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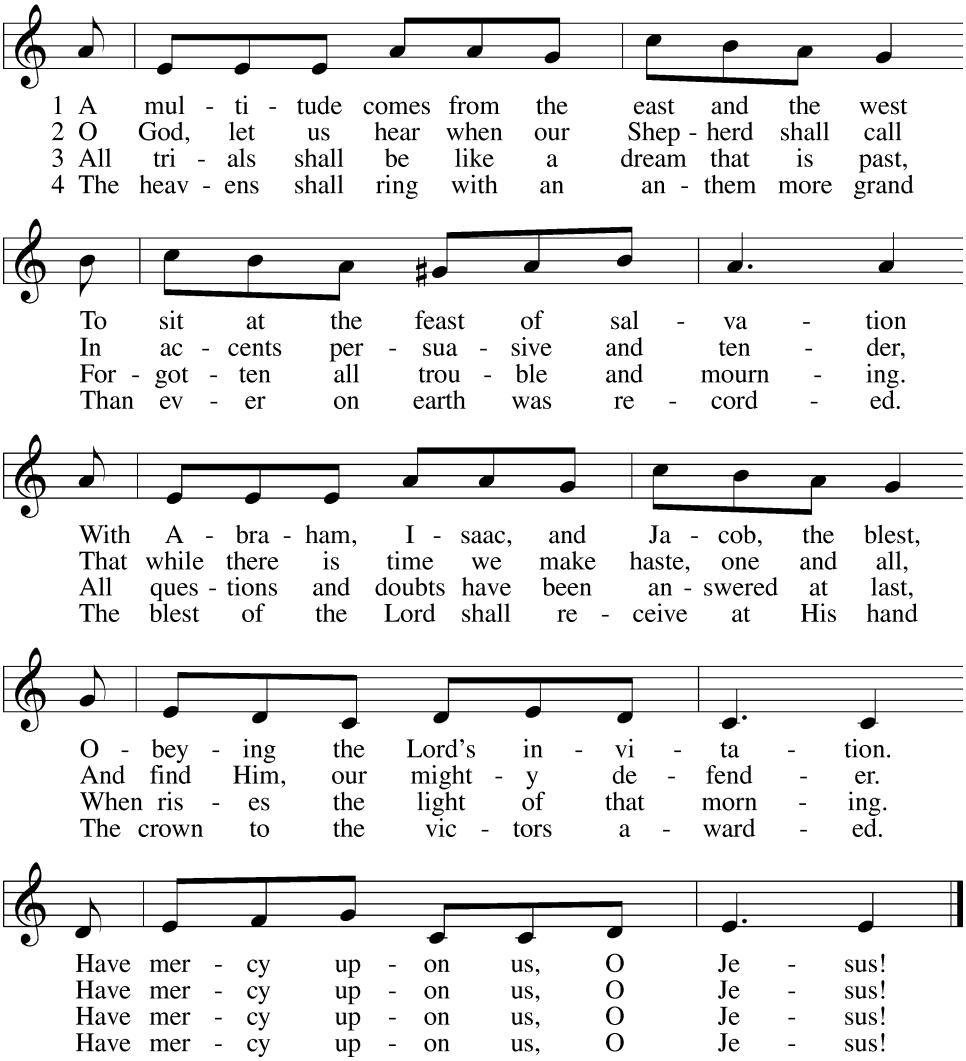
Last Sunday of the Church Year
November 22, 2026



The Final Judgment

Matthew 25:31-46

510 A Multitude Comes from the East and the West



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Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and**

eternal punishment. 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 Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✣ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Stand

