ATONEMENT
LUTHERAN CHURCH

"Sharing the Love of Jesus by Glorifying God and Extending His Kingdom"



First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2026

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Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. Your presence here means a lot to us and to God. We desire your experience to be spiritually enriching and fulfilling. Come celebrate with us **each Sunday** and discover God's love.

SERVICE TIMES

10:30 a.m. Service with Holy Communion

Watch us on the Livestream at: www.discoveralc.com

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Preaching & Presiding	Pastor Scott Lindner
Assisting Minister	Steve Colson
Reader	Roy Caffey
Keyboardist	Ken Hanks
Contemporary Music Director	Brian Lindner
Celebration Choir Director	Sally Schaefer
IT/ Live Stream	Scott Giesking
Music Technician	Su Lindner

WELCOME STATEMENT:

We are called by Jesus to love God and one another, and to accept, welcome, and embrace all people without exceptions.

We commit to social and racial equity, creating a safe, supportive worship space, and making inclusivity a reality for our community.

We invite you to join us, no matter your race, culture, ethnicity, age, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, education, physical and mental abilities, socioeconomic situation, political affiliation, citizenship status, family status, background, or where you are in your faith journey.

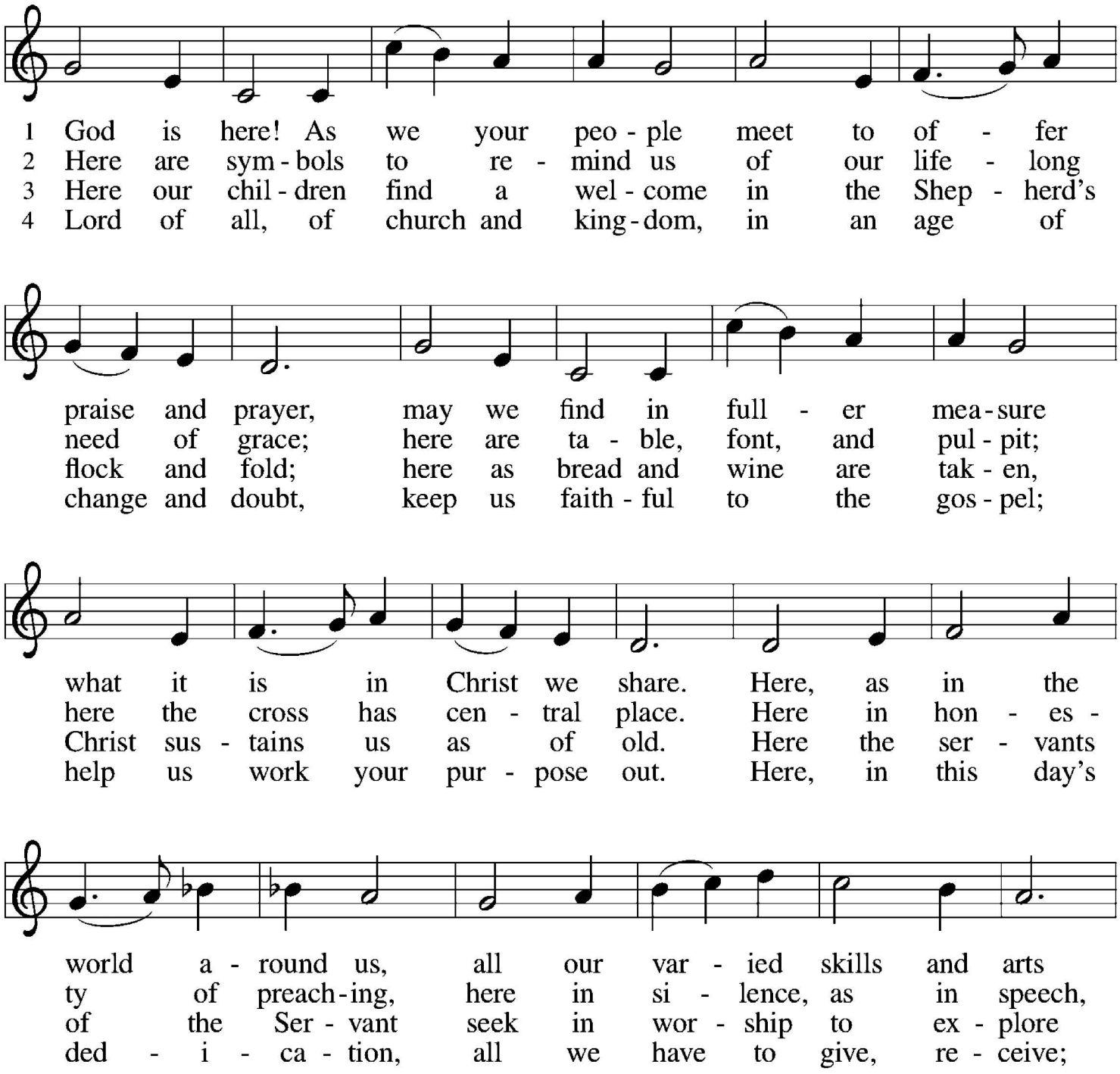
You are a unique and beloved child of God. You are accepted and affirmed just as you are - with all your gifts. Jesus loves you and so do we!

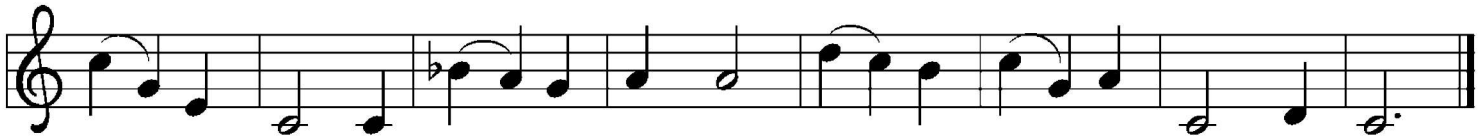
ReconcilingWorks
LUTHERANS FOR FULL PARTICIPATION

WELCOME

PRELUDE: Follow the Star
By M. Sharp

ENTRANCE HYMN: "God is Here"





