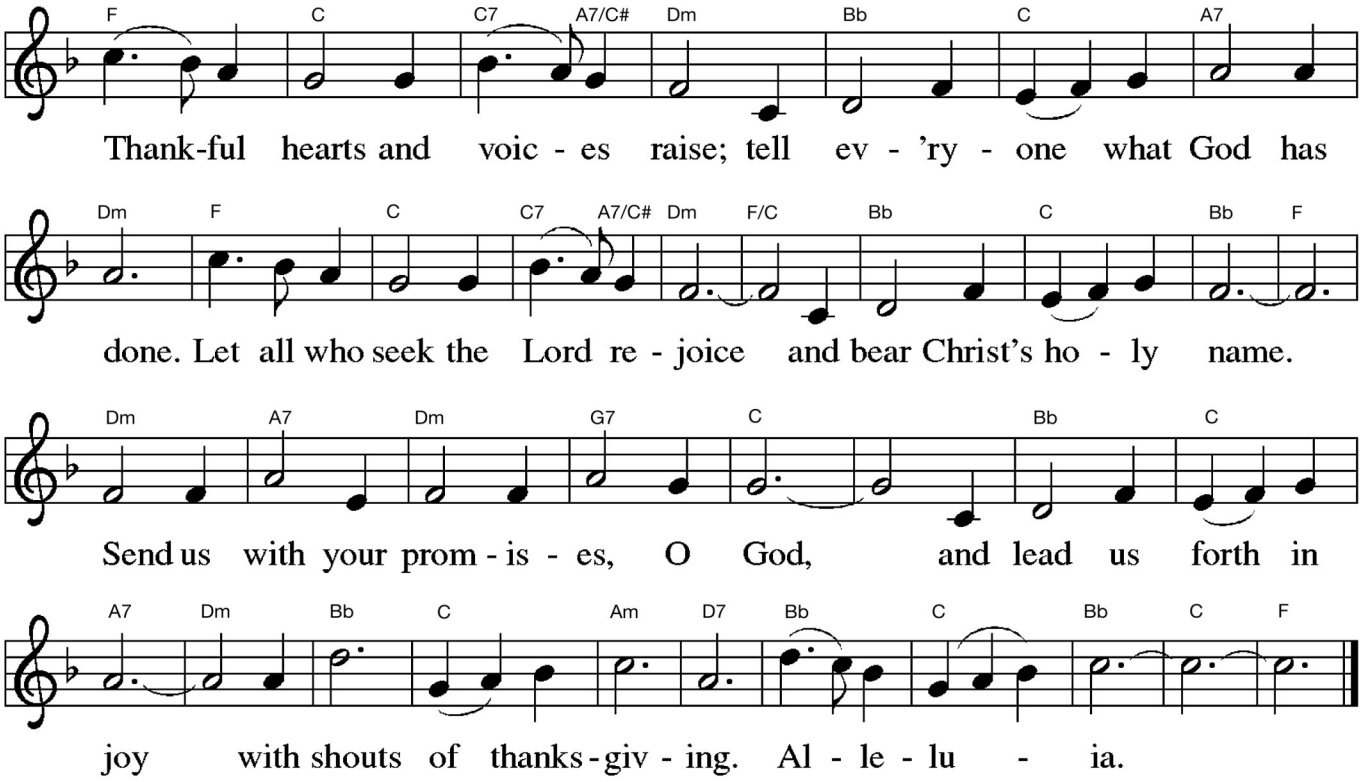


COMMUNION HYMN: Bread of Life from Heaven



COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His Grace! **Amen.**



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

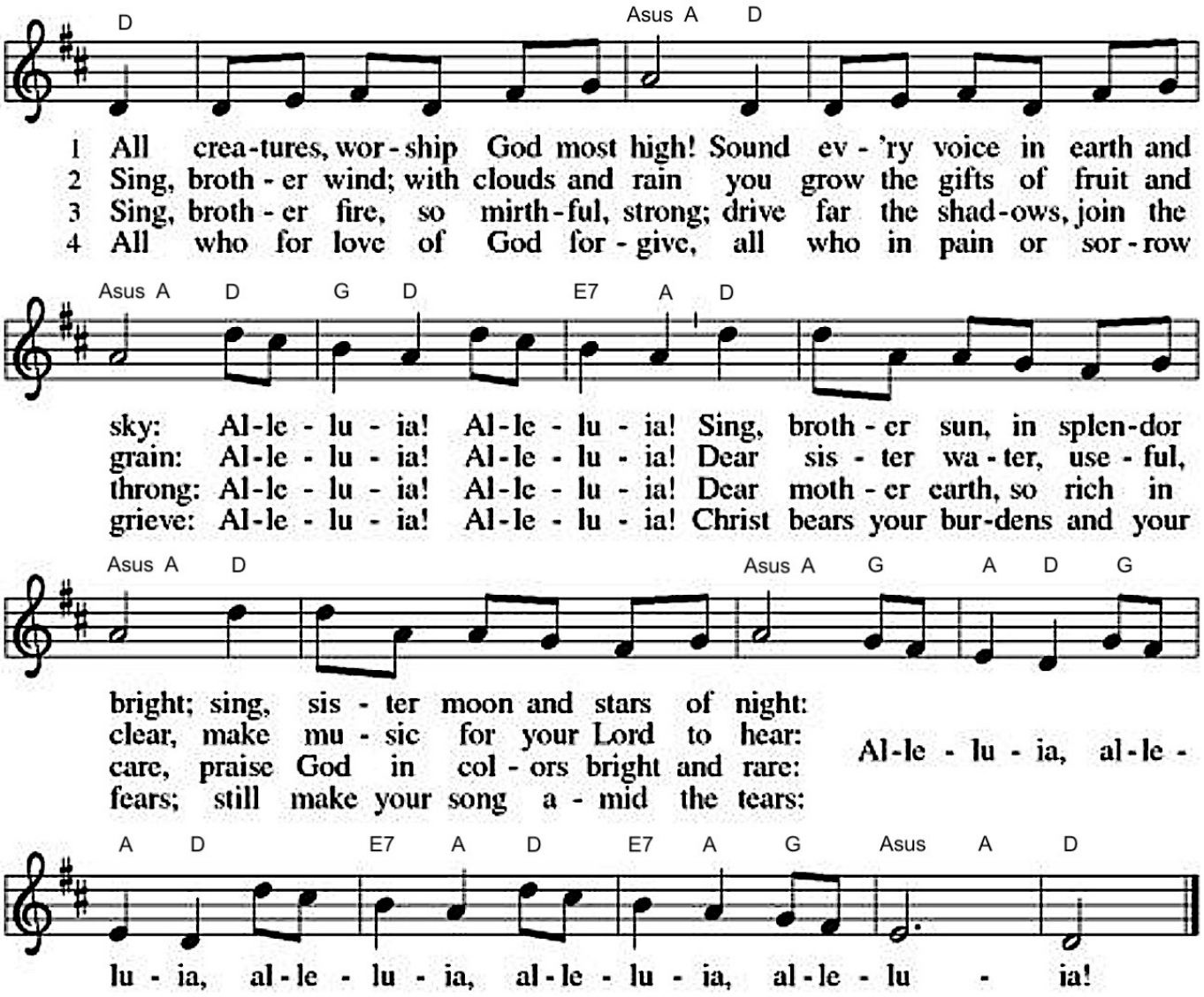
Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: All Creatures, Worship God Most High!



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another.

THANKS BE TO GOD.


Go Now
in Peace