All Saints Sunday

"Rejoice in that day and leap for joy,
for surely your reward is great in heaven."
Luke 6:20-31

Church Of Our Saviour

"Our Mission: to live out the gospel by transforming lives and neighborhoods in partnership, with innovation, and with compassion."

November 1, 2026
10:30 a.m.

The Rev. Debra Q. Bennett, Rector
Michael McGroarty, Choir Director and Church Musician

Church of Our Saviour Episcopal

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We invite you to experience God's love and ours. We are a part of the worldwide Anglican Communion. We are bound together by our common liturgy, not a rigid set of doctrines. So how we sing and pray and relate to one another is very important to us. Wherever you are on your journey, we have a place for you and invite you to make your place with us. Come share our joys and sorrows as we share in yours. God is alive for everyone here regardless of age, race, gender, sexual orientation or life history. Join singles, couples, partners and families of every description that make up our community of faith. Rejoice with us in our diversity.

Welcome, Guests

If you are joining us online or in-person for the first time this morning, we hope you will consider making Church of Our Saviour your church home during this period of transition.

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge the traditional and ancestral land of the Lenape (Delaware), Shawnee, Wyandot Miami, Ottawa, Potawatomi, and other Great Lakes people—the Chippewa, Kickapoo, Wea, Piankeshaw, and Kaskaskia—on which we worship today. We honor those who lived and worked on this land, and those who traveled the portage path between the Cuyahoga and Tuscarawas rivers. Church of Our Saviour occupies land ceded by the Treaty of Greenville of 1795. We recognize that colonialism and the oppression of Native peoples is a current and ongoing injustice, and we commit to build our awareness of our present participation.

We welcome The Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway as our Celebrant and preacher. The Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway along with The Rev. Patricia Sheppard have been supplying on Sundays during Mo. Debra's sabbatical.