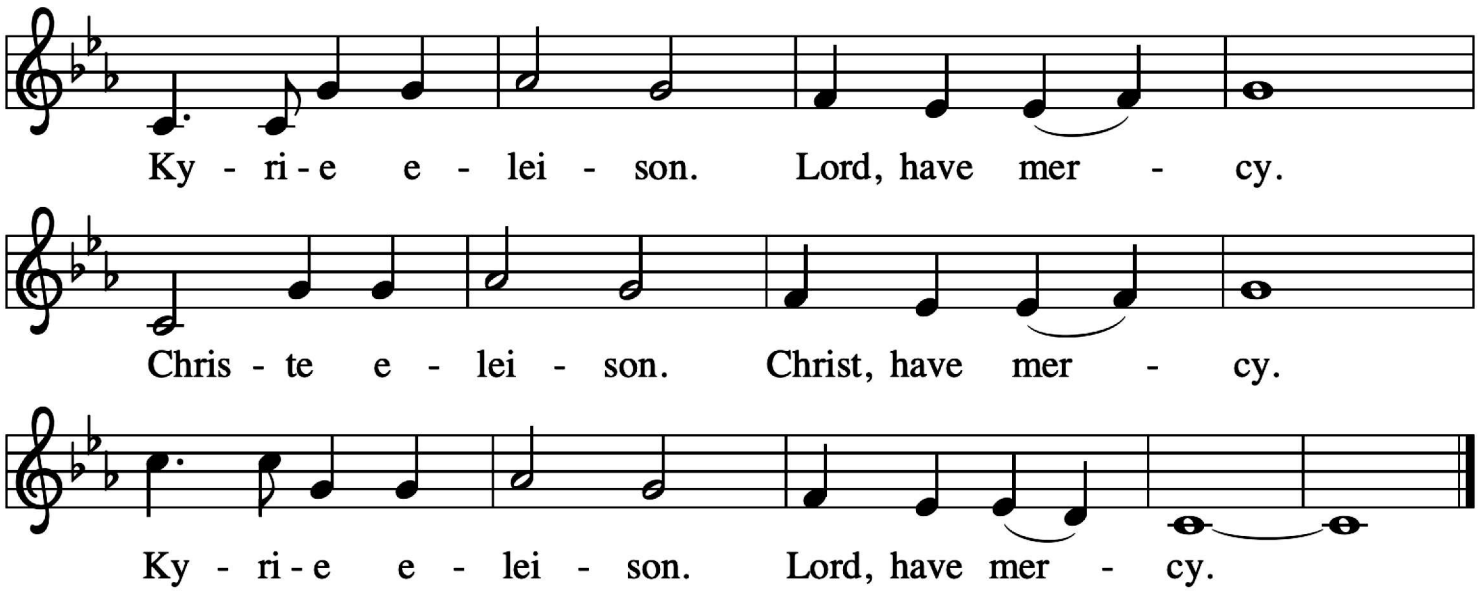
GATHERING

When all are gathered the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

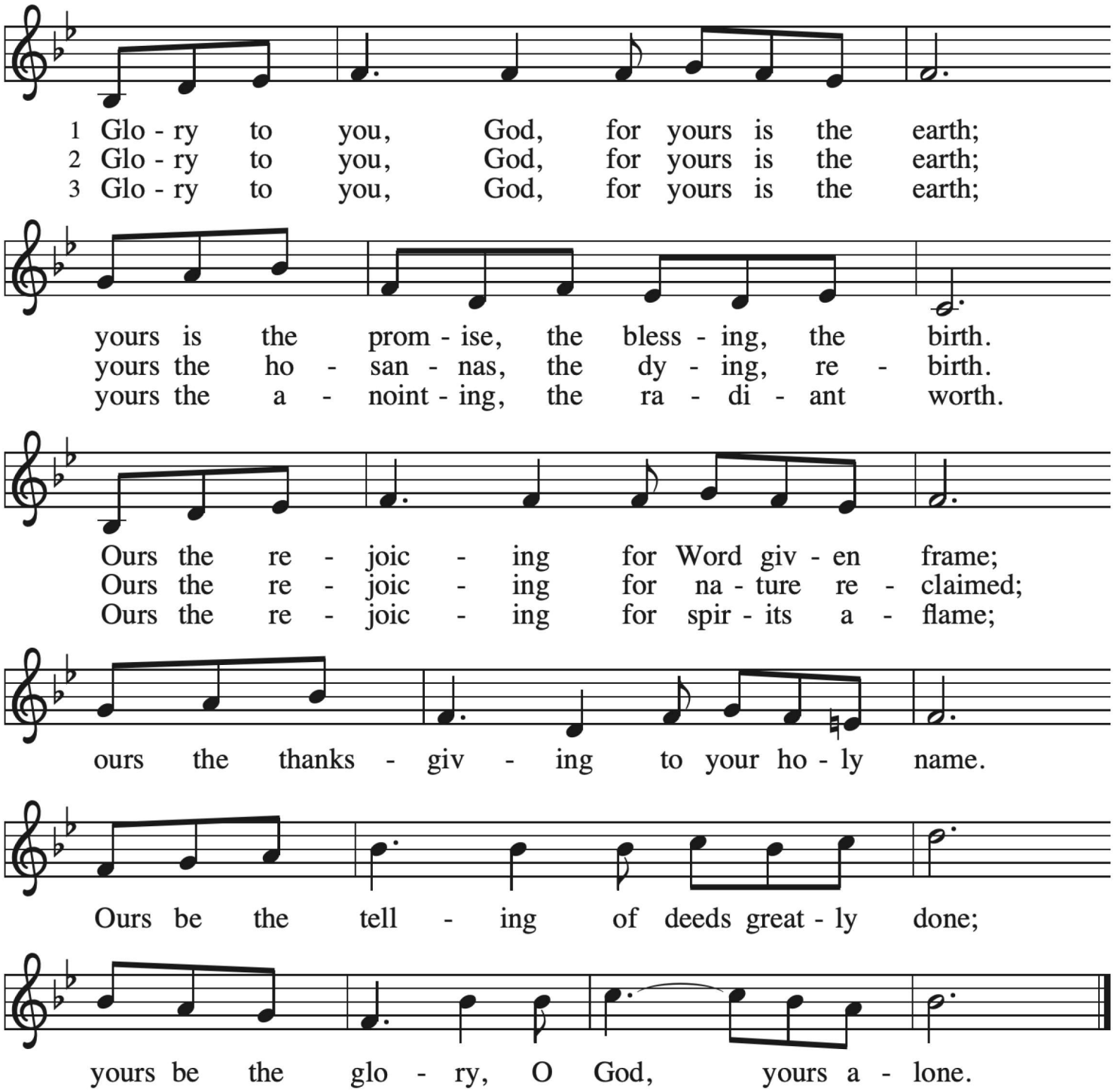
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE



GLORY TO YOU, GOD



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT/SUNDAY SCHOOL

READER: Roy Caffey

FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1-9

1 O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
2 as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
3 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence.
4 From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
5 You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
6 We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
7 There is no one who calls on your name
or attempts to take hold of you,
for you have hidden your face from us
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
8 Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
9 Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God.**

PSALM 80: 1-7, 17-19

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.
3 Restore us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
4 O Lord God of hosts,
how long will your anger fume when your people pray?
5 You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
7 Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
17 Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one you have made so strong for yourself.
18 And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.
19 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

