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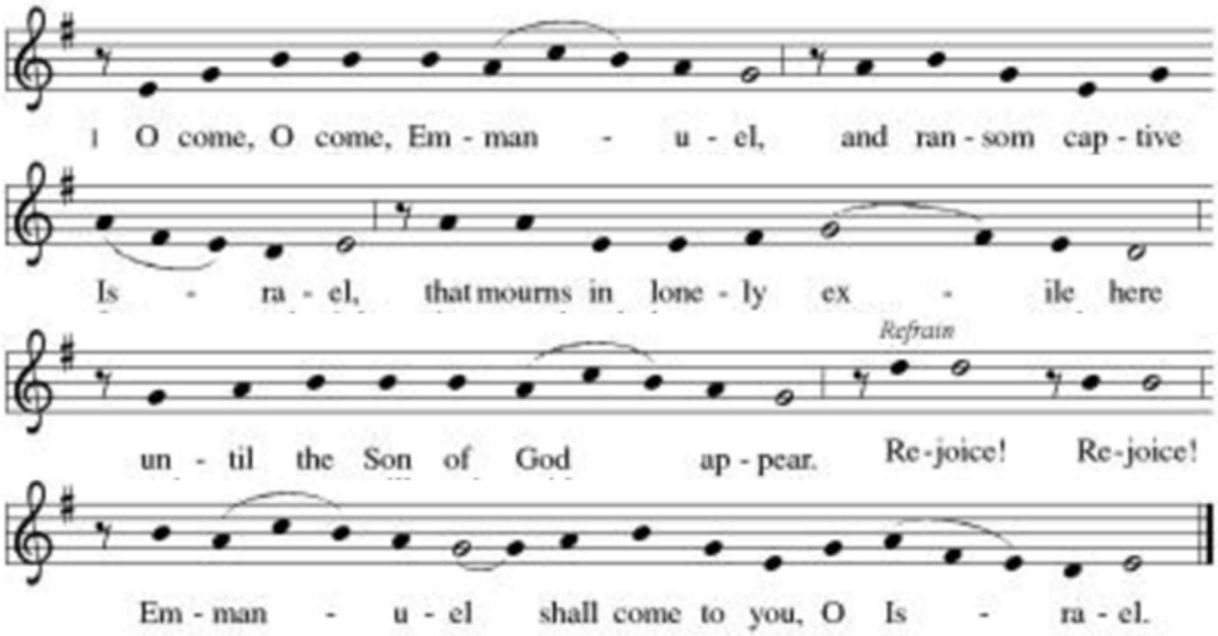
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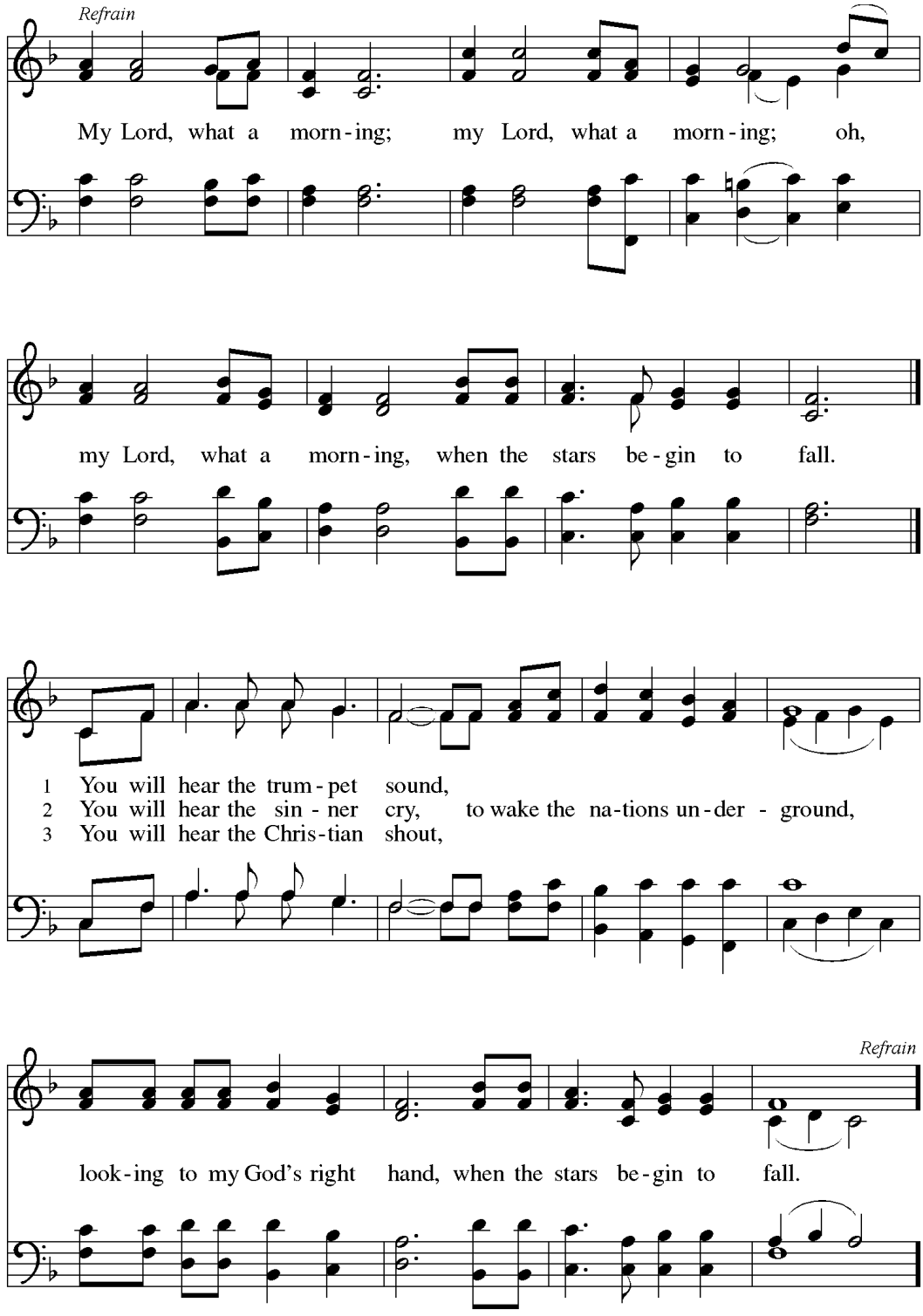
PRELUDE —