Service of the Word

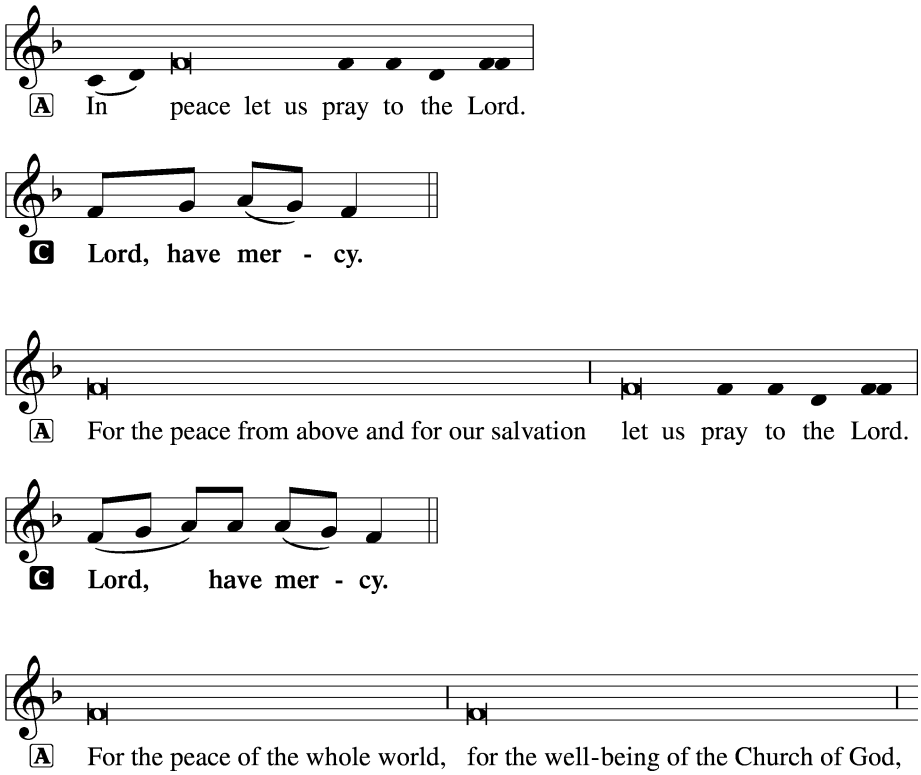
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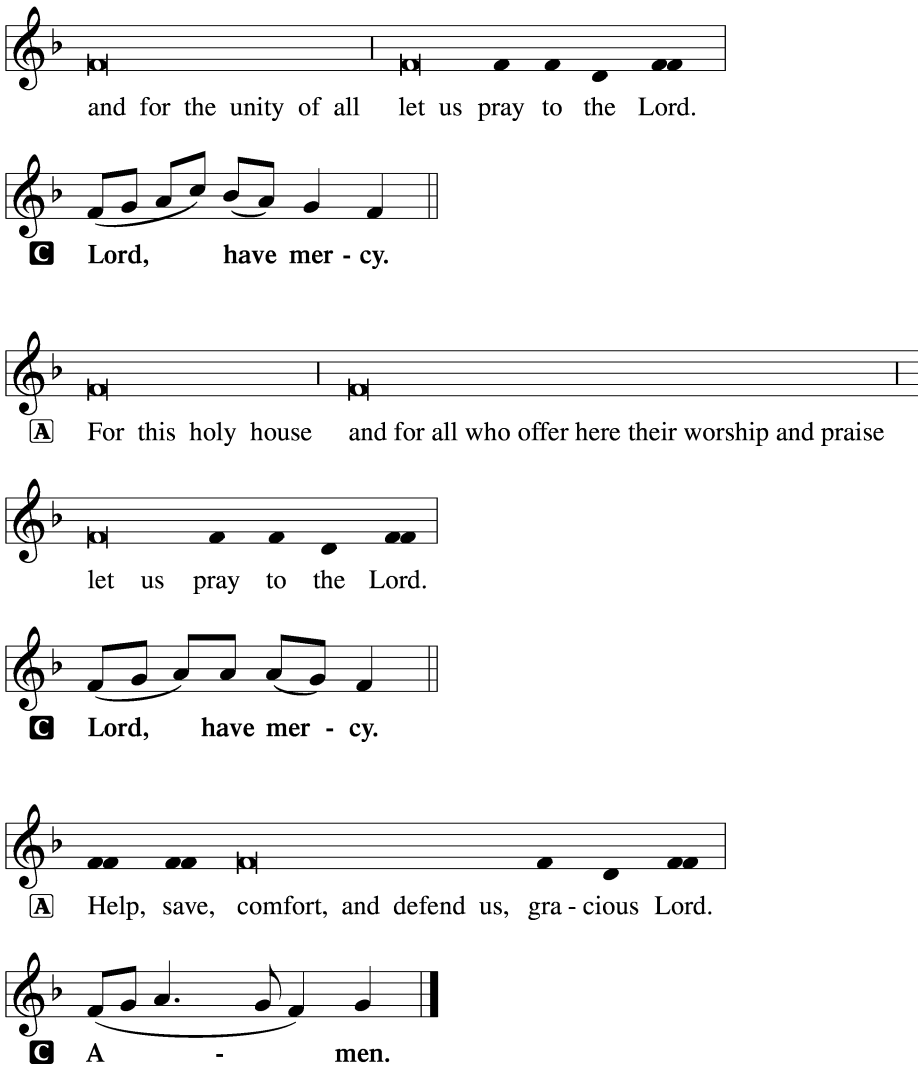
Psalm 39:4–5a, 7–8, 12; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13 NIV

In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a | new earth,*
the home of | righteousness.
O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my days;*
let me know how fleeting | I am!
Behold, you have made my days a few | handbreadths,*
and my lifetime is as nothing be- | fore you.
And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?*
My hope | is in you.
Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.*
Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!
Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace | at my tears!*
For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my | fathers.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
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Kyrie

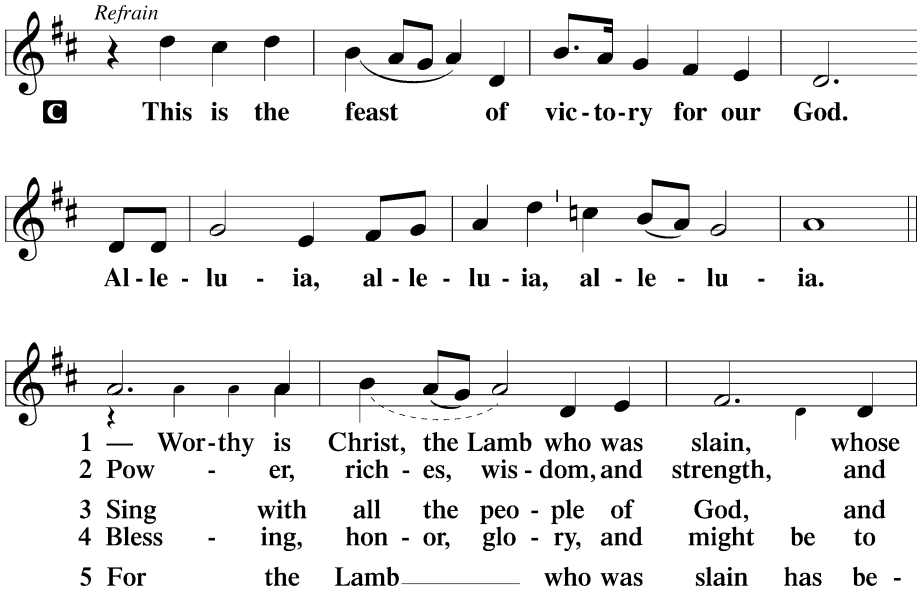
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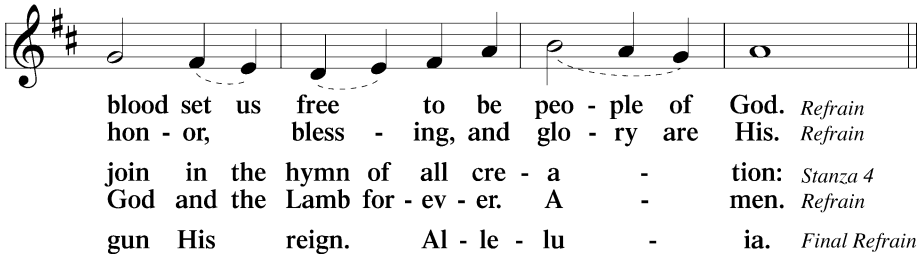