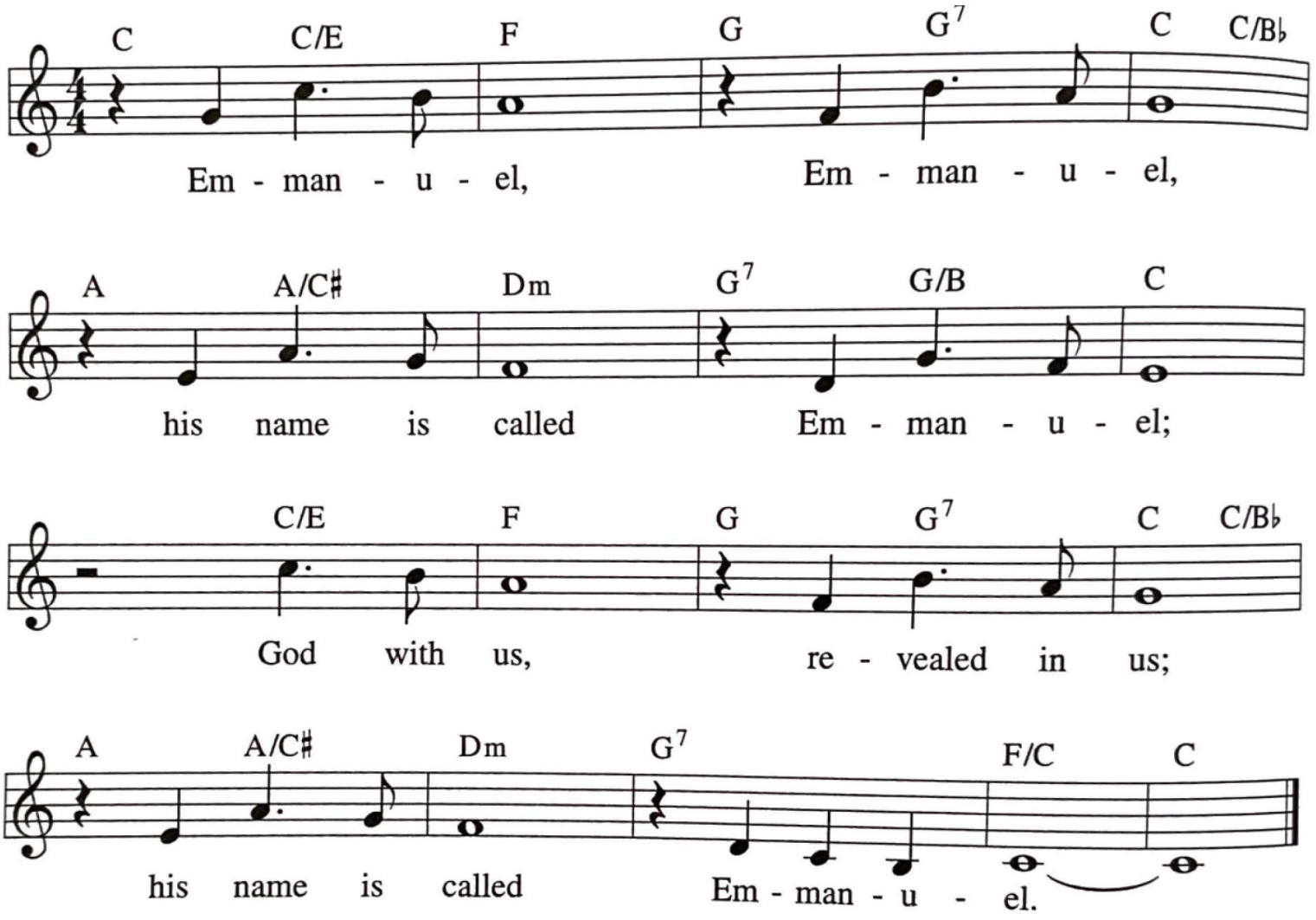
SECOND READING: **1 Corinthians 1: 3-9**

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5 for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—6 just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—7 so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8 He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Emmanuel"



GOSPEL: Mark 13: 24-37

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 13th chapter
Glory to you, O Lord

[Jesus said:] 24 "In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
25 and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
26 "Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory.
27 Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

28 “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts
forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So also, when you see these things
taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30 Truly I tell you, this
generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. 31 Heaven and earth
will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

32 “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son,
but only the Father. 33 Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come.
34 It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge,
each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. 35 Therefore, keep
awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at
midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, 36 or else he may find you asleep when he comes
suddenly. 37 And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

ANTHEM: "How Can I Keep From Singing"
by C. Tomlin, M. Redman, & E. Cash

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who calls out to the weary,
whose word endures forever.
Amen.

A voice cries out in the wilderness,
“Make straight the way of the Lord!”
We are called to confess our sin
and turn back toward God’s love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Comforting God,
we are your people,
but we have neglected to call on your name.
We are your people,
but we have not remembered your ways.
We are your people,
but we have forgotten your hold on us.
We are your people,
but now we fade like a leaf,
and our sins, like the wind, take us away.
Restore us as your people.
Cleanse us from our sin,
and clothe us in your righteousness.
Amen.

"Comfort, comfort my people!" says your God,
who has clothed you with the garments of salvation
and wrapped you in the robe of righteousness.
God has given you a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
In the name of ✠ Christ, your sins are forgiven:
Rejoice in the Lord!
Rejoice in the Lord!
Amen. [Thanks be to God!]

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In hope and expectation, we bring to God our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Strengthen your church in this season of anticipation. Nourish all people who gather around word and water, bread and cup. Reassure any whose faith feels dry that you are always near. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Come and restore the earth. Give rest to weary lands and renewed life to species at risk. Make us wise stewards of the places we call home. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Bring peace among all nations and communities. Embolden leaders to seek creative and sustainable resolutions to war and conflict. Show us new possibilities in places where peace has been elusive (especially). God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Sustain all who are heavy with weariness, grief, illness, or worry (especially). Comfort families who are estranged from one another and any who are separated from loved ones. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Inspire liturgists, preachers, musicians, and all who lead our worship and prayer. May we be prepared as we await Christ's coming this Advent season. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You embrace all the saints from the far reaches of the earth. We remember with care all who have died and now abide in their eternal home. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

We entrust these and the prayers of our hearts to you, most holy God, in the name of Christ Jesus our Savior.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