WELCOME

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OPENING HYMN My Lord, What a Morning ELW 438



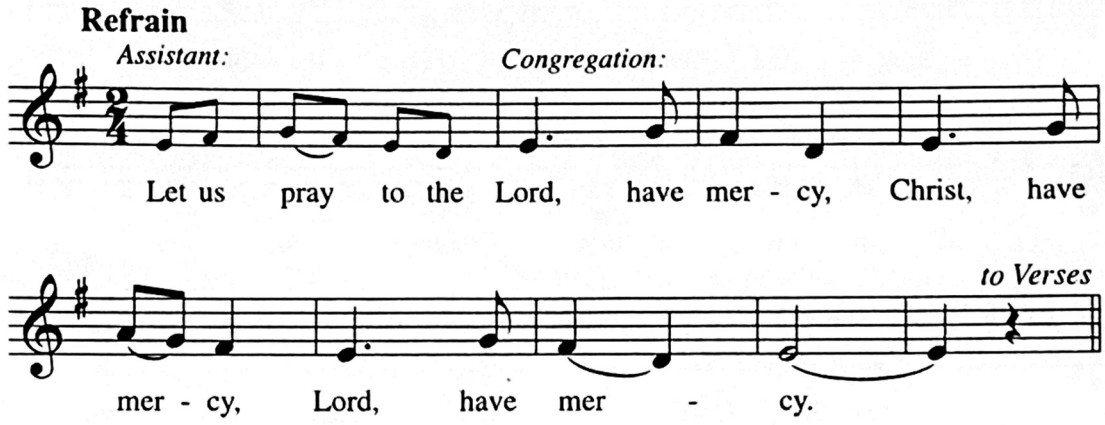
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One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ ✢, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

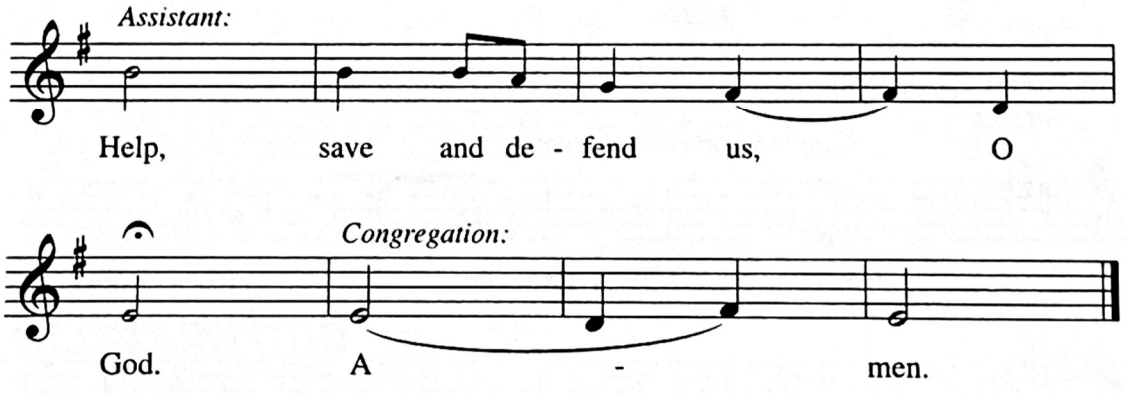
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Assistant: In peace, in peace,