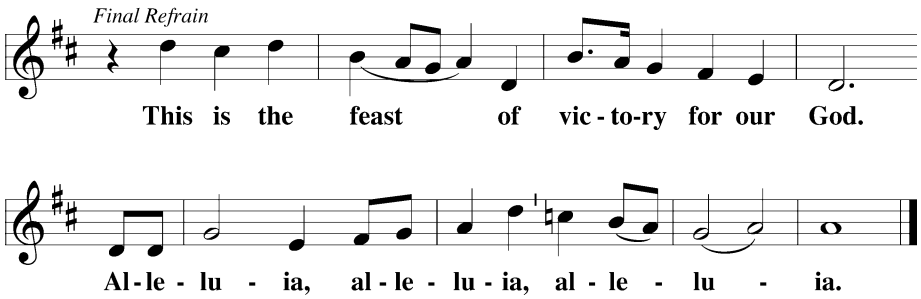


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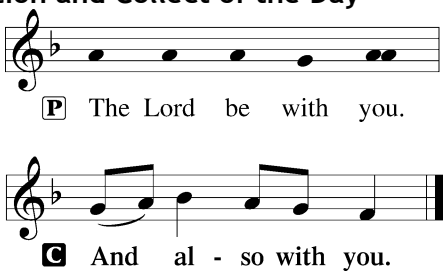
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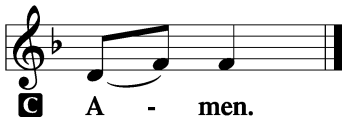






Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.
Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

11"For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. 12As a shepherd
seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue
them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13And I will bring them out
from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on
the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. 14I will feed them with good
pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing
land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. 15I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I
myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. 16I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I
will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in
justice. . . .
20"Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean
sheep. 21Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered
them abroad, 22I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. 23And
I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their
shepherd. 24And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I
have spoken."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.
Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,*
in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:20–28

20But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21For as by a man
came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. 22For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be
made alive. 23But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. 24Then
comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and
power. 25For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26The last enemy to be destroyed is death.
27For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain
that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. 28When all things are subjected to him, then the Son
himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

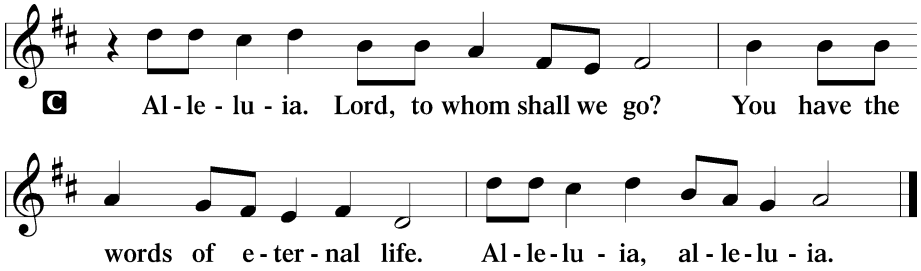
A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

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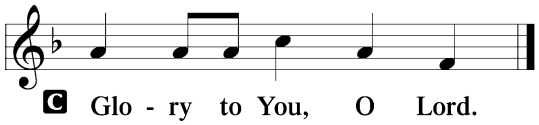
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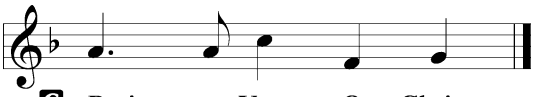
Matthew 25:31–46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.



31[Jesus said:] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious
throne. 32Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd
separates the sheep from the goats. 33And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. 34Then the King
will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the
foundation of the world. 35For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a
stranger and you welcomed me, 36I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and
you came to me.' 37Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or
thirsty and give you drink? 38And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? 39And
when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' 40And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did
it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'
41"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and
his angels. 42For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, 43I was a stranger and
you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44Then they
also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and
did not minister to you?' 45Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least
of these, you did not do it to me.' 46And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

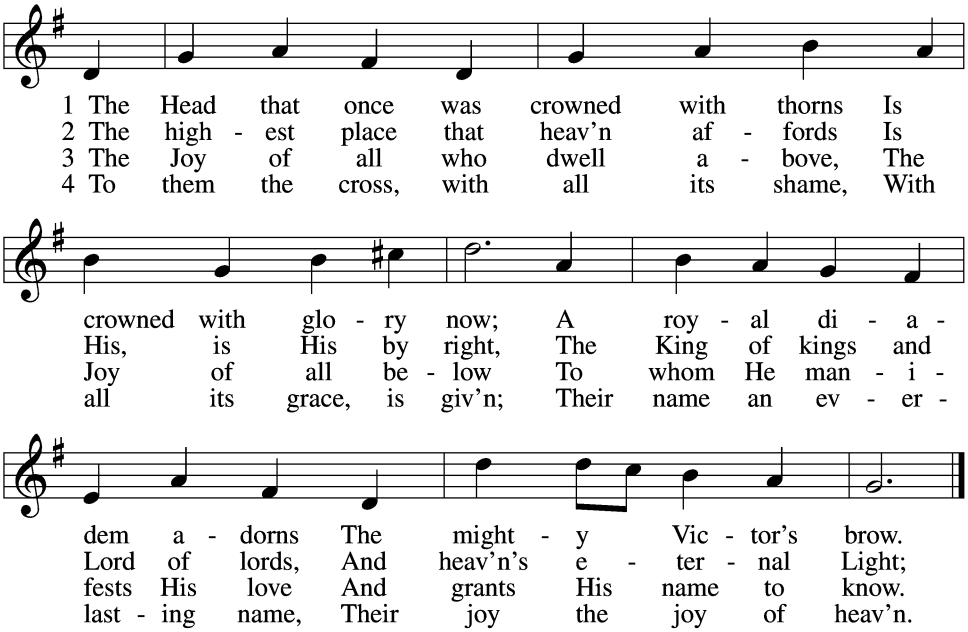
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