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II
All Saints Sunday

Prelude

Ringing of the "Welcome" Bell

Opening Hymn

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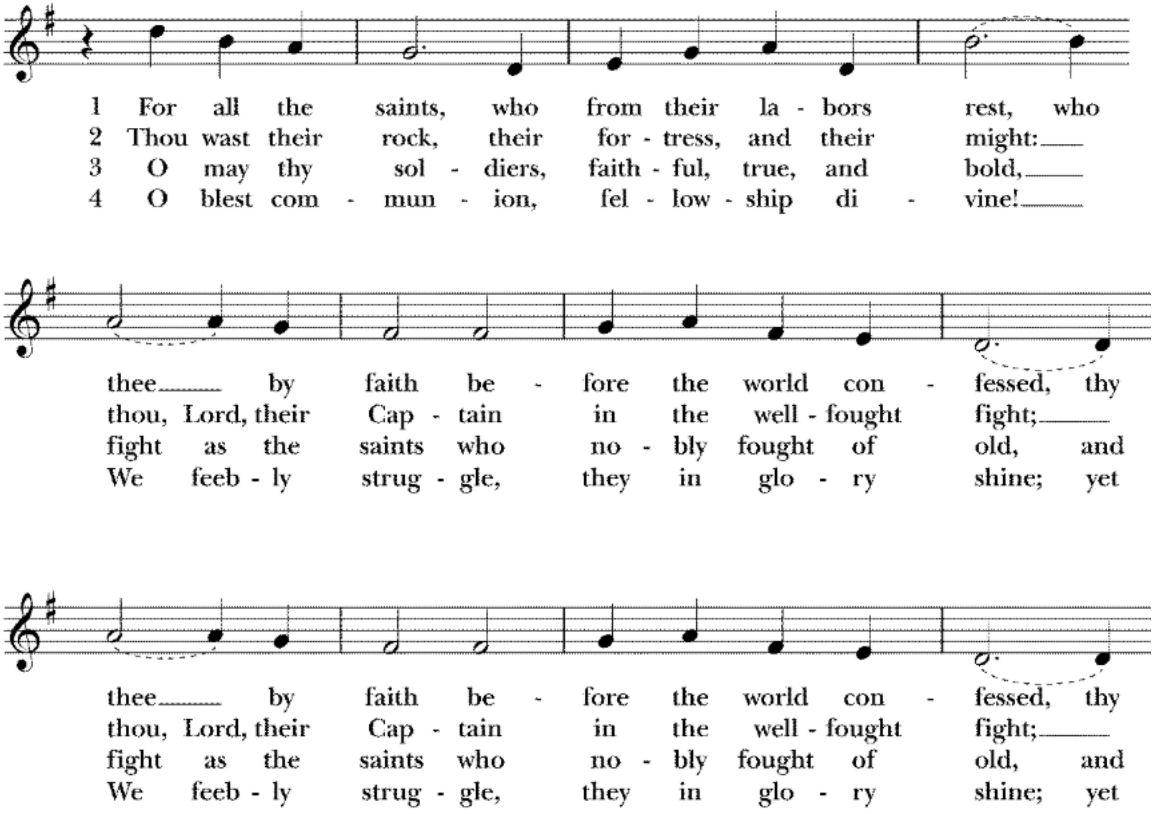
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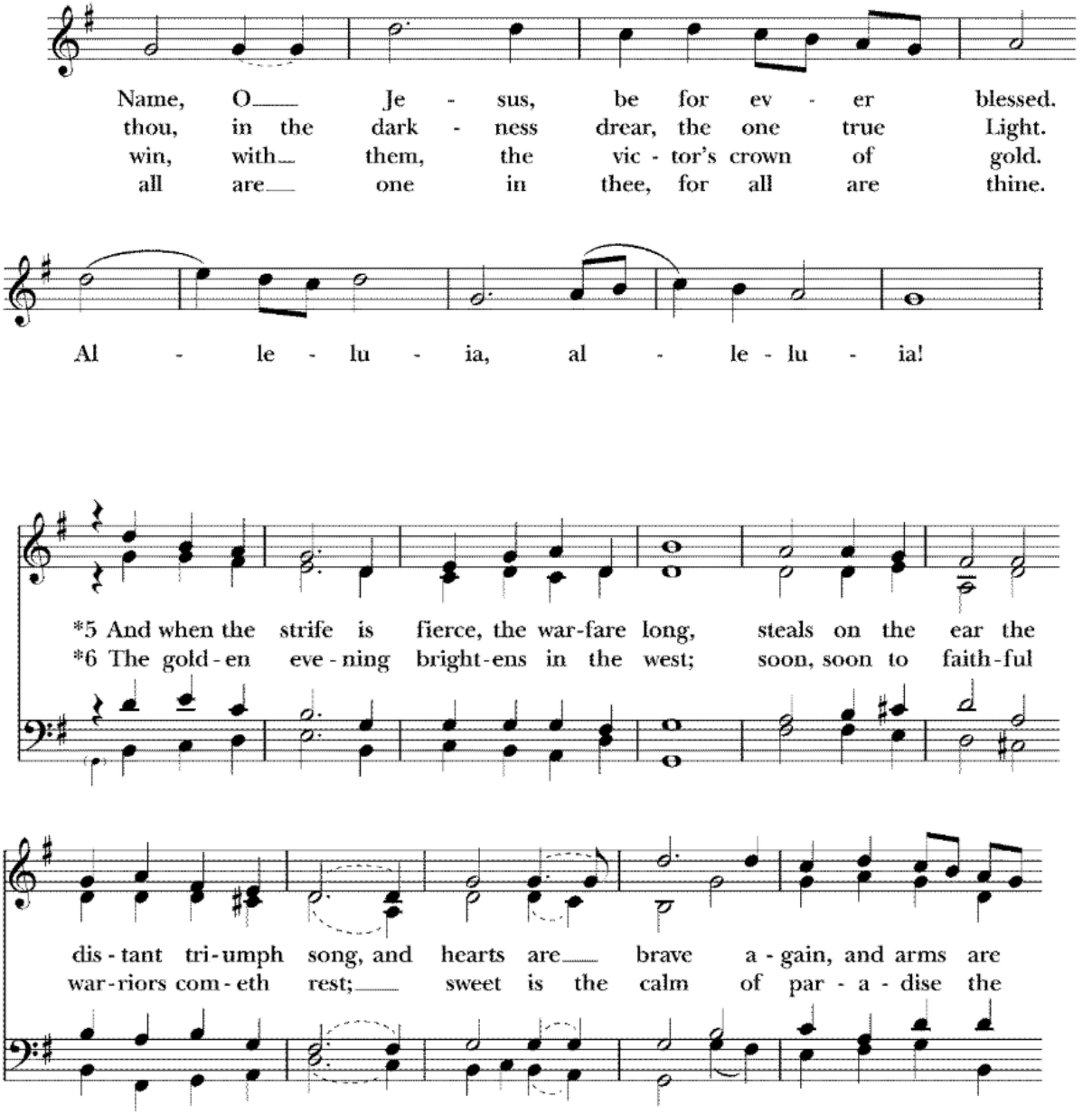