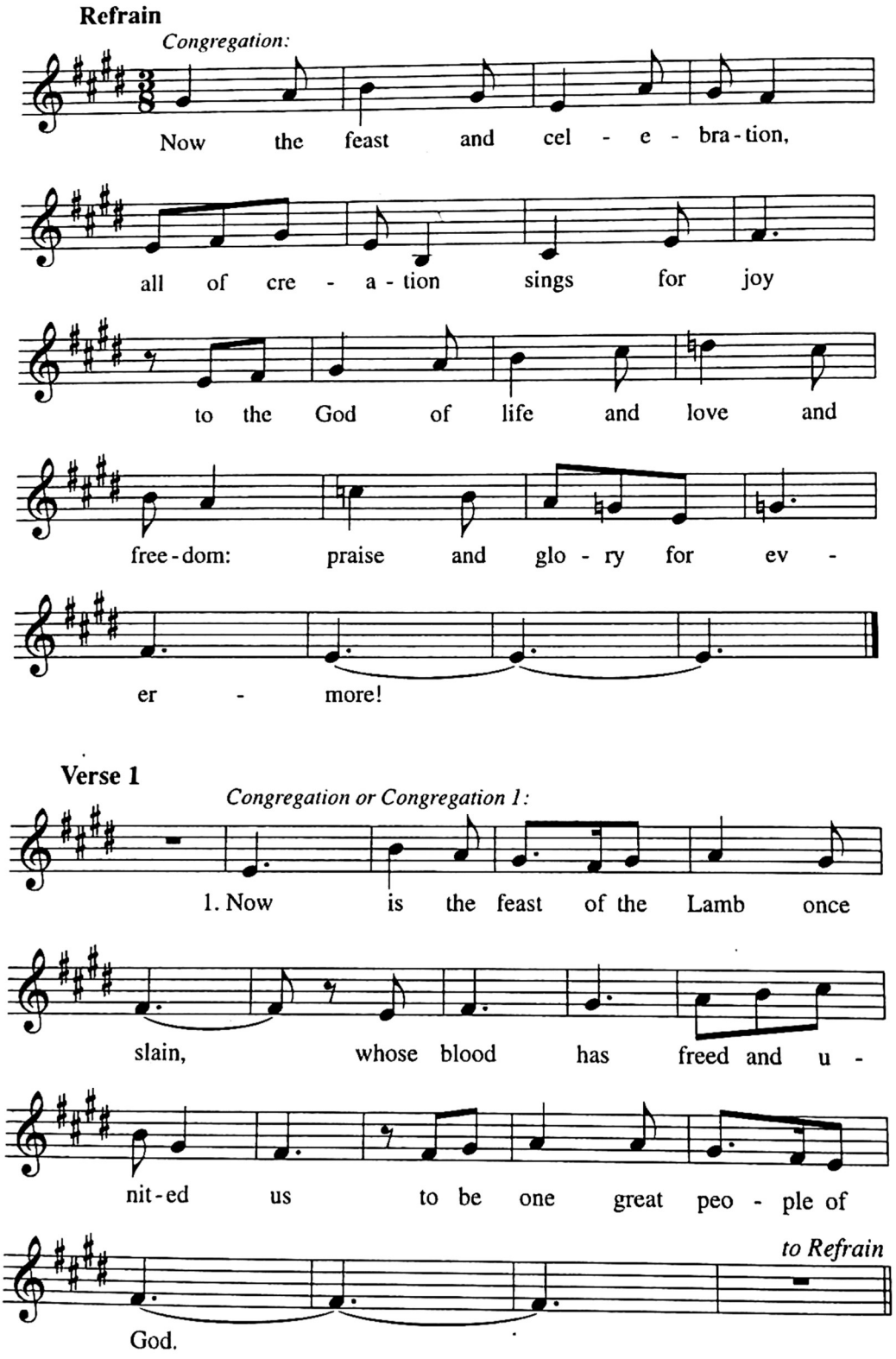


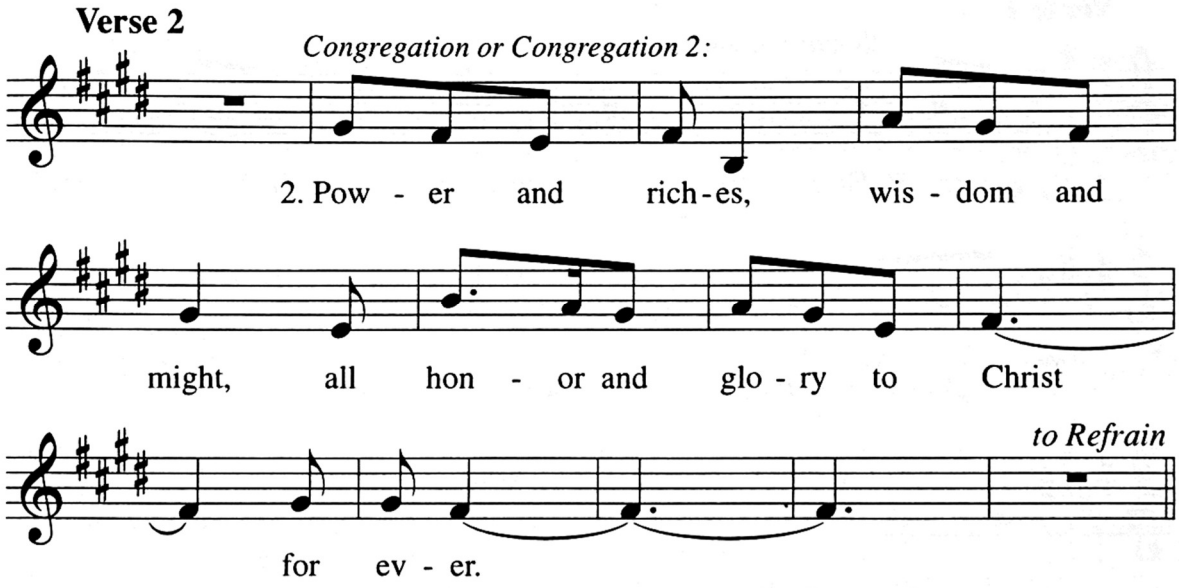
Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

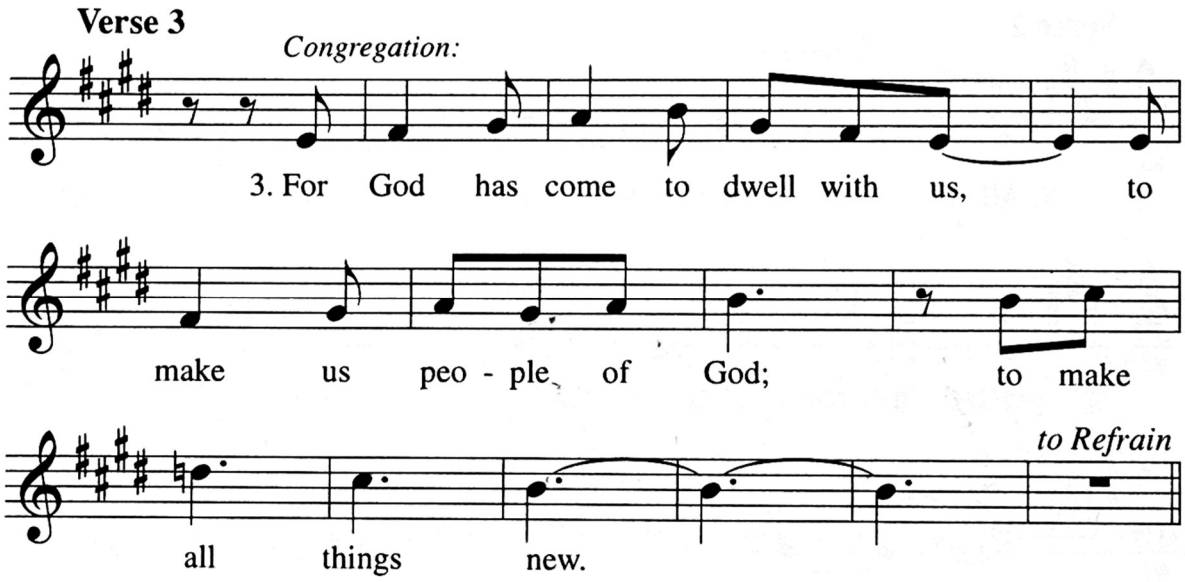
Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)