532 The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns



5 They suffer with their Lord below,
  They reign with Him above,
Their profit and their joy to know
  The myst'ry of His love.

6 The cross He bore is life and health,
  Though shame and death to Him:
His people's hope, His people's wealth,
  Their everlasting theme.

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Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God,**
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

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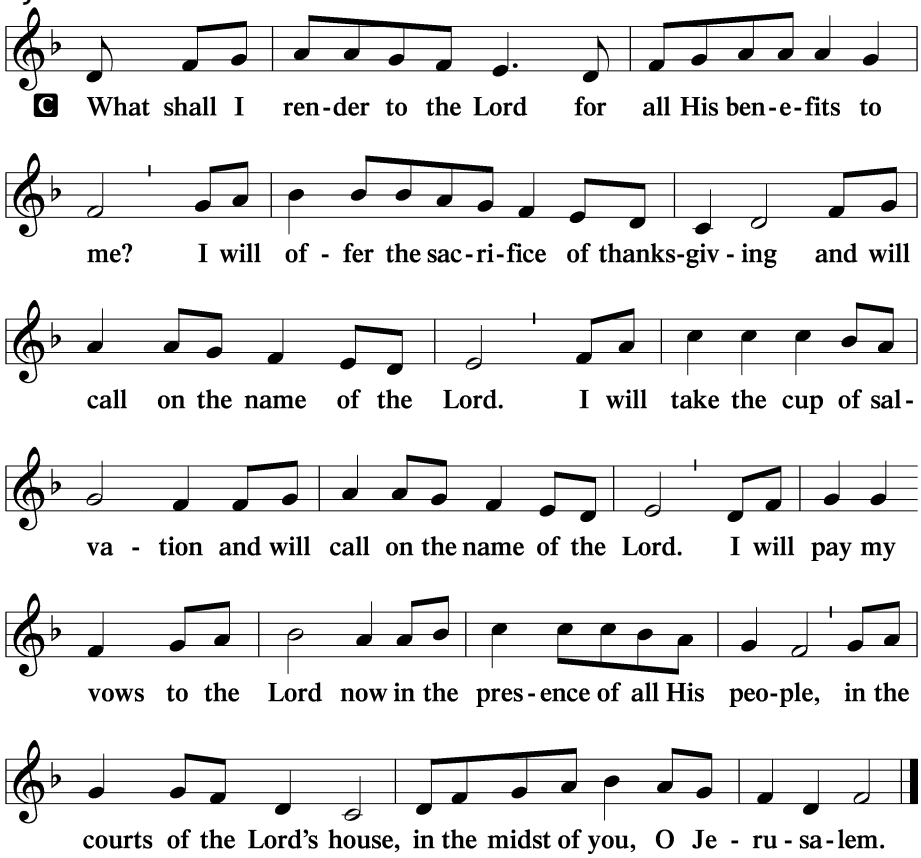
Offering

"Come Ye Thankful People, Come"
Adult Choir

Stand

Offertory
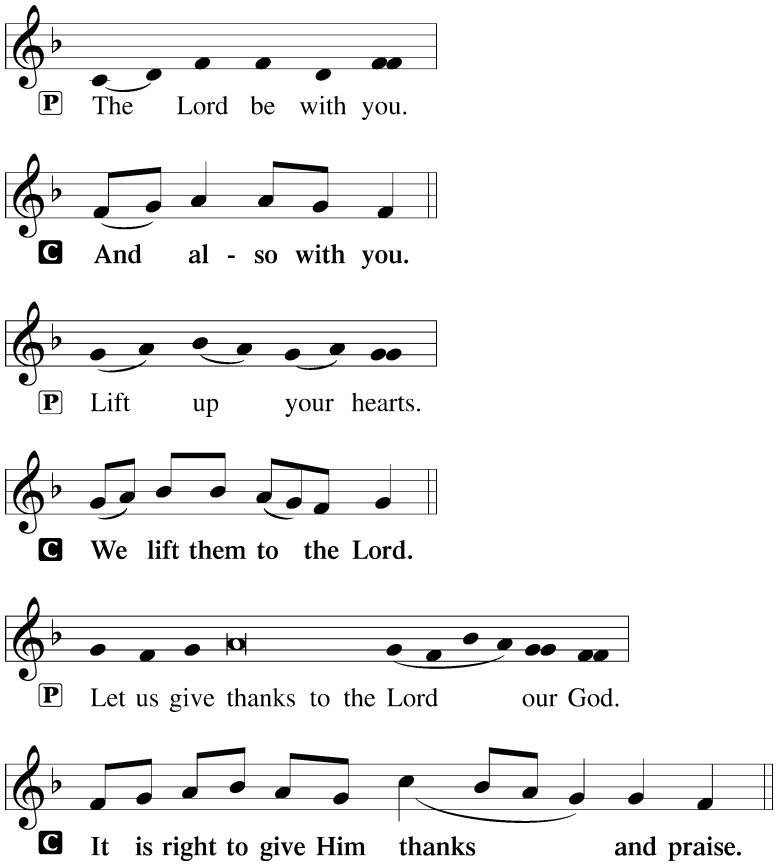
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Service of the Sacrament