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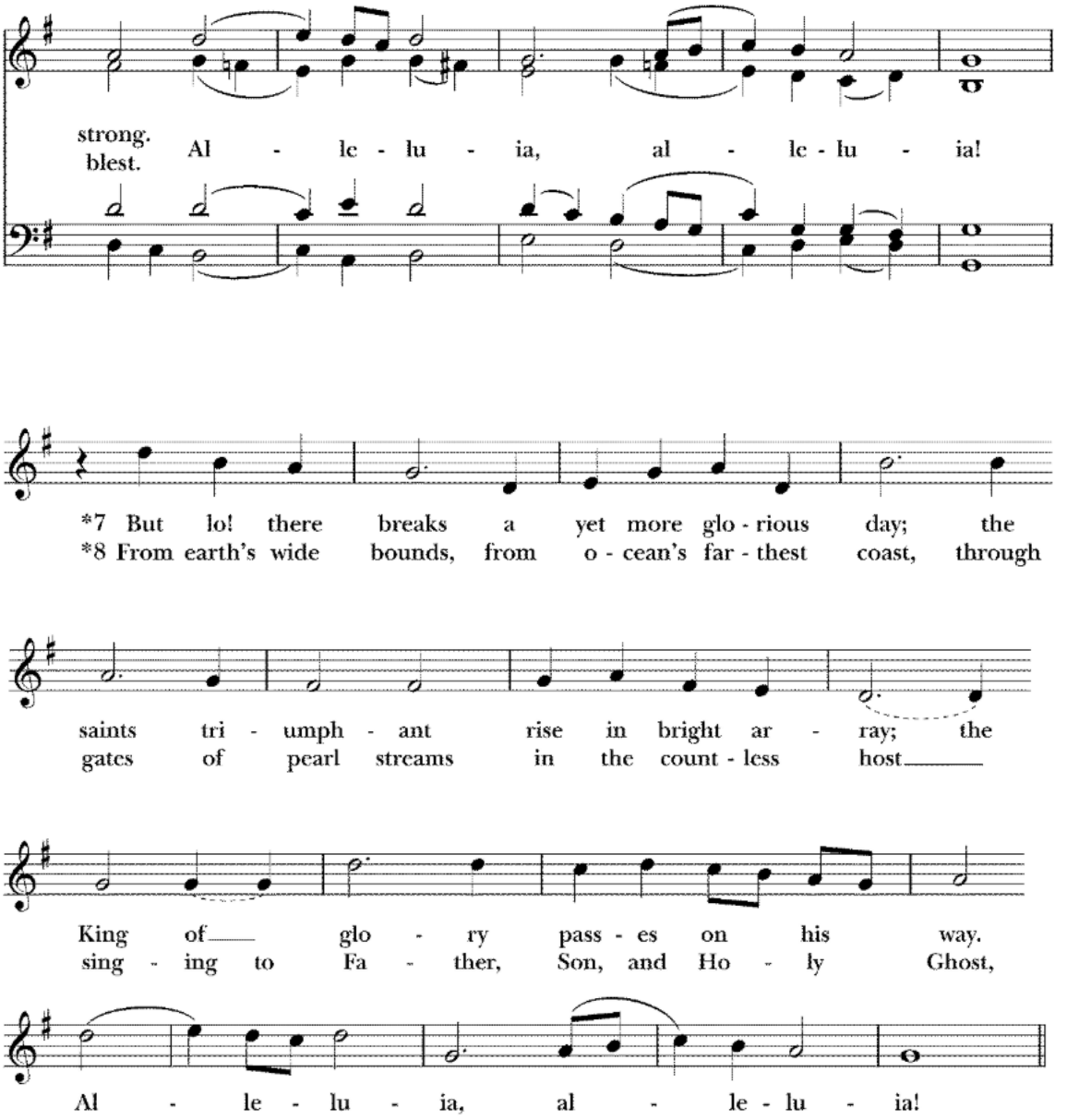
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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
*7 But lo! there breaks a yet more glo - rious day; the
*8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through
saints tri - umph - ant rise in bright ar - ray; the
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host
King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Liturgy of the Word
Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. *Amen*

The following is sung

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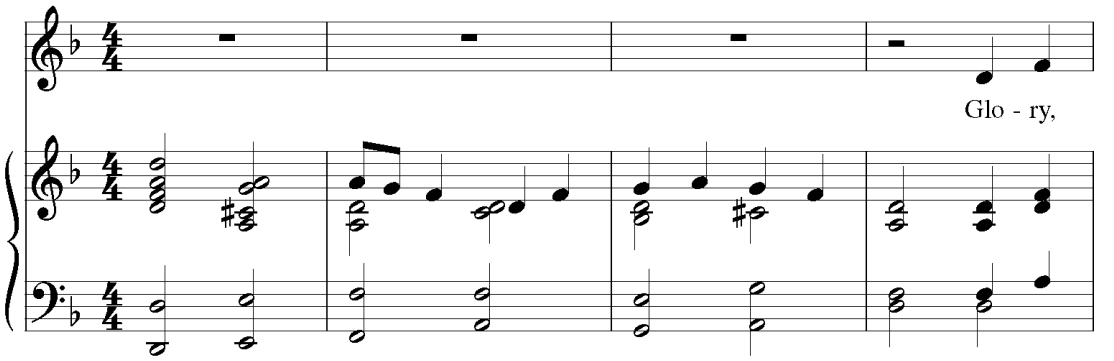