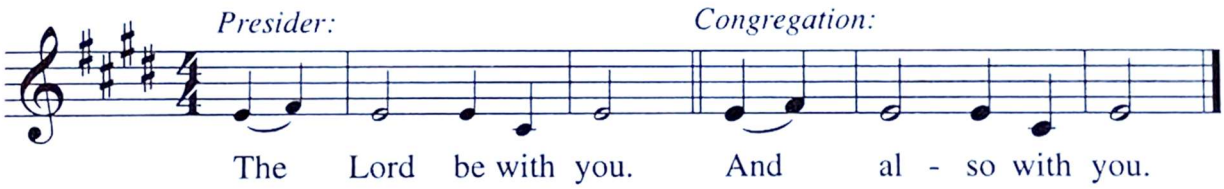
NOW THE FEAST




Verse 2
Congregation or Congregation 2:
2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ
to Refrain
for ev - er.


Verse 3
Congregation:
3. For God has come to dwell with us, to
make us peo - ple of God; to make
to Refrain
all things new.

SALUTATION


Presider:
Congregation:
The Lord be with you.
And al - so with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

One: Let us pray

a brief silence

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.**

FIRST LESSON

A reading from the 64th chapter of Isaiah**:**

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.
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY

MLC Psalm Tone I

MLC Psalm tones by J. Abrams 2024



1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on 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 a- | way from you;
give us life, that we may call up- | on your name.

19 **Restore us, O Lord | God of hosts;**
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

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SECOND LESSON

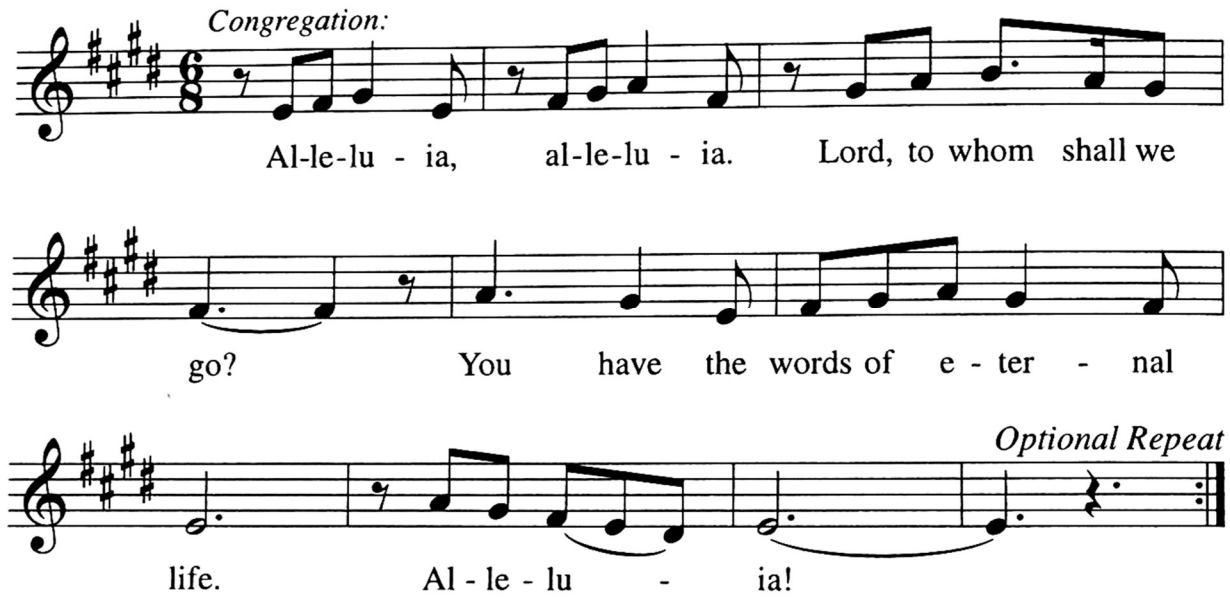
A reading from the 1st chapter of 1 Corinthians:

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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL VERSE



One: The Holy Gospel according to the 13th chapter of Mark.
All: 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."