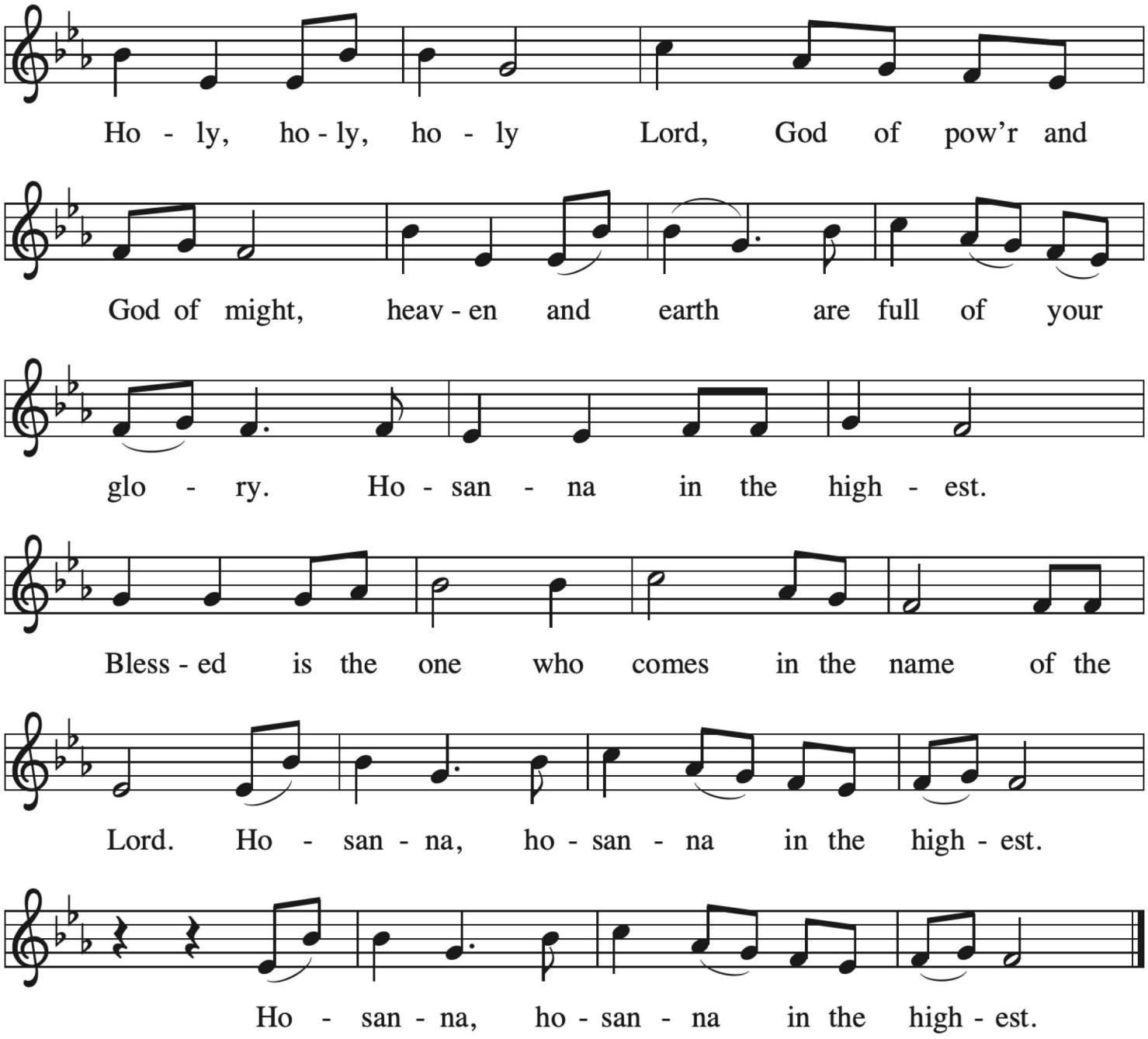
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The ministers make ready the bread and wine.

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 our thanks and praise.

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.
You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.
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



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.
Come, Lord Jesus.

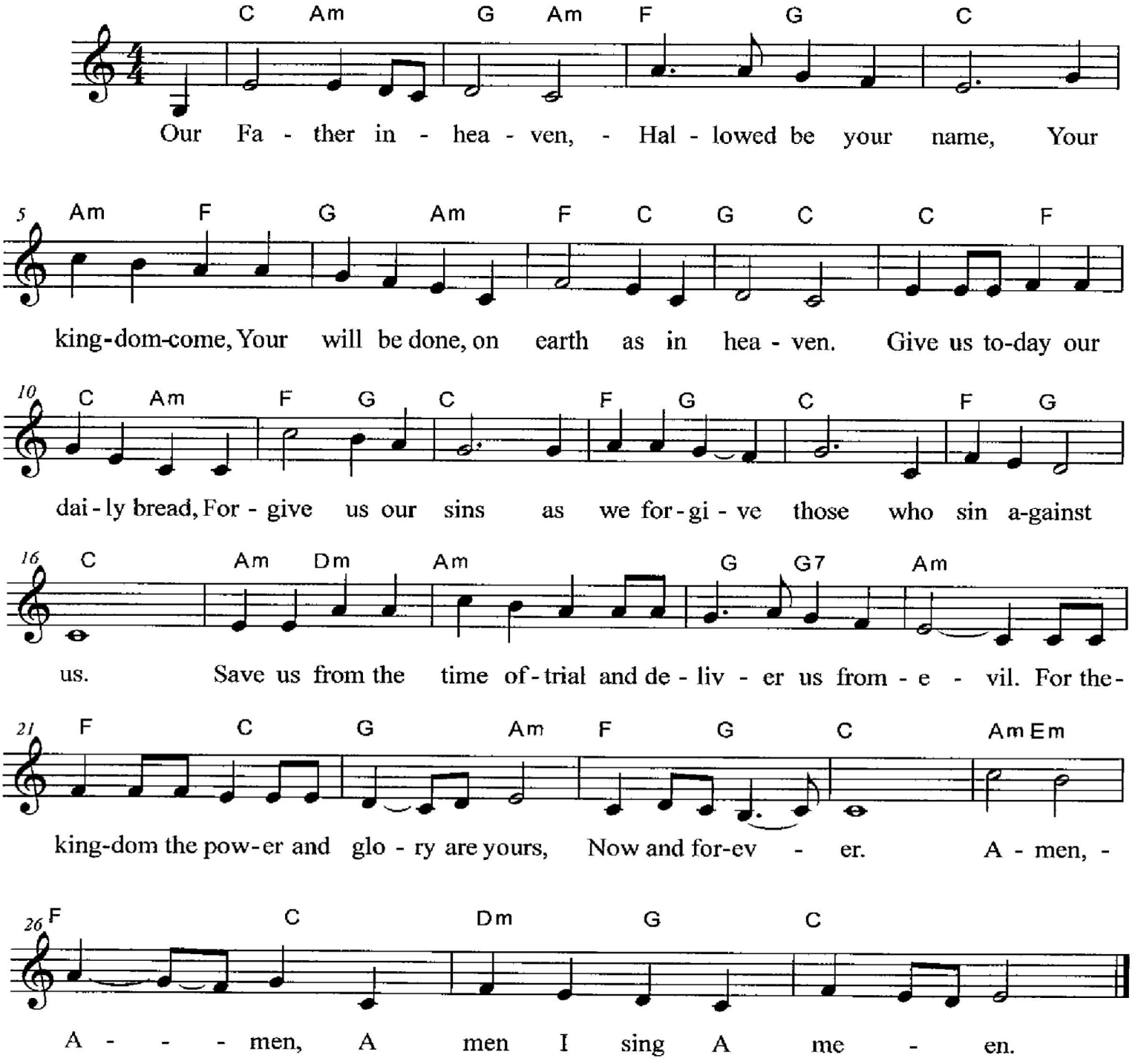
Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us.
Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.
Come, Holy Spirit.