Preface

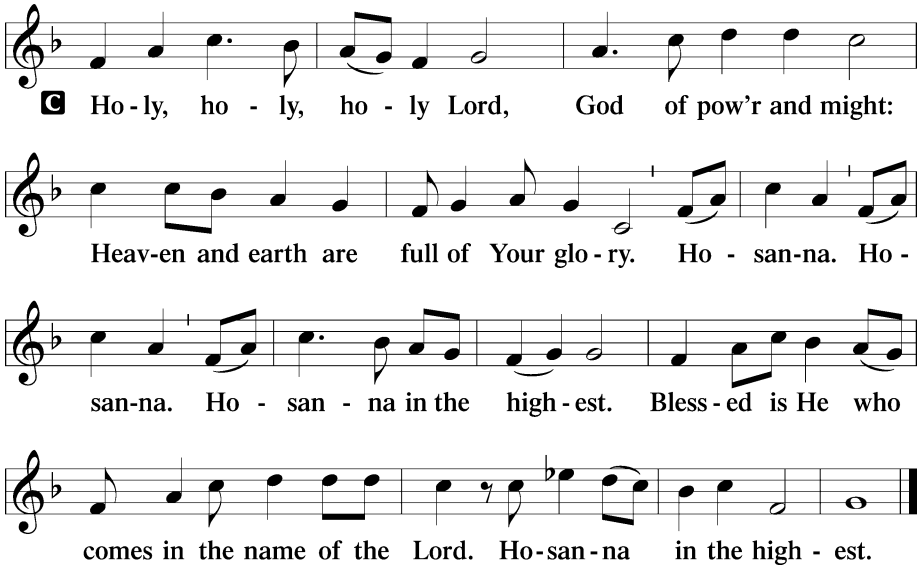
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P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

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P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage

feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer *LSB 162*

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

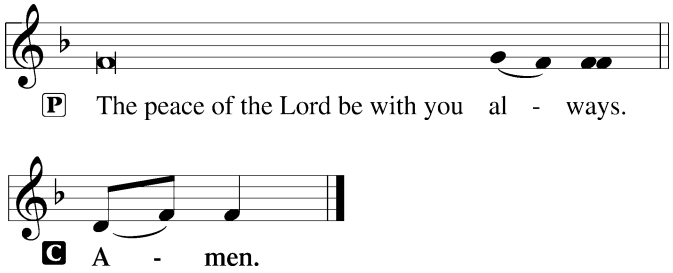
C **Our Father who art in heaven,**
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is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

The Words of Our Lord

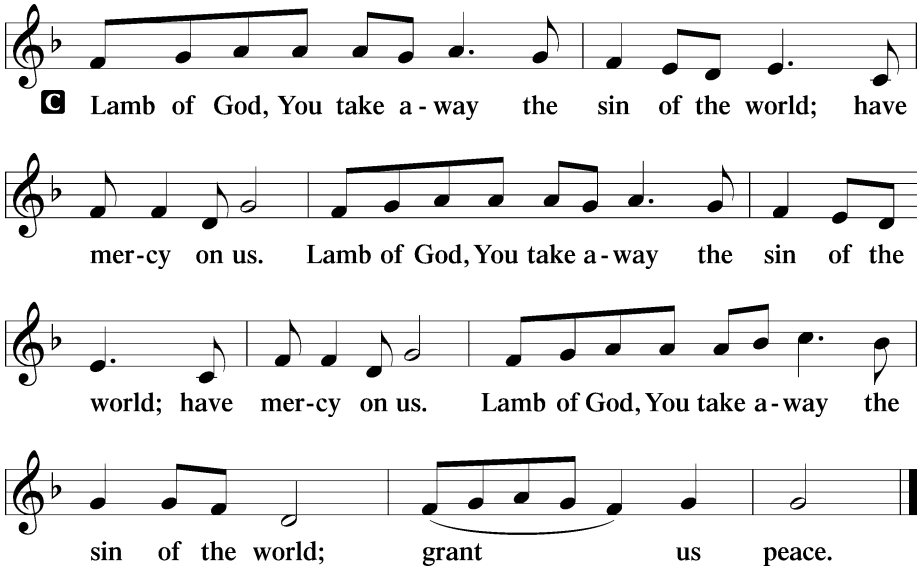
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini *LSB 163*