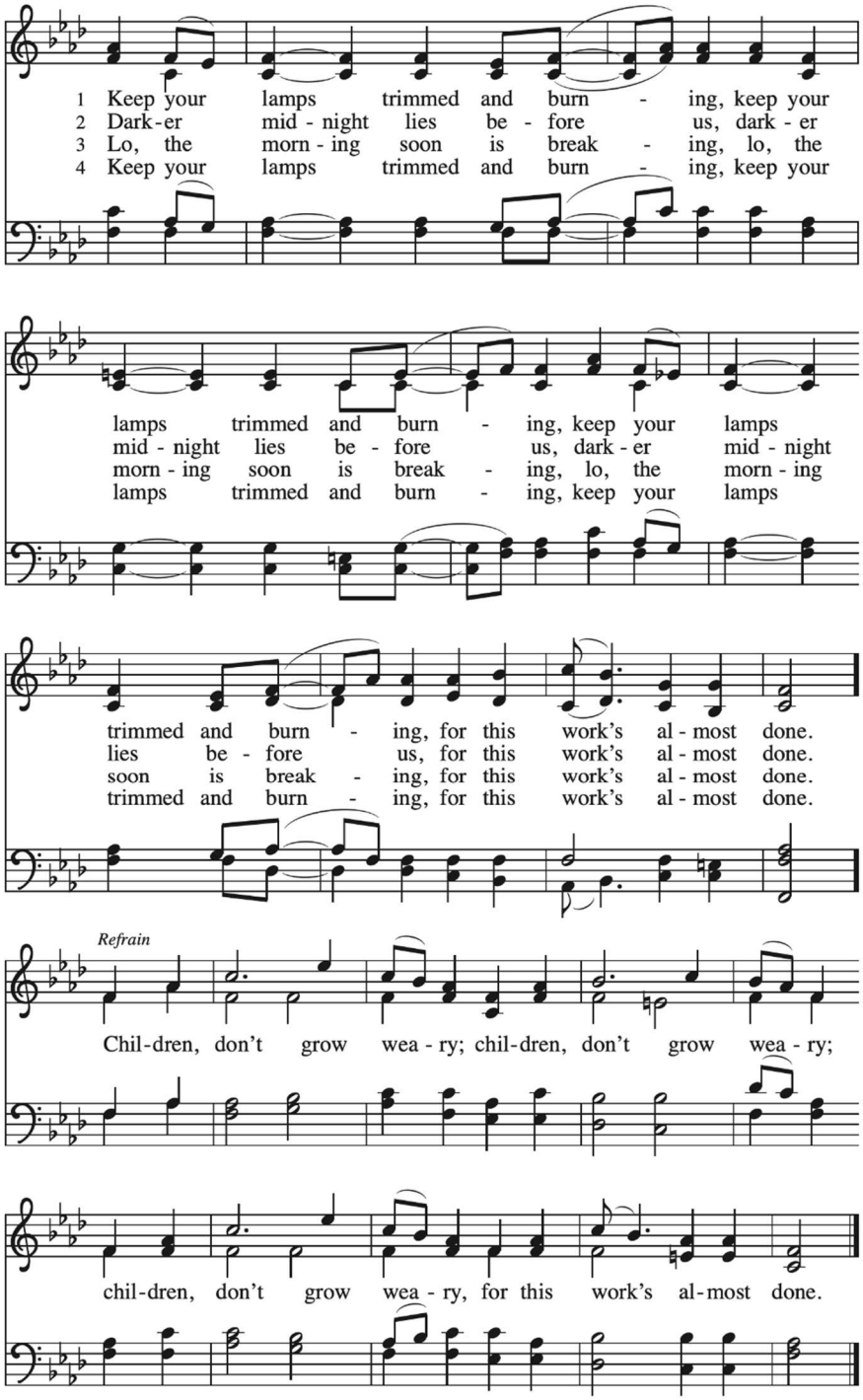
One: The Gospel of the
All: **Praise to you, O Christ**.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON



HYMN OF THE DAY Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning ACS 949



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Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

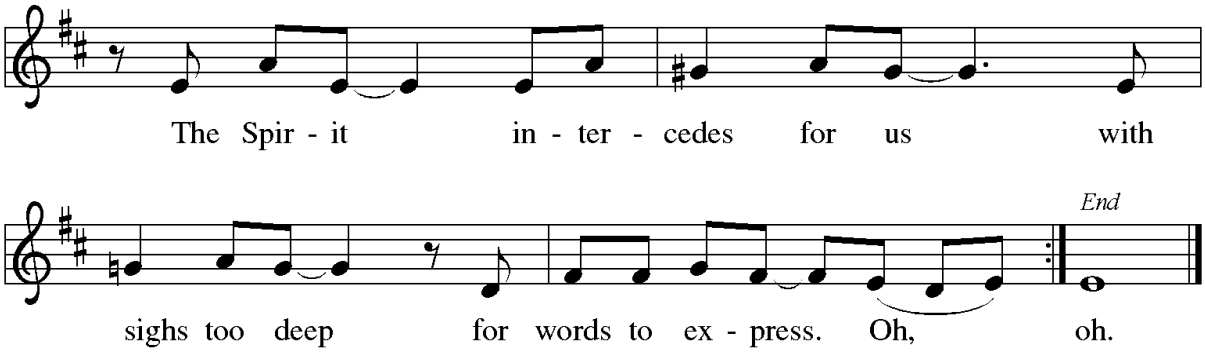
CREED

One: Together we confess our faith in the words of the Apostles Creed:

All: **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 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

One: Let us pray:
… come Holy Spirit



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. Come Holy Spirit…
sung response.

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. Come Holy Spirit…
sung response.

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*). Come Holy Spirit…
sung response.

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. Come Holy Spirit…
sung response.

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. Come Holy Spirit…
sung response.

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. Come Holy Spirit…
sung response.