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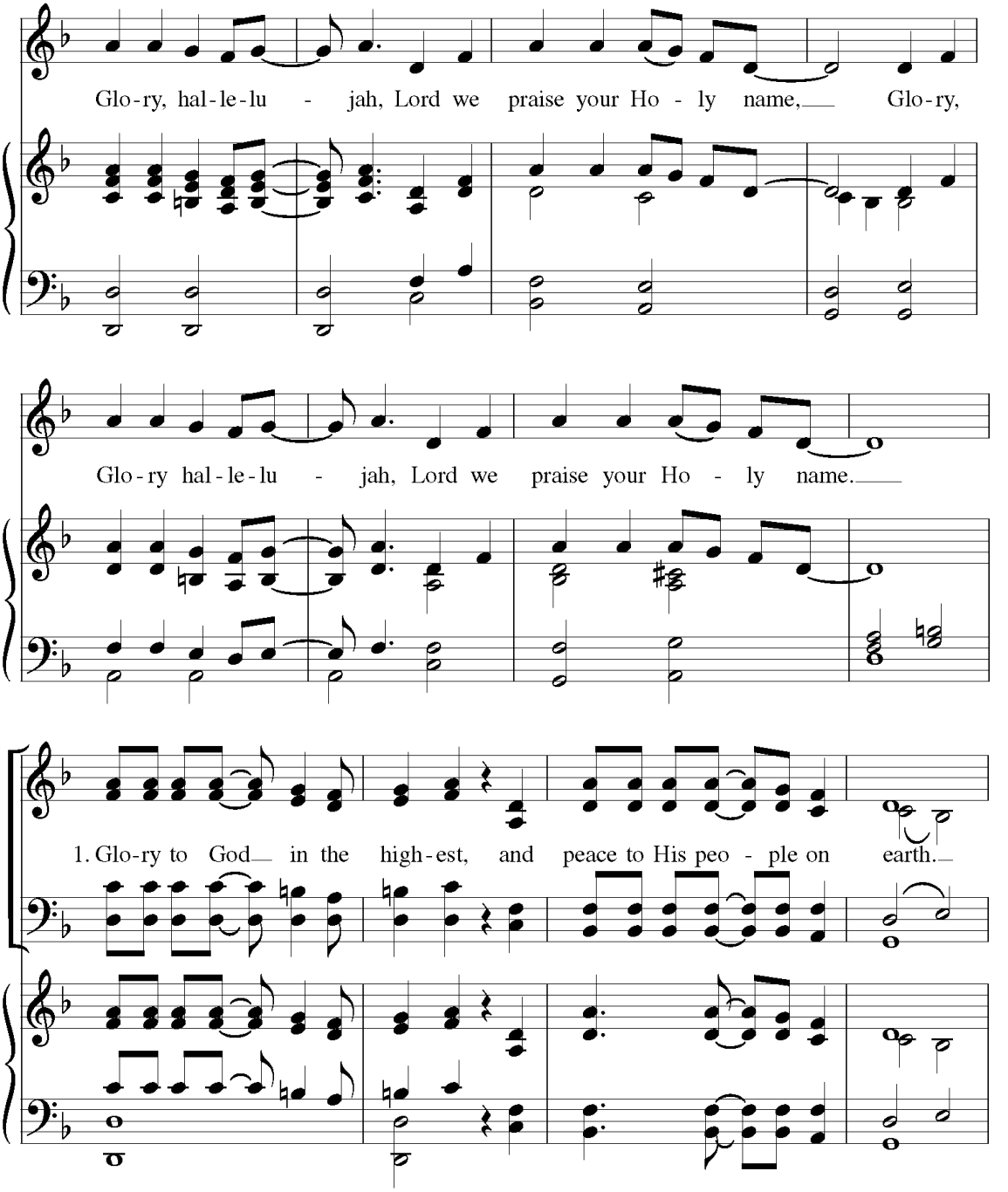
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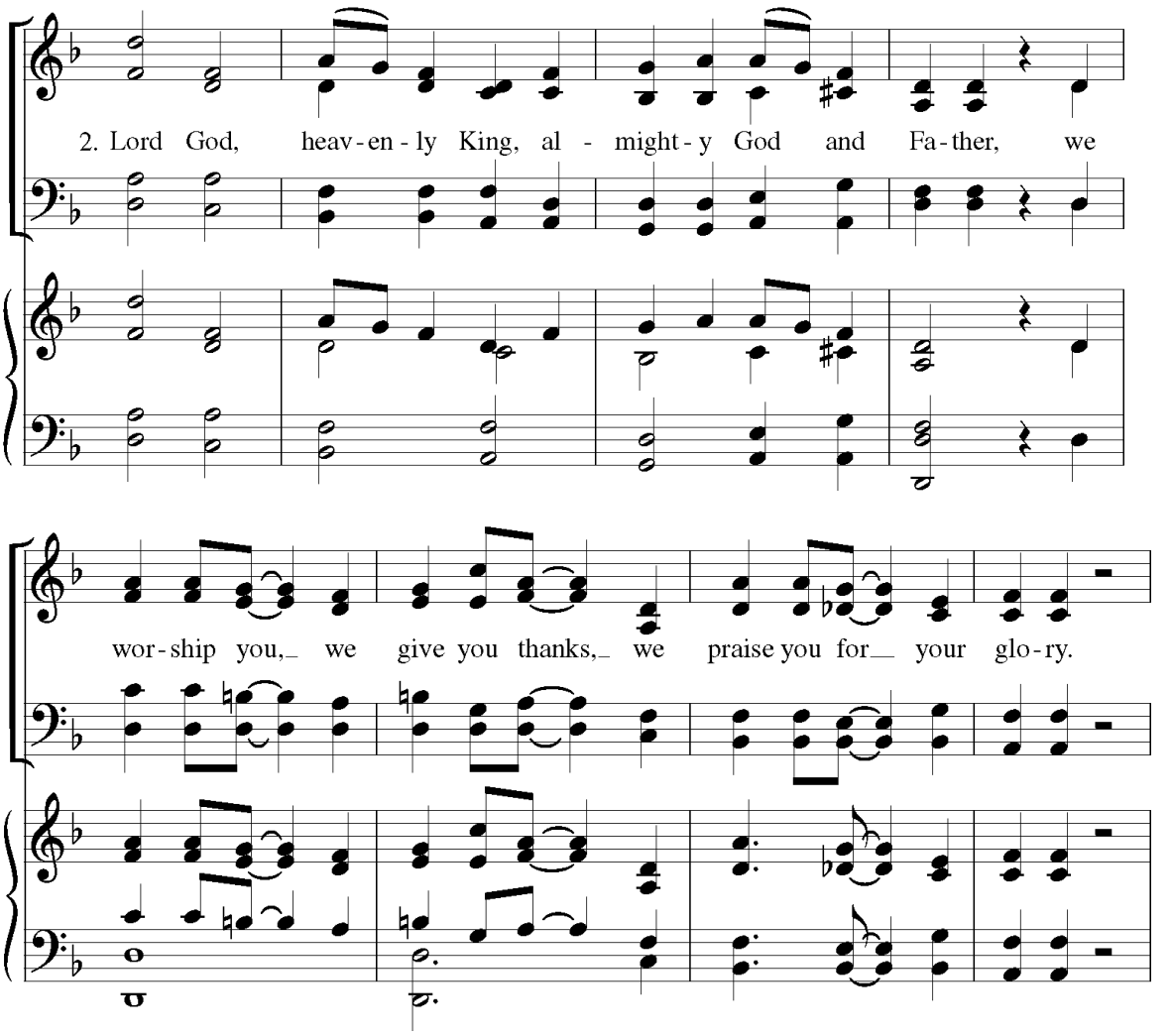