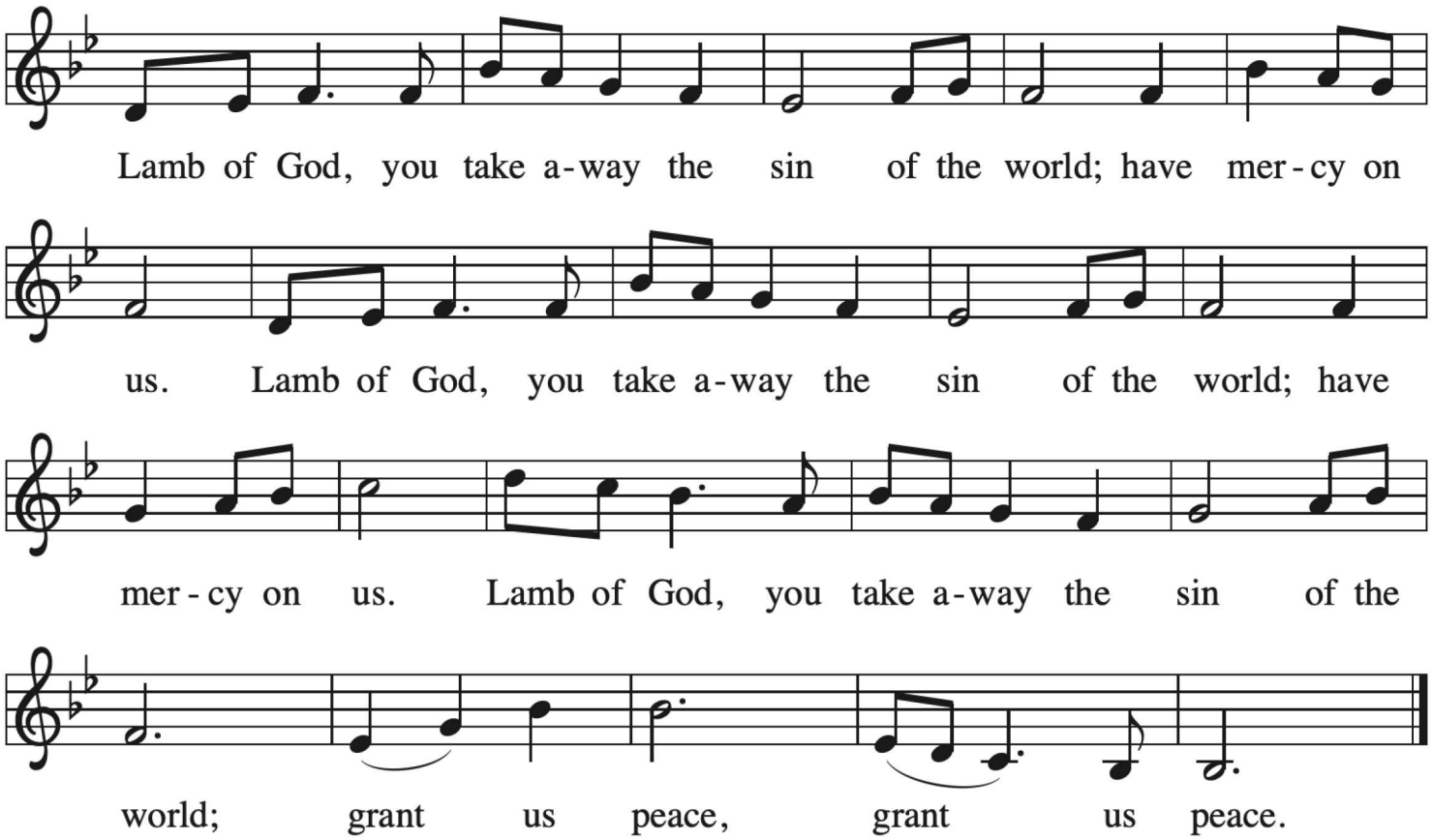
All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