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

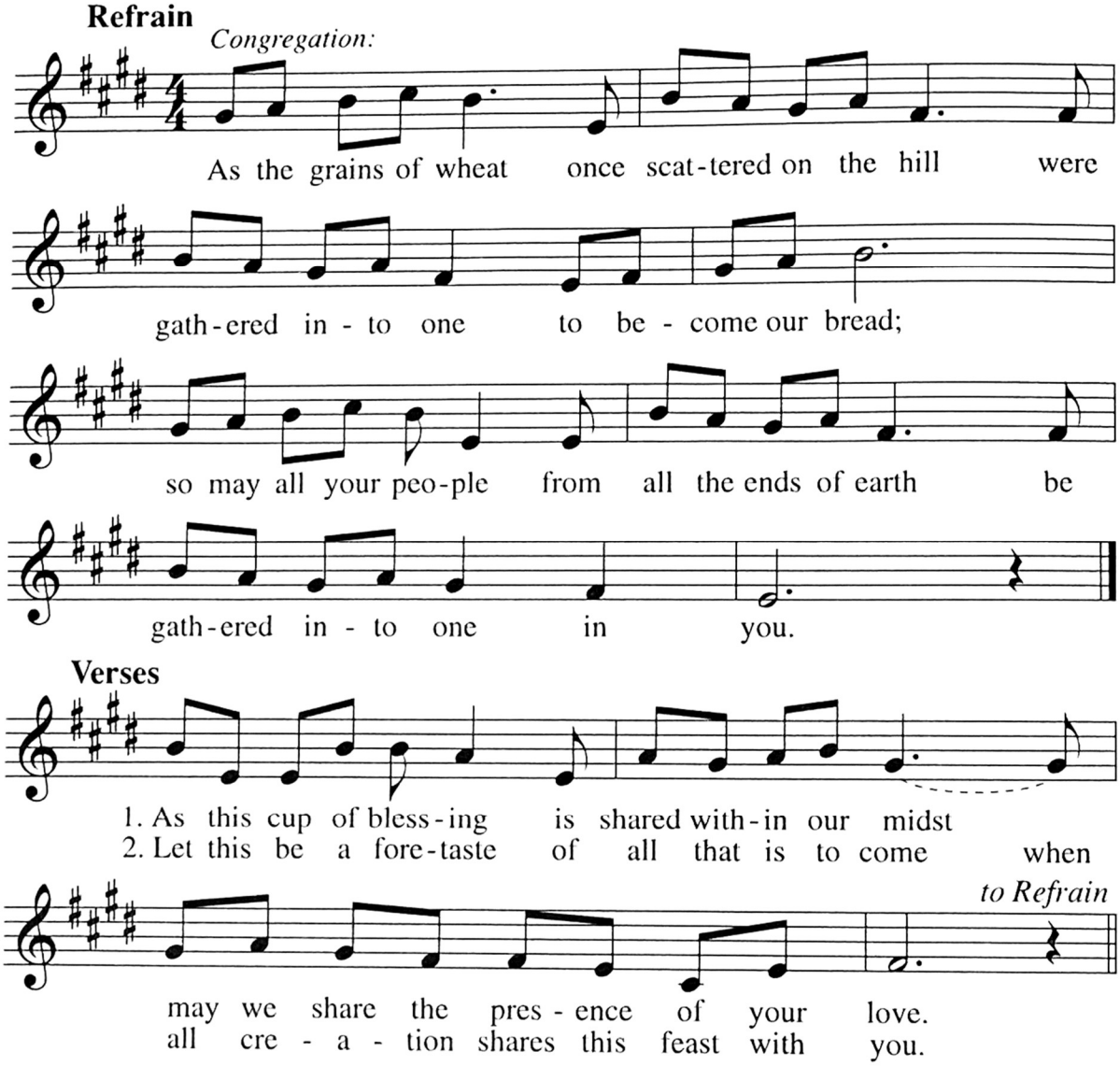
PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

OFFERING

AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT



One: Let us pray:

Merciful God,

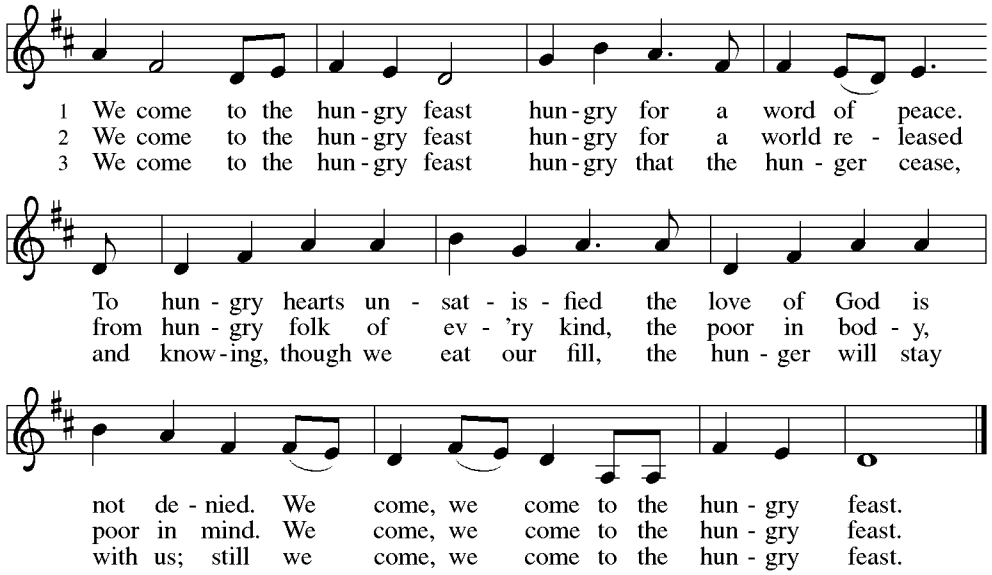
All: everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUION

One: Together we pray the prayer our Lord taught us:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven,
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
As we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN We Come to the Hungry Feast ELW 479