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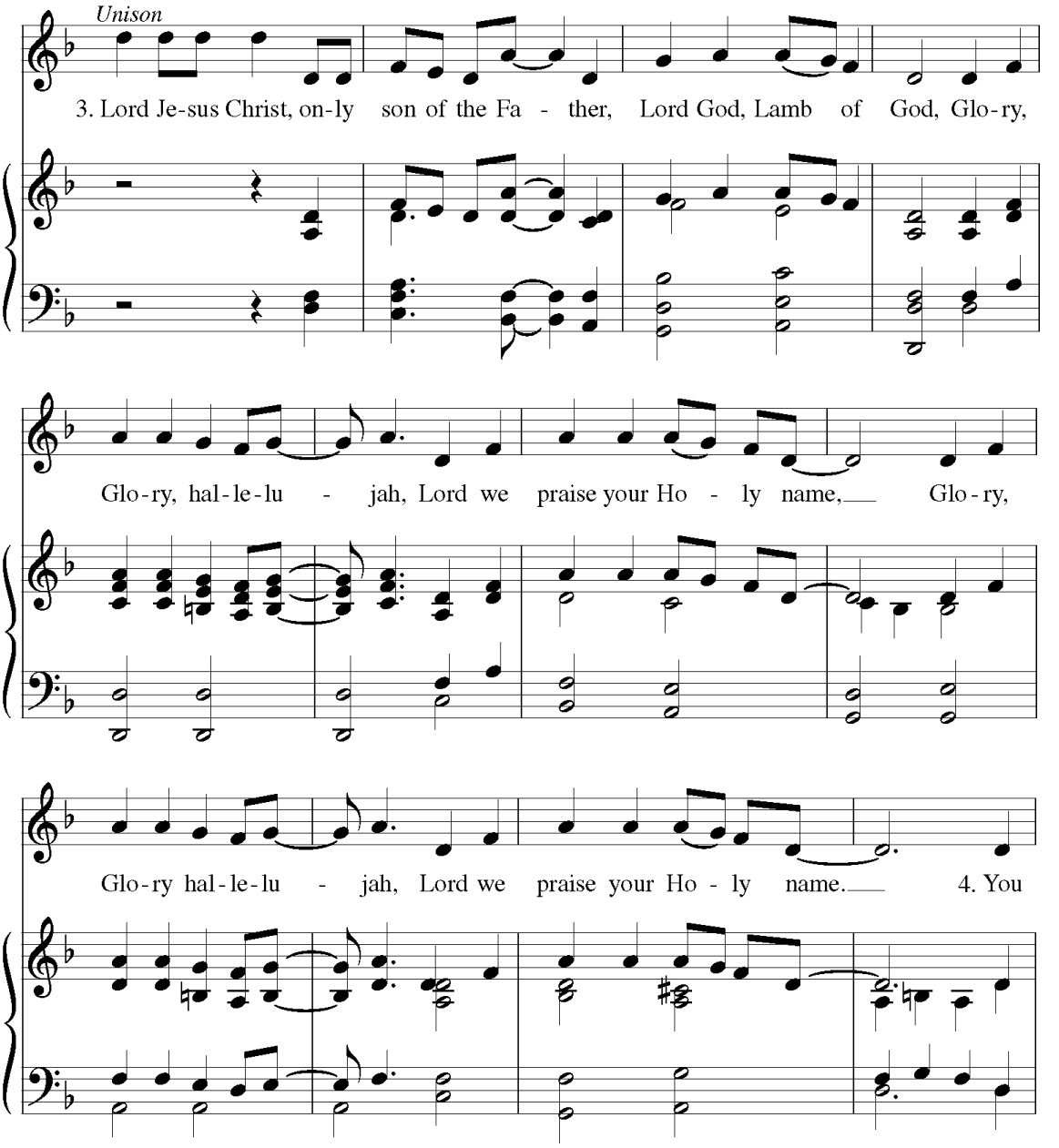
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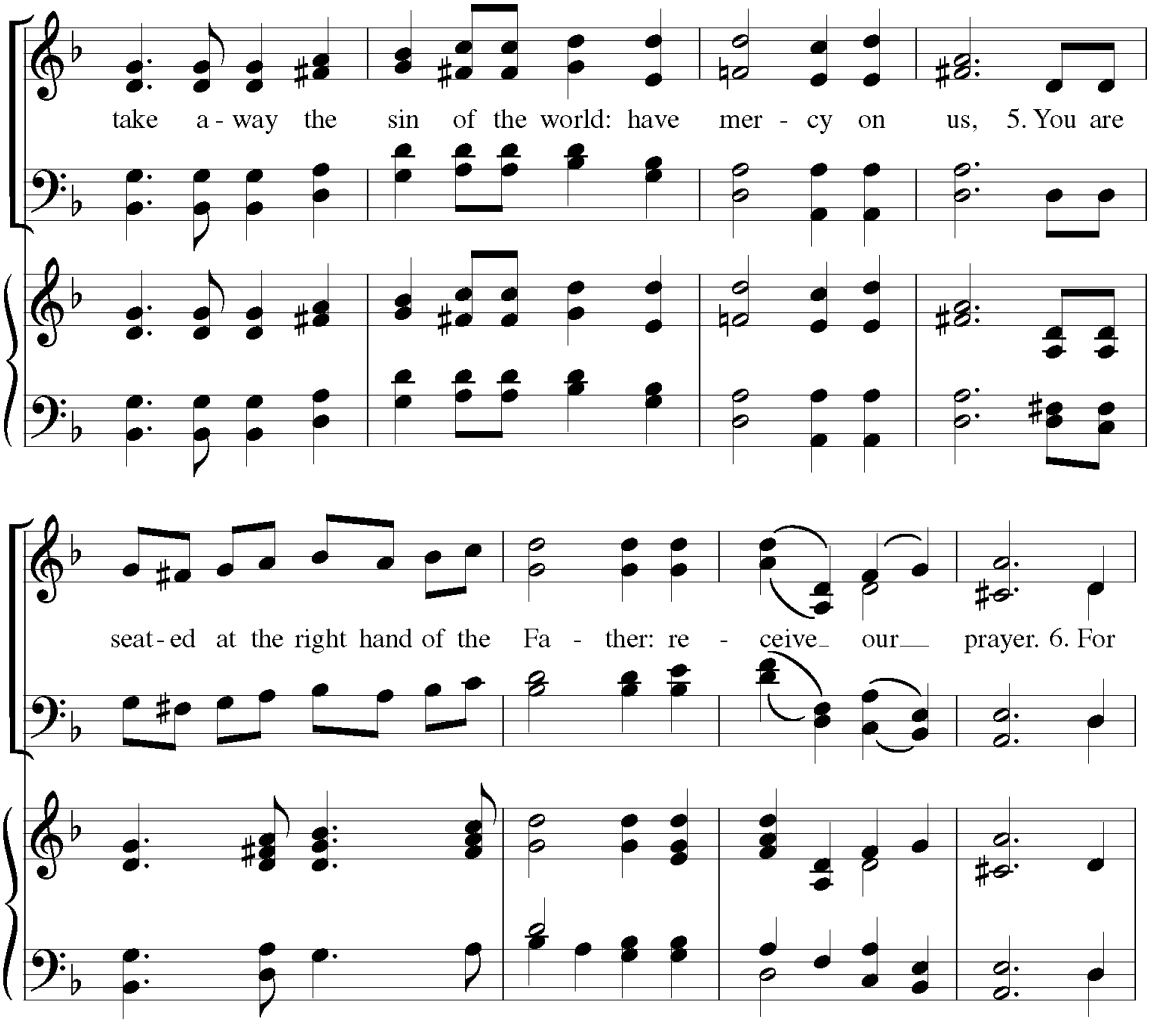
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