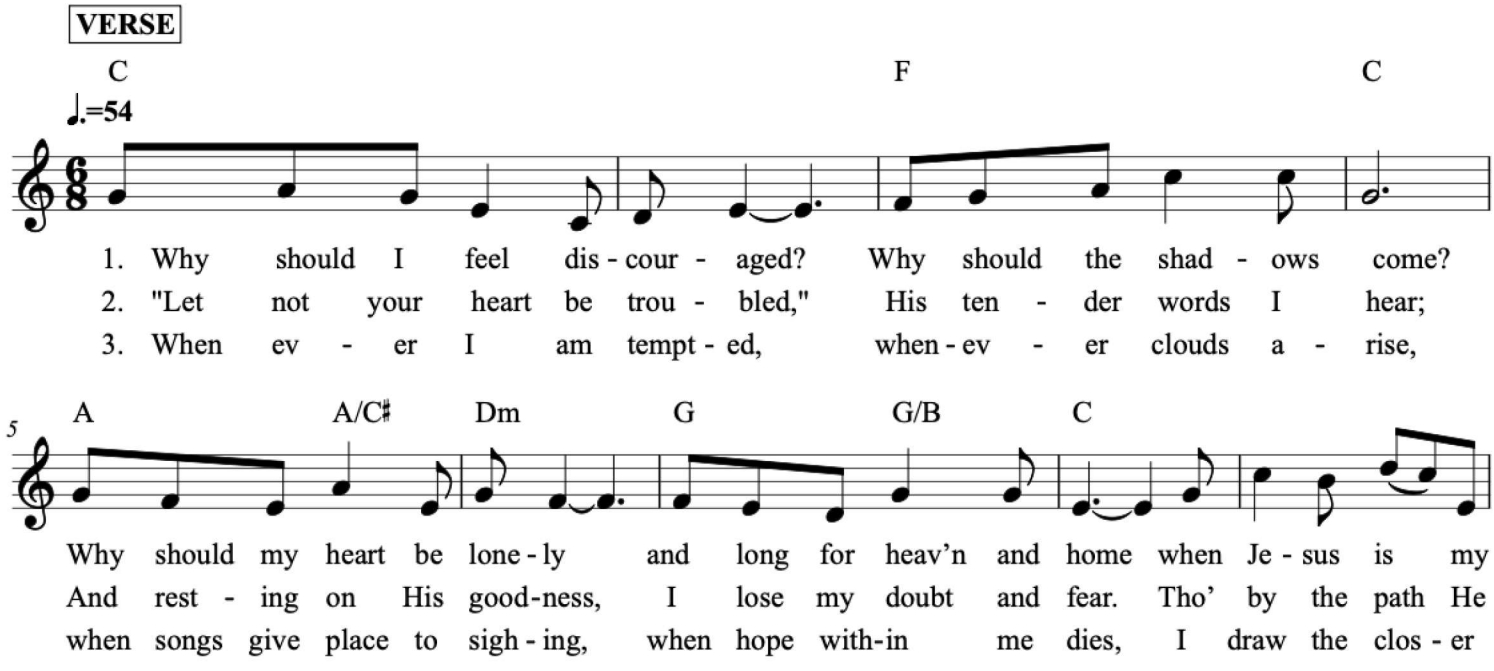


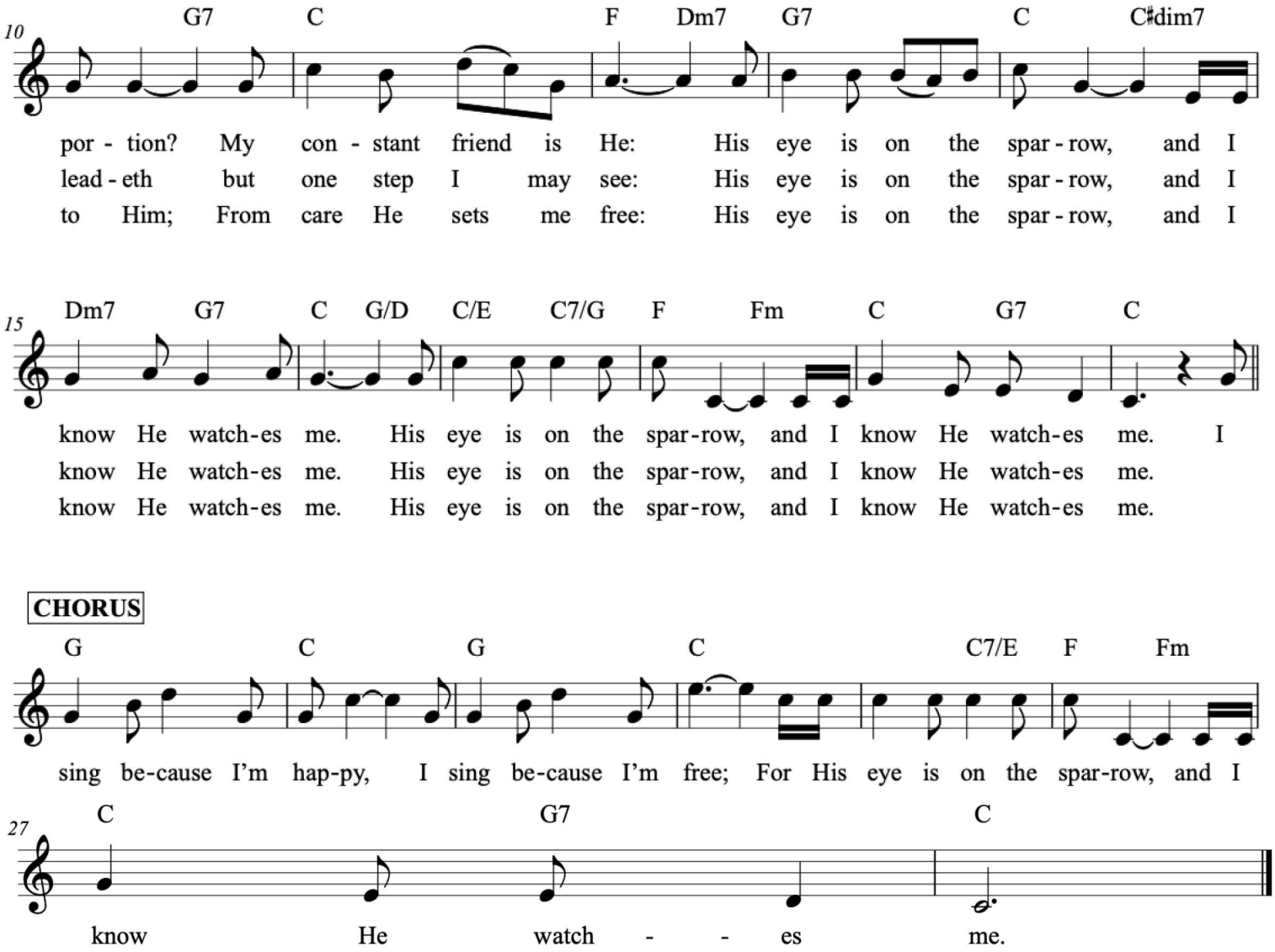
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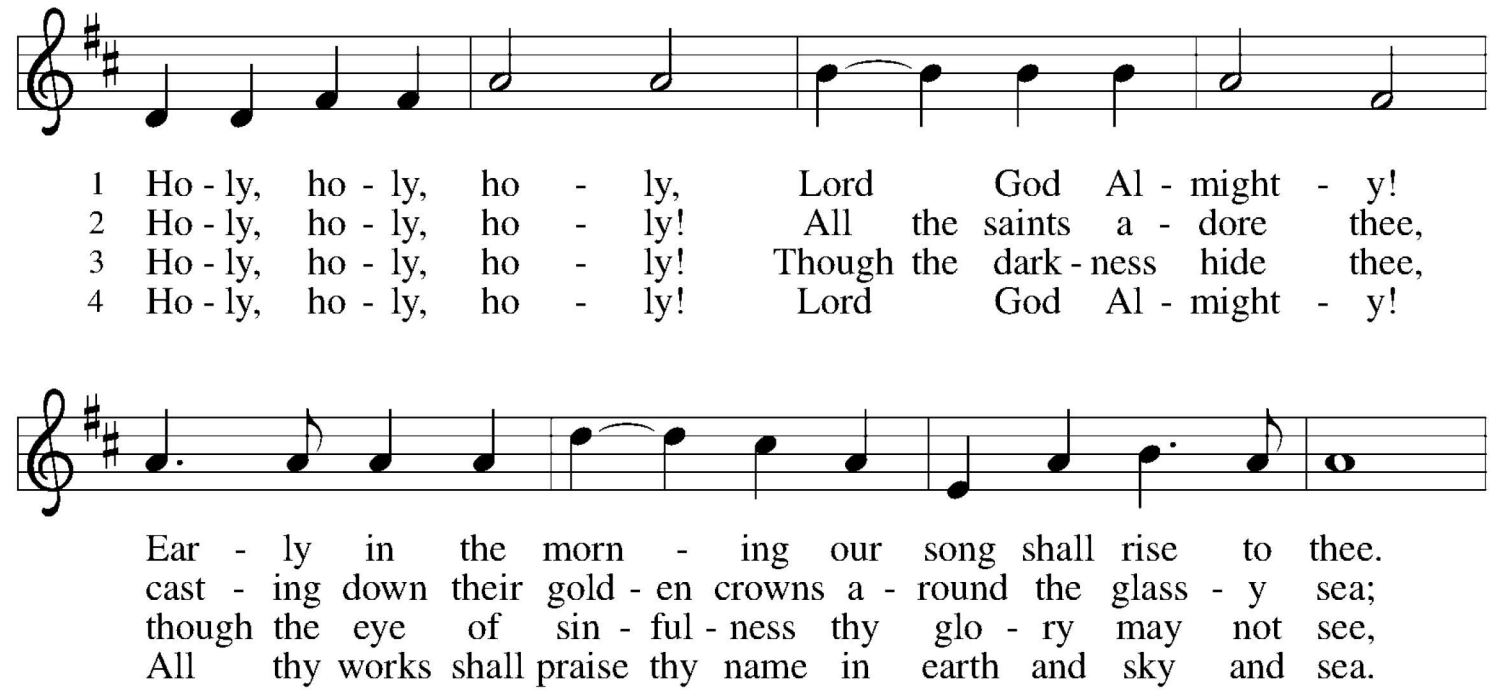
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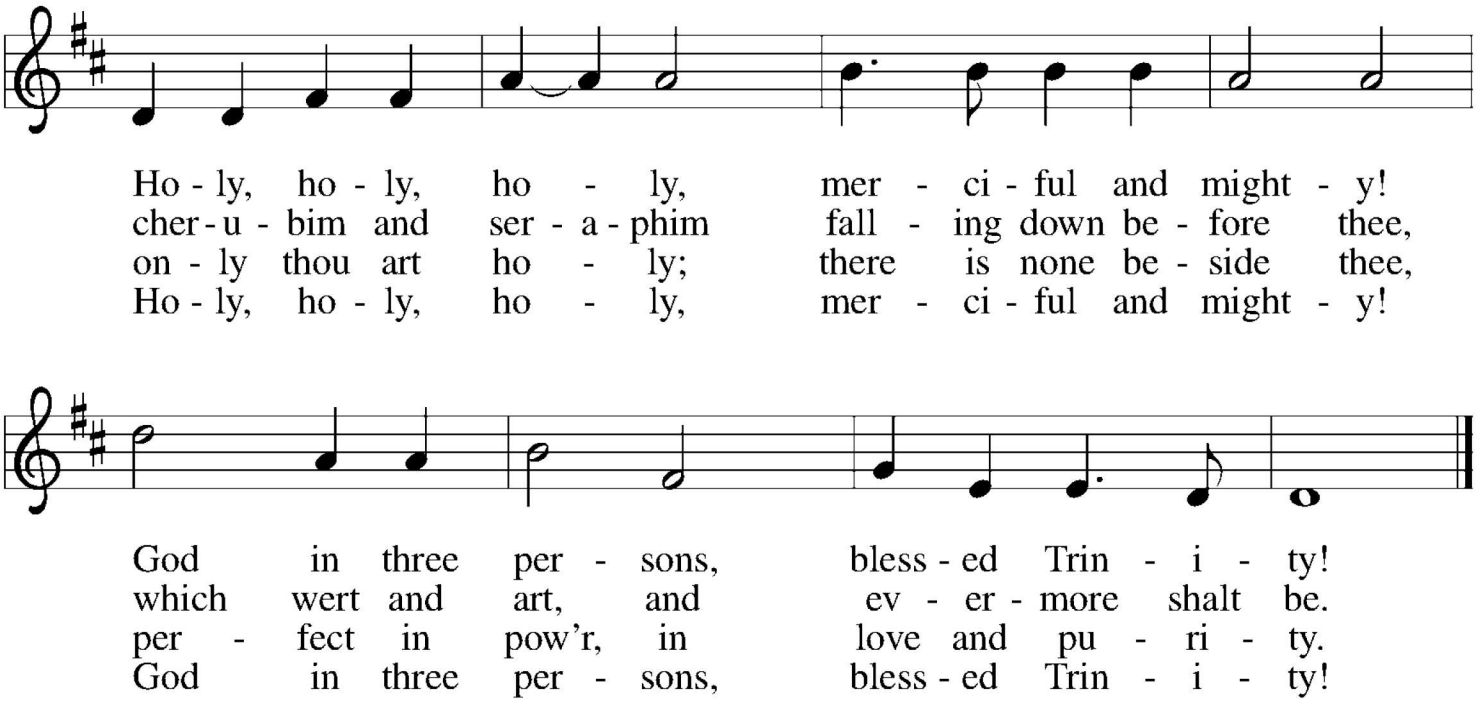
COMMUNION SONG: "His Eye Is On the Sparrow"