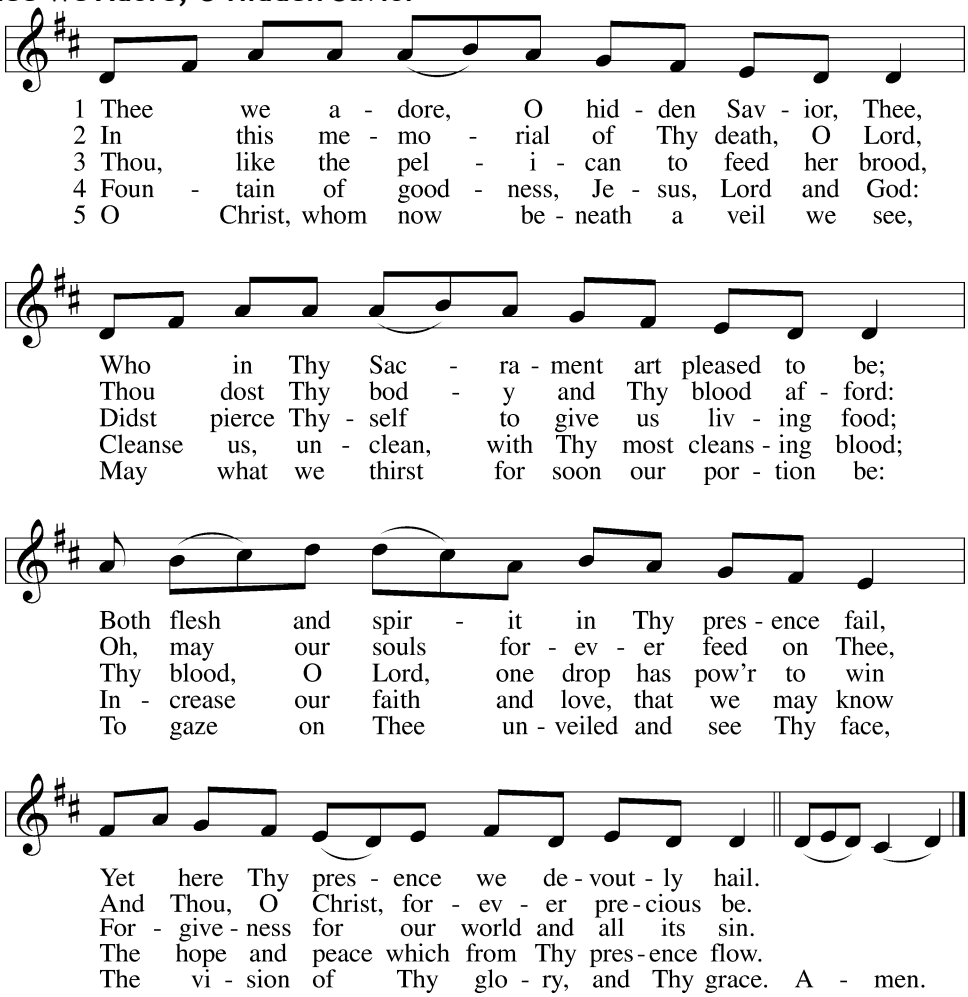
Agnus Dei *LSB 163*



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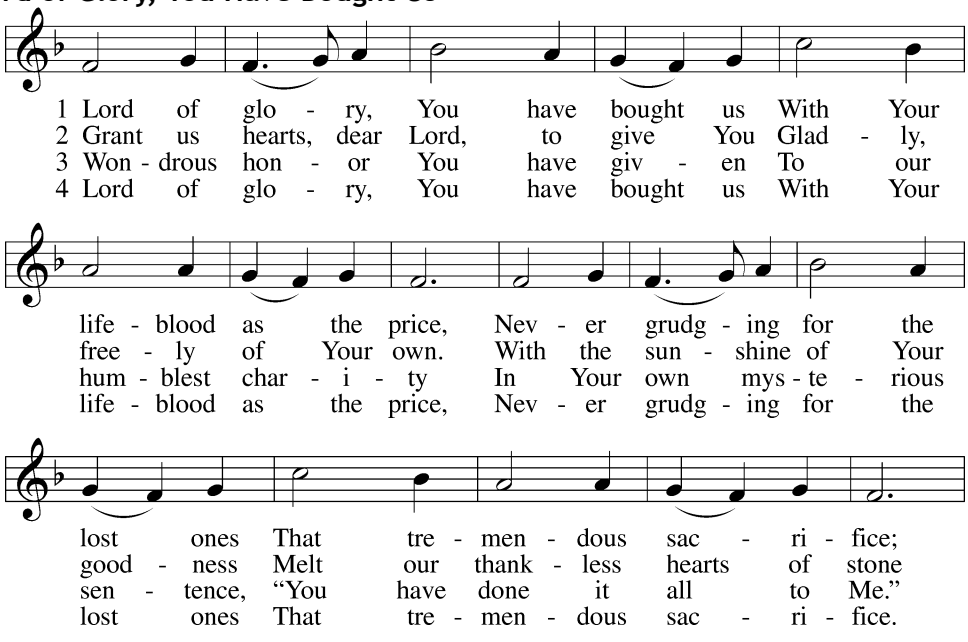
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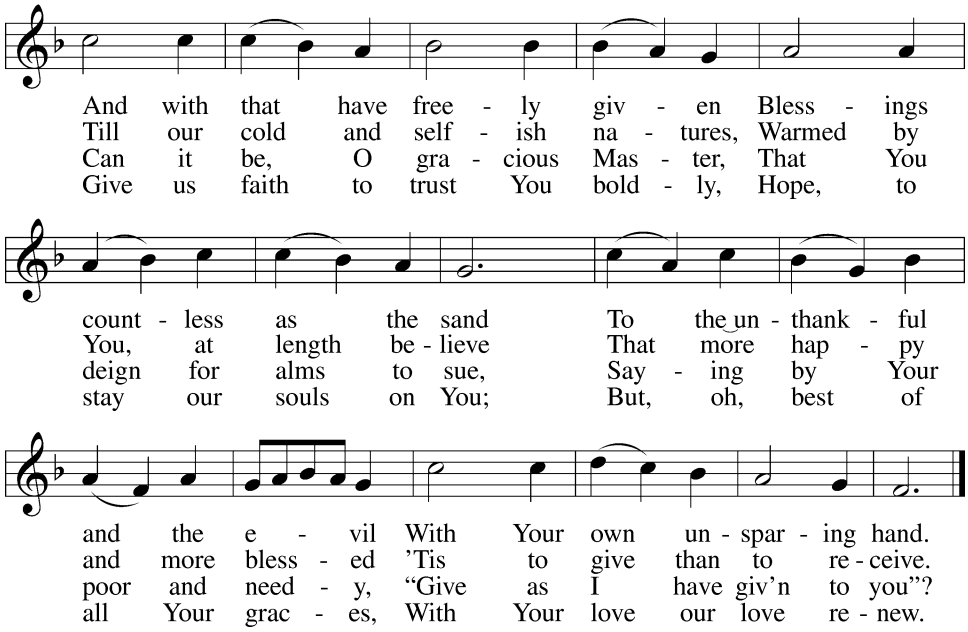
640 Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior