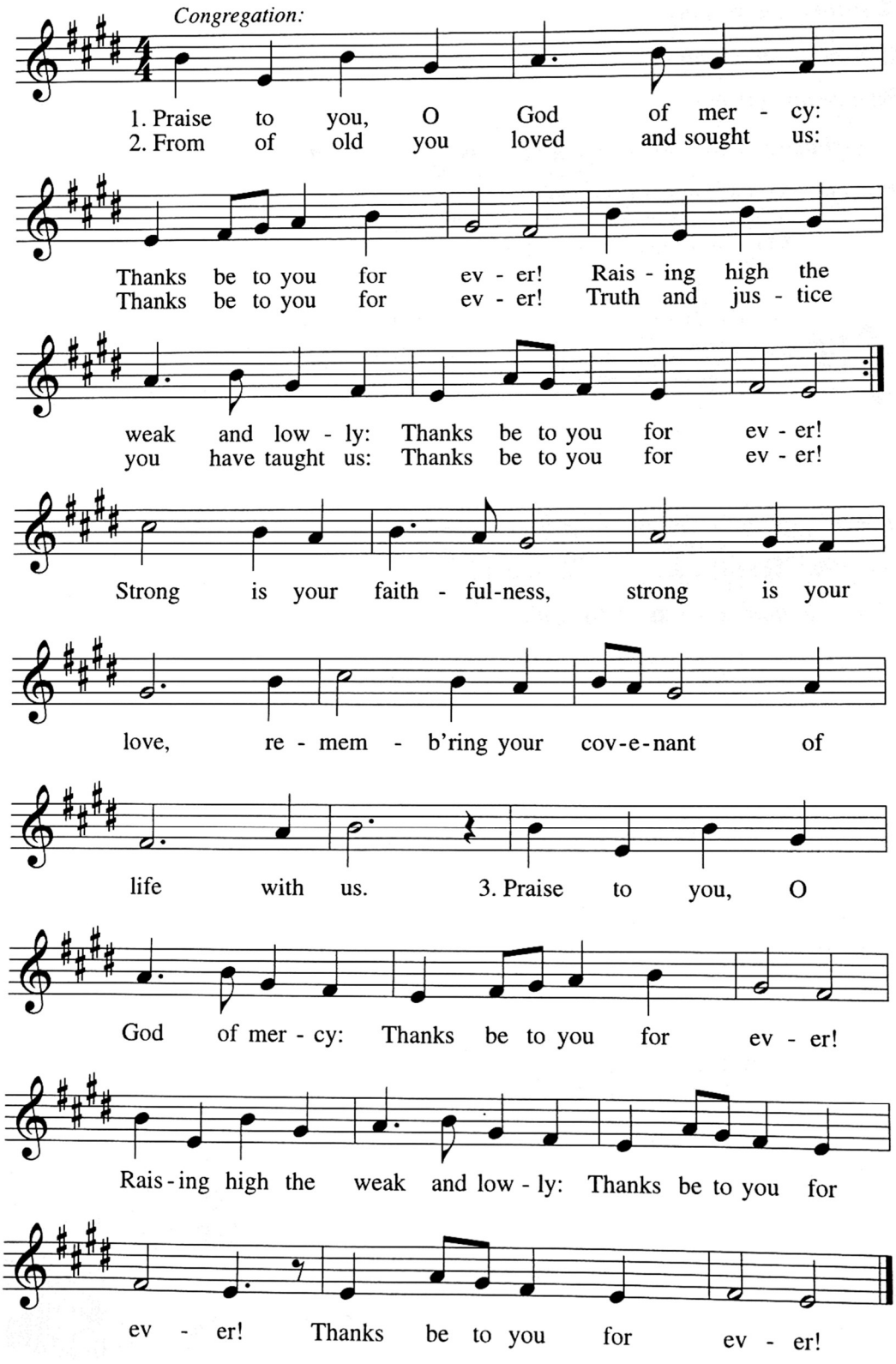


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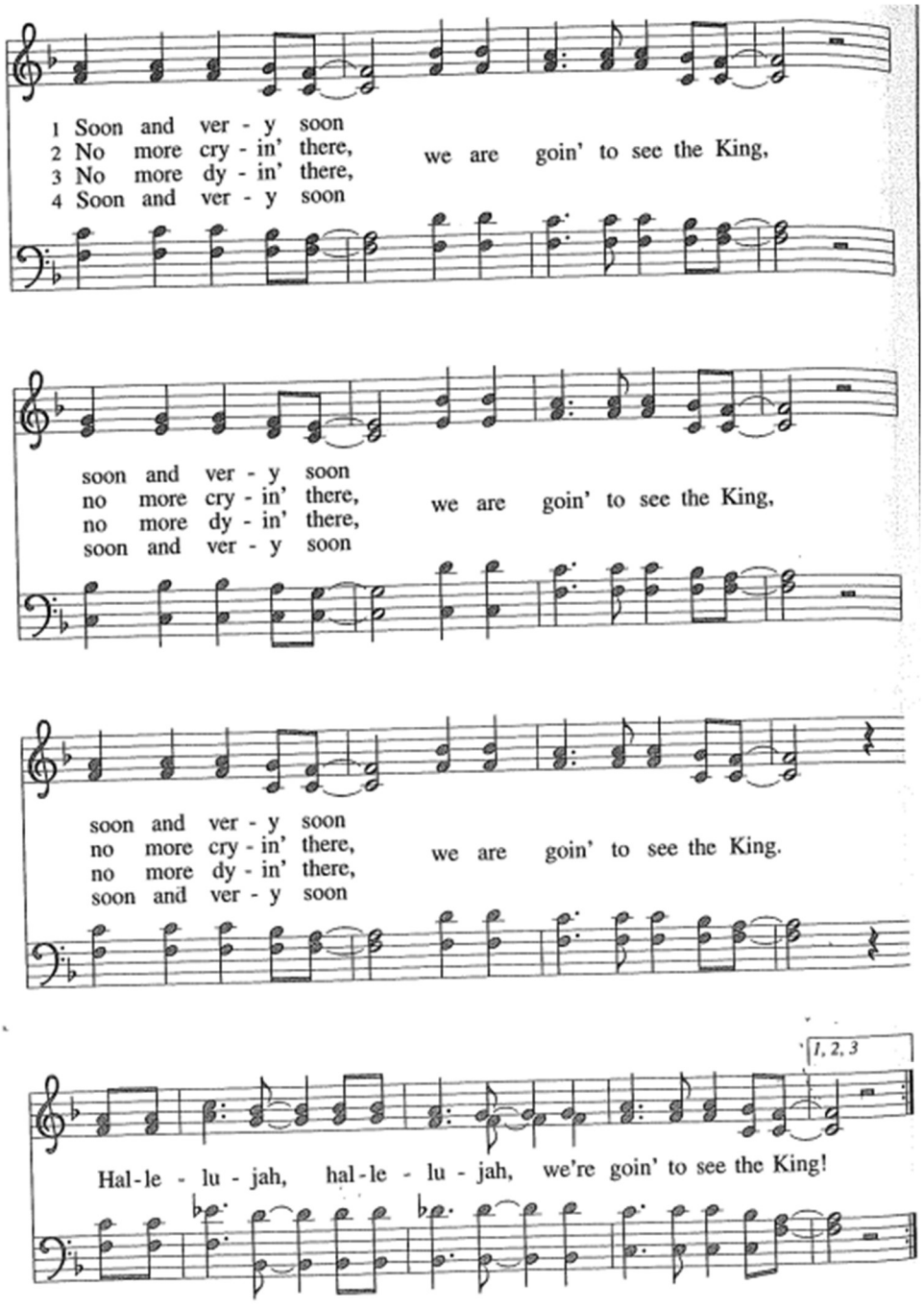
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One: Now may we become what we have just shared the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Come into the world to be a blessing.