COMMUNION SONG: "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"





PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Providing God,
you feed your flock like a shepherd
and gather your people in your arms.
We praise you for the care and sustenance
you give at this meal and always.
As we leave your table, carry us near your heart,
and send us with confidence in the way
of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

BLESSING
God our provider,
God our feast,
God our companion,
☩ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING SONG: “Soon and Very Soon"

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We are going to see the King!

No more crying there, we are going to see the King!
No more crying there, we are going to see the King!
No more crying there, we are going to see the King!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We are going to see the King!

No more dying there, we are going to see the King!
No more dying there, we are going to see the King!
No more dying there, we are going to see the King!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We are going to see the King!
Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

PRAYER LIST

Tricia
Maria
Jeff
Cherie
Yvette
Fitzroy Sr.
Fitzroy Jr.
Victoria
Ardell
Laurie
Matt
Marsha
Cheryl
Aishlyn
Carol
Harry
Gayle
Greg
Robin
Kaci
Mike
Randy & LuAnn

Ron K.
Rob
Jordy
Scott C.
Greg
Maybello
Howell
Tommy
Scott A.
Virginia
Susan Rae
Monica
Reuben
Gary
Dominique
Dianne
Ken B.
Iris & Family
Otto
Family of Jeannene L.

Cindy
Chris
Jean
Ron W.
Matt
Chuck
David
Marianne
James
Katherine
Macie
Don & Tine
Robin
Rebecca S.
Cheereen
Trey
Michael
Michele
Kelly
Rebecca
The Todd M. Family

Requesting A Name On The Prayer List

- *Call the church office (813) 973-2211*
- *Email office@discoveralc.com*
- *Fill out a prayer request form*



HALLELUJAH! WE HAVE WALKED TO BETHLEHEM!
We now have 7541 miles – that's 13% over our goal!

It is time to contact your people whom have pledged to support your walk. Please begin collecting pledges; our ending date is December 12.

All checks should be made out to Atonement Lutheran Church; please put WTB in the left hand corner of the check. Please put all donations in an envelope marked "Walk to Bethlehem", include names, addresses and zip codes of your supporters. We will be writing thank you notes.

You may put your envelope in the purple box on the Walk to Bethlehem table or give your donation envelope to Patti in the church office. Diana Christman will be tallying the pledges.

Thank you to all who have walked, run, or bicycled during these past 8 weeks. It has been a wonderful uplifting journey.

We also are deeply appreciative of all the one- time donations that have been received. We will have a full reporting in December.

Sally Schaefer
WTB Chair



BIBLE STUDY

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays @ 1 pm on Zoom. The book of Revelation is being studied.
Contact:
Marj Swikert
marjorieswikert2@gmail.com
for additional information.



BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

10 am in Friendship Hall



SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

9:30 am in Friendship Hall
Contact Pastor Glawe
wa98zoo.aol.com

VOLUNTEER

TO VOLUNTEER PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX

- Live Nativity
- Cup of Blessings Bakery
- Communion Assistants
- Senior Ministry

VOLUNTEER

READERS WANTED

If you are interested in being Reader for our scripture lessons in Worship, please speak with
Sally Schaefer or email her at
srs7430@gmail.com or the Church office at
Office@discoverakc.com

NOTARY

A free notary service is available
at the church office
Monday-Friday from
10am- 3pm.



ATTENDANCE

NOVEMBER 22 ATTENDANCE
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WEEKLY DONATION SUMMARY REPORT
(Includes Vanco, PayPal & Weekly Offerings)
$6,276.94


Advent
CONCERT
A SEASON OF HOPE
Contemporary Christian Music
for the Advent Season
Hope
Peace
Joy
Love
Saturday, December 5, 2026
AT 4:00 PM
Atonement Lutheran Church
29617 Wesley Chapel BLVD.
Wesley Chapel, FL 33543
FREE WILL OFFERING

Atonement WELCA

Join Us For Fellowship
Every 2nd Saturday
Monthly In Friendship Hall
@ 10:30 am

Next Meeting:
Saturday, December 12

MEN'S MINISTRY

Join Us For Fellowship
Every 2nd Saturday
Monthly @ 10:00 am
at the Happy Hangar Cafe