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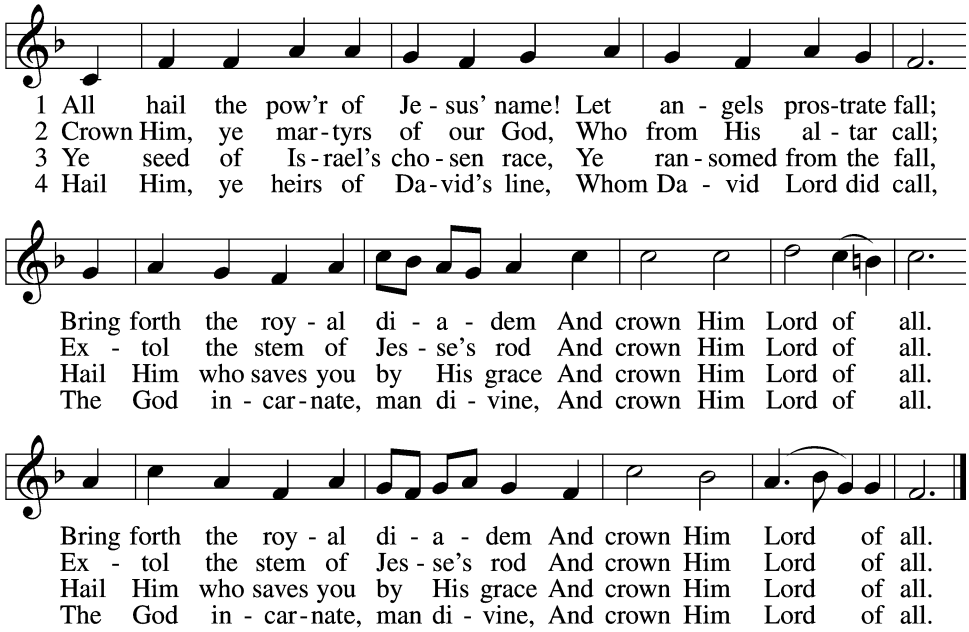
851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us





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549 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all.
Go, spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all.
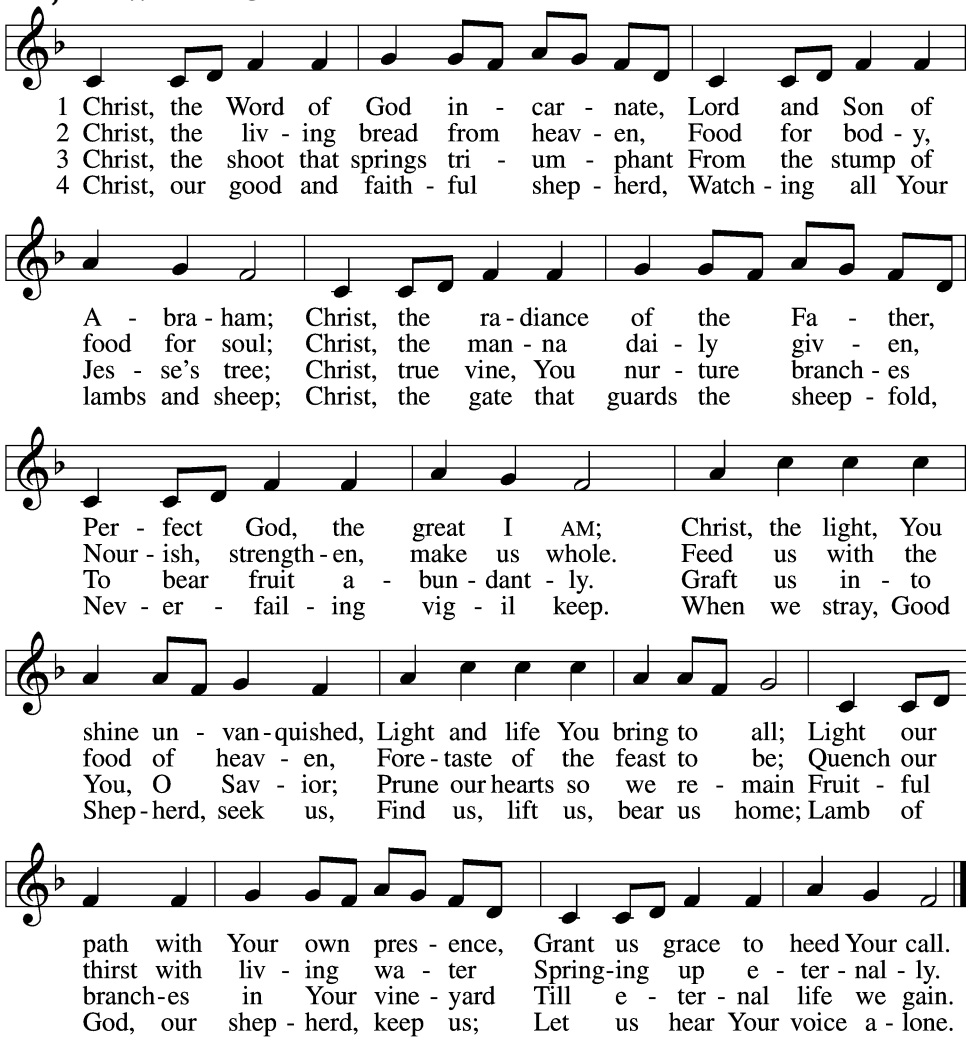
6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song

And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.