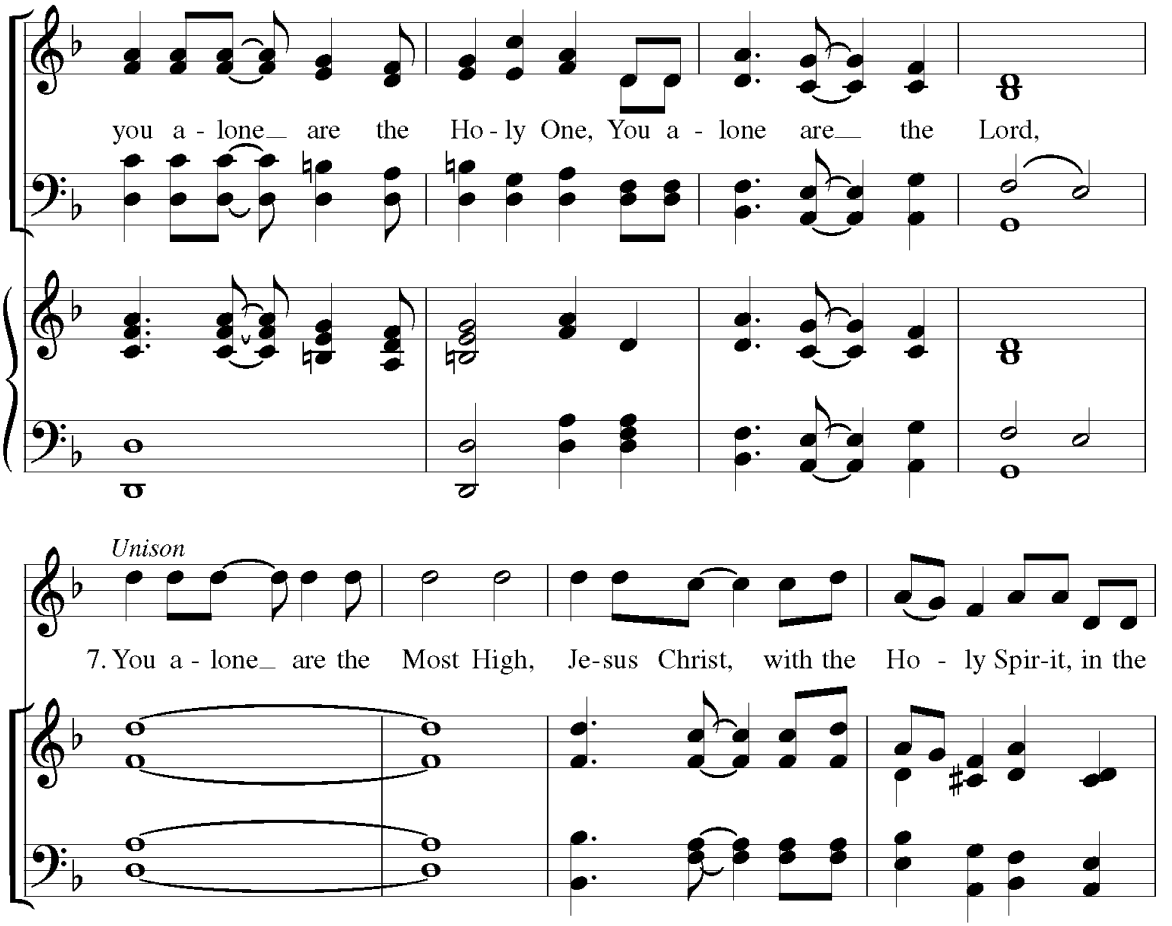
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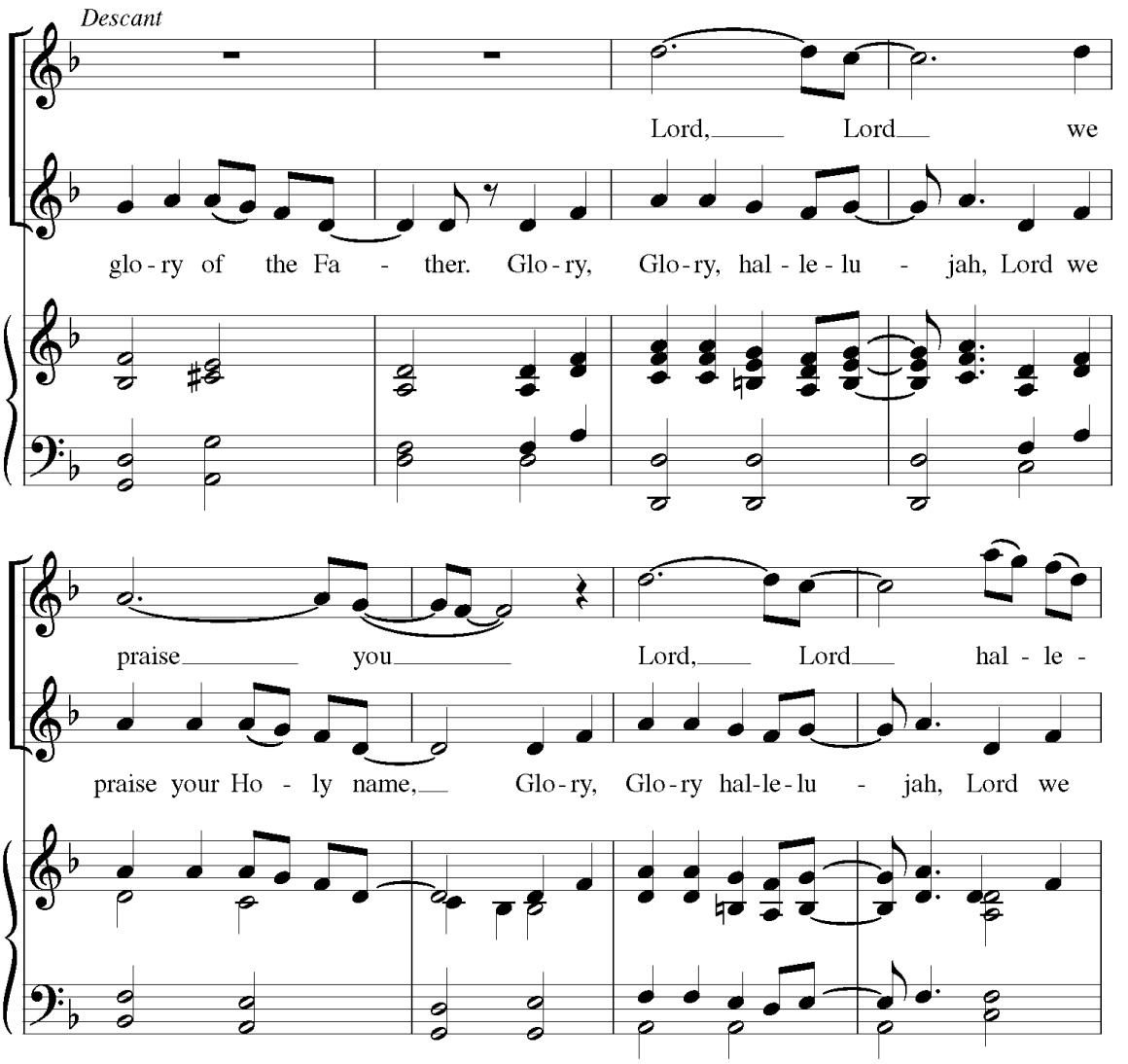
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