Next Meeting:
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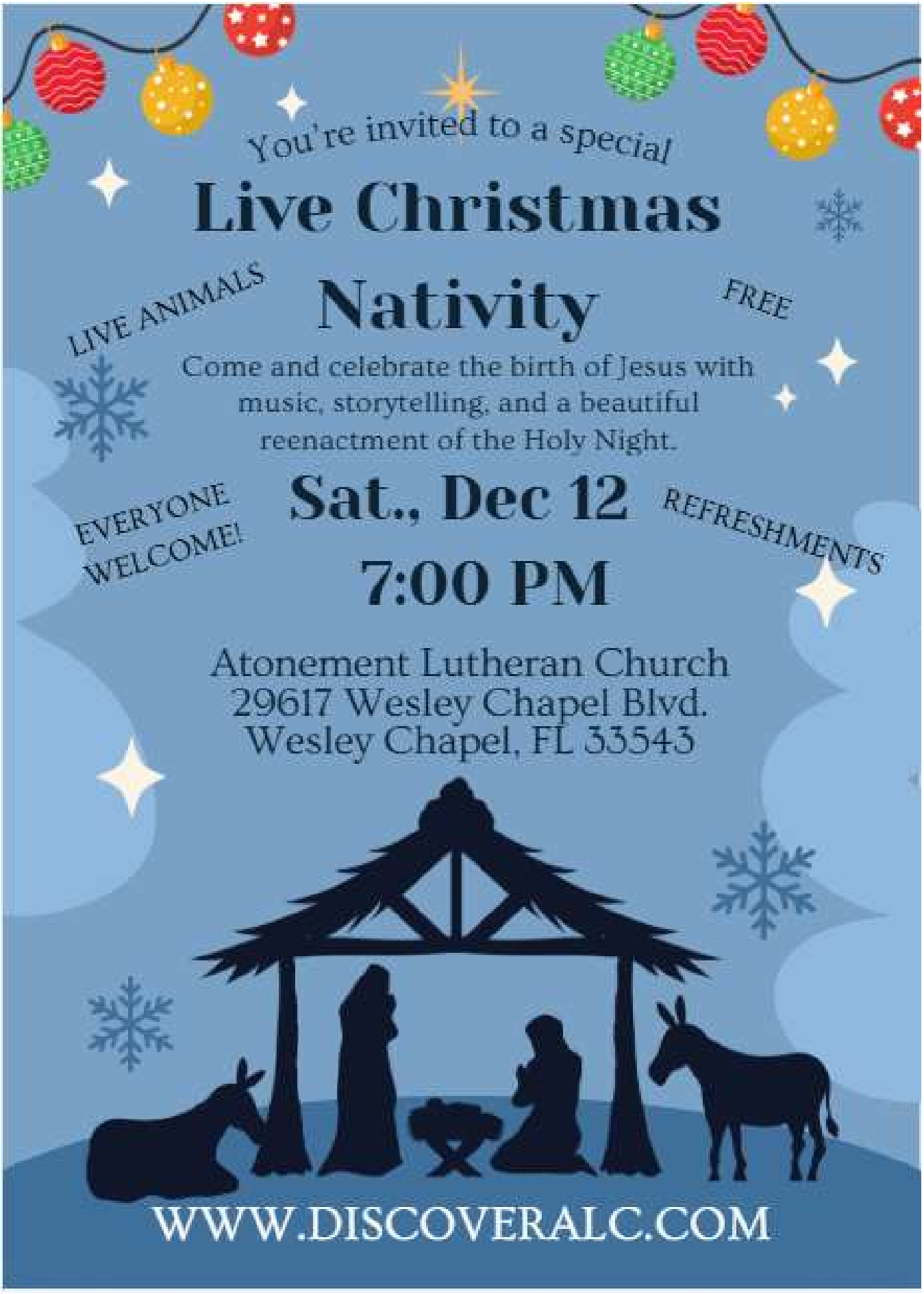


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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

WE'VE GOT MORE WATER FILTERS FOR VENEZUELA TO PUT TOGETHER. COME JOIN THE FUN!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3RD
11:15 AM (AFTER BIBLE STUDY)
FRIENDSHIP HALL


You're invited to a special
Live Christmas
Nativity
LIVE ANIMALS
FREE
Come and celebrate the birth of Jesus with music, storytelling, and a beautiful reenactment of the Holy Night.
EVERYONE WELCOME!
Sat., Dec 12
REFRESHMENTS
7:00 PM
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Upcoming Events

Saturday December 5	**Advent Concert 4:00 pm**
Saturday December 6	**Annual Congregational Meeting After Service**
Wednesday December 9	**Hymn Sing @ All Saints Lutheran Church**
Saturday December 12	**Live Christmas Nativity 7:00 pm**
Thursday December 24	**Christmas Eve Services 2pm, 4pm, 7 pm**

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NOVEMBER 2026	EVENT
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29	BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JEFF, 9:30 AM, FRIENDSHIP HALL WALK TO BETHLEHEM MILES TOTALED ADVENT I: A NEW CHURCH YEAR BEGINS
DECEMBER 2026	**EVENT**
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1	CELEBRATION CHOIR PRACTICE, 7 PM
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2	BANNER COMMITTEE, 10 AM WOMEN'S BIBILE STUDY, ZOOM, 1 PM
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3	QUILTS OF VALOR, 10AM BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JEFF, 10:00 AM, FRIENDSHIP HALL
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5	CAMPUS CLEAN UP, 8 AM CHRISTMAS CONCERT, 4 PM, SANCTUARY
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6	BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JEFF, 9:30 AM ANNUAL MEETING AFTER SERVICE
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7	HEALTH MINISTRY MEETING, 10 AM-NOON
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8	CARE MINISTRY MEETING, 9 AM CELEBRATION CHOIR PRACTICE, 7 PM
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9	WOMEN'S BIBILE STUDY, ZOOM, 1 PM
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10	BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JEFF, 10:00 AM, FRIENDSHIP HALL
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11	LIVE NATIVITY REHEARSAL, 5 PM
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12	MEN'S MINISTRY, 10:00 AM, HAPPY HANGAR WELCA CHRISTMAS MEETING & GIFT EXCHANGE, 10:30 AM LIVE NATIVITY, 7:00 PM OFFICIAL END OF WALK TO BETHLEHEM
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13	BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JEFF, 9:30 AM BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS AFTER SERVICE
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14	COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15	CELEBRATION CHOIR PRACTICE, 7 PM
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16	WOMEN'S BIBILE STUDY, ZOOM, 1 PM
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17	BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JEFF, 10:00 AM, FRIENDSHIP HALL
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19	
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20	BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JEFF, 9:30 AM
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22	CELEBRATION CHOIR PRACTICE, 7 PM
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23	NO WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY FOR CHRISTMAS WEEK
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24	BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JEFF, 10:00 AM, FRIENDSHIP HALL CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES: 2 PM, 4 PM, 7 PM

EPNG 2026 CHRISTMAS MIXER

Join us for a festive evening of joy & music "Root Beer N Christmas Hymns" featuring Pastor Scott, Praise Band and surprises.

15 DEC **6 PM**

2 And 2 Restaurant
33835 Wesley Chapel Blvd.
(Formerly State Rd. 54)
Wesley Chapel, FL 33543

- **Admission: Free for all ages**
- **50/50 Raffles($1 per ticket, 3 for $5, 5 for $10)**
- **Bragging Dollars (Brag about anyone or anything great happening, $1 per brag**
- **All proceeds go to a Non-profit each quarter**

Sponsored by the East Pasco Networking Group

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CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO

HYMN SING

6:00 pm

WED | 9th | DEC

Join us for a festive meal followed by joyous caroling led by Kristen and Giada Styles and Marcia Greensfelder! Bring your favorite dish or dessertto share.You are welcometo bring a guitar or other instrument you wish to play while you sing along!





(Warm and cold drinks provided)

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