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540 Christ, the Word of God Incarnate



5 Christ, the way that leads unfailing
To the Father's home on high,
Christ, the truth that frees the captive,
Christ, the life that cannot die.
Mediator to the Father,
Sacrifice and great High Priest:
Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions,
There to share Your wedding feast.

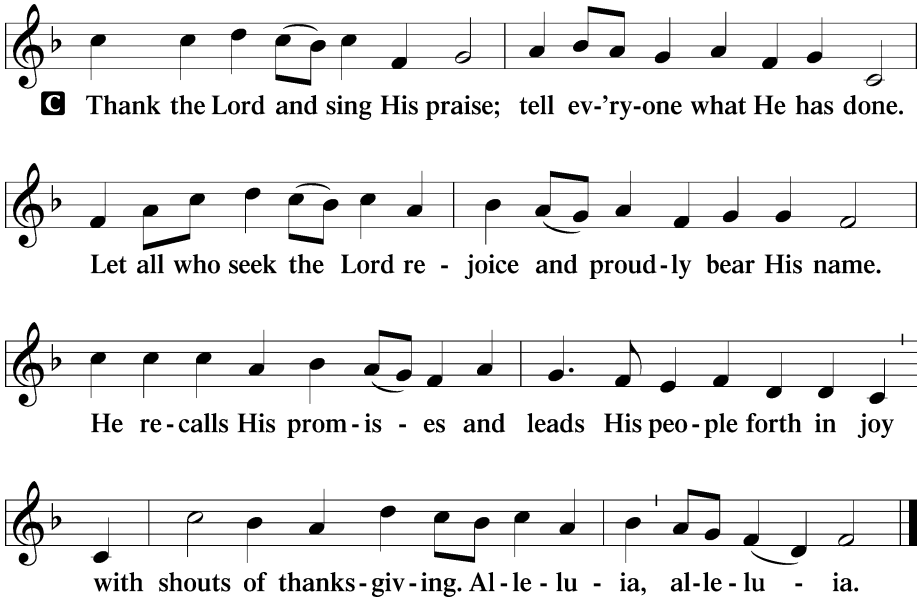
△ 6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega,
Christ, the firstborn from the dead,
Christ, the life and resurrection,
Christ, the Church's glorious head:
Praise and thanks and adoration
And unending worship be
To the Father and the Spirit
And to You eternally.

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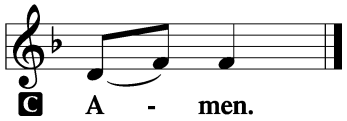
Thank the Lord

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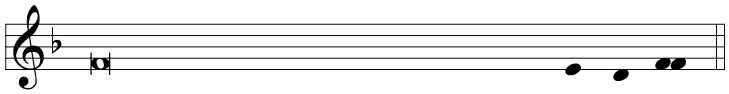
Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
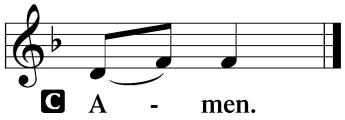


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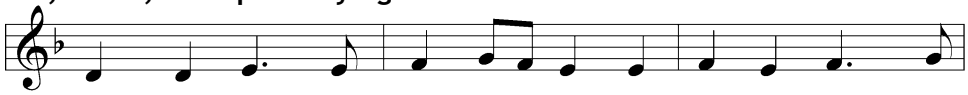
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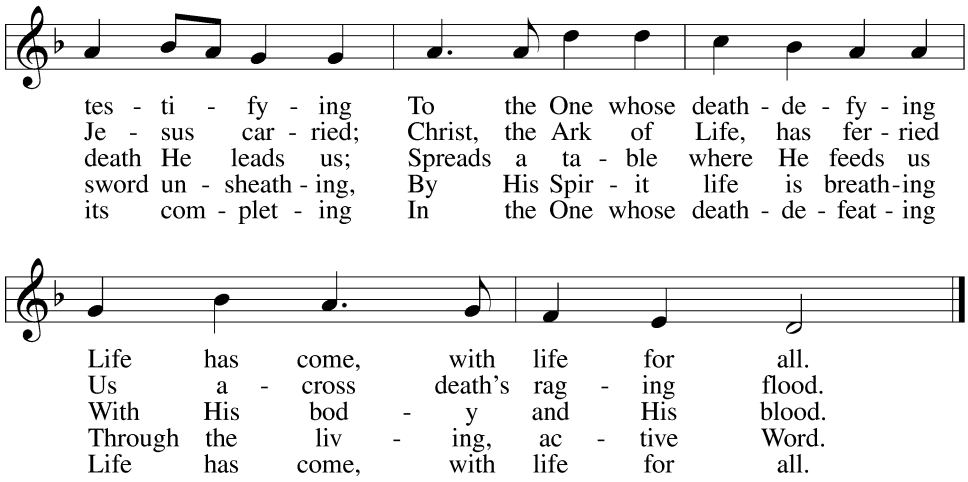
P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✢ give you peace.



597 Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying



1 Wa - ter, blood, and Spir - it cry - ing, By their wit - ness
2 In a wa - t'ry grave are bur - ied All our sins that
3 Dark the way, yet Christ pre - cedes us, Past the scowl of
4 Though a - round us death is seeth - ing, God, His two - edged
5 Spir - it, wa - ter, blood en - treat - ing, Work - ing faith and



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