All: Amen.

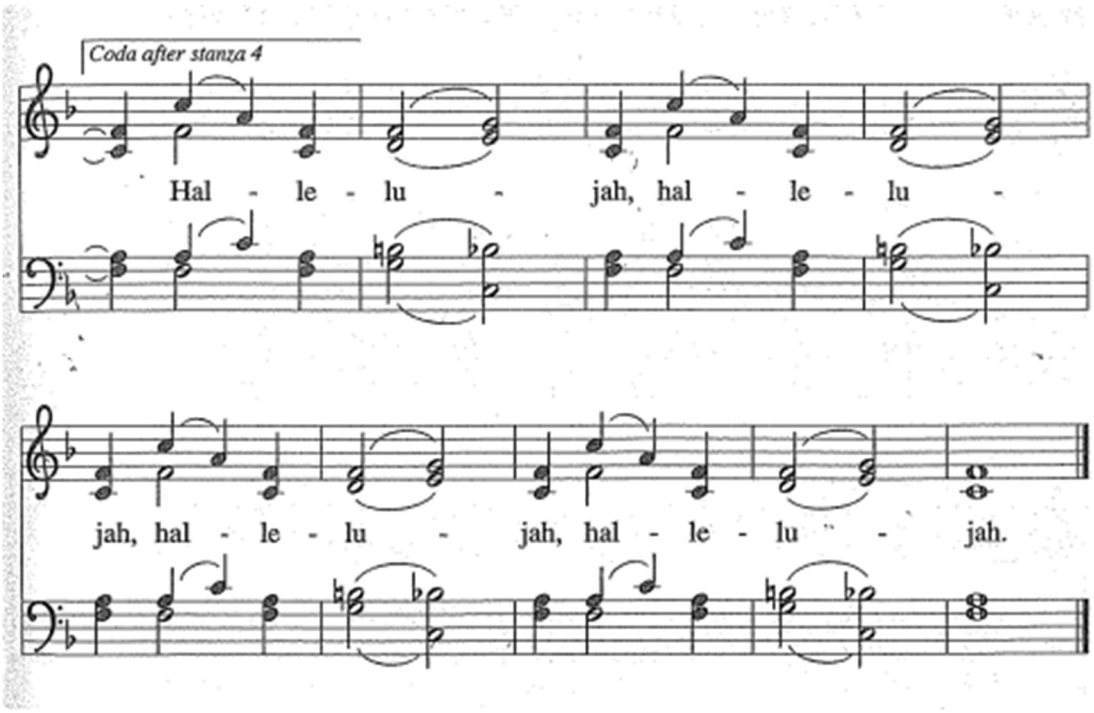

Congregation:
1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:
2. From of old you loved and sought us:
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice
weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for ev - er!
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for ev - er!
Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your
love, re - mem - b'ring your cov-e-nant of
life with us. 3. Praise to you, O
God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for ev - er!
Rais-ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for
ev - er! Thanks be to you for ev - er!

SENDING HYMN **Soon and Very Soon ELW 439**



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VERY SOON
12 12 12 and refrain



One: Receive a blessing from the Lord:

May God bless us and keep us.
May God's face shine on us and be gracious
May God look on us with favor and ✢ give us peace.

All: Amen.

SENDING

One: Go in peace, serve the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE —

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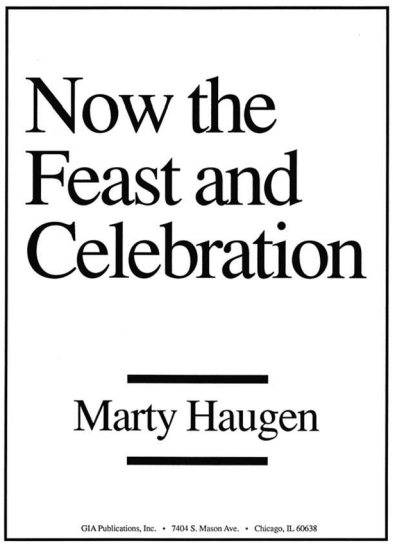
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