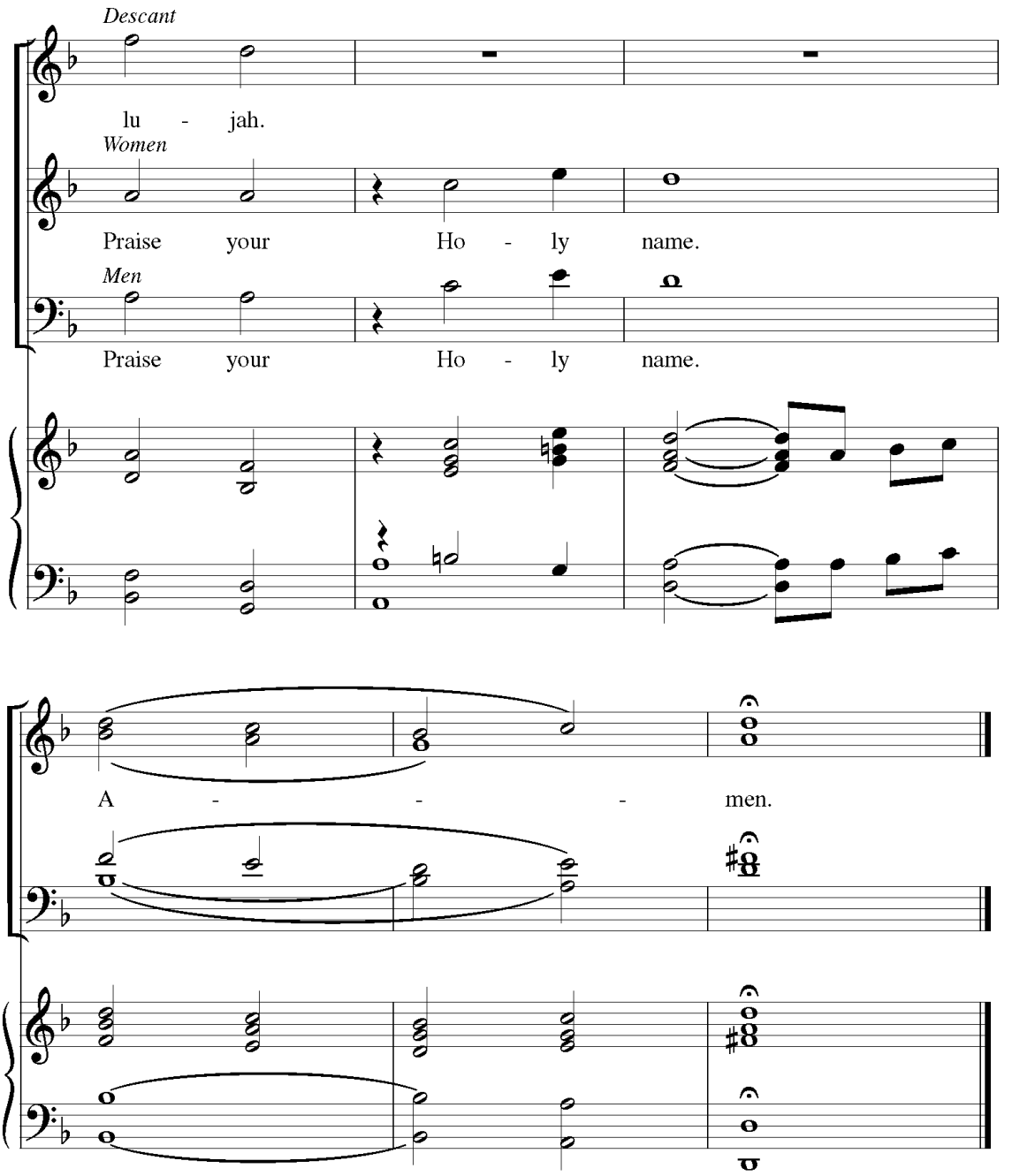
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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

The Lessons

First Reading Revelation 7:9-17

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

“For this reason they are before the throne of God,

and worship him day and night within his temple,

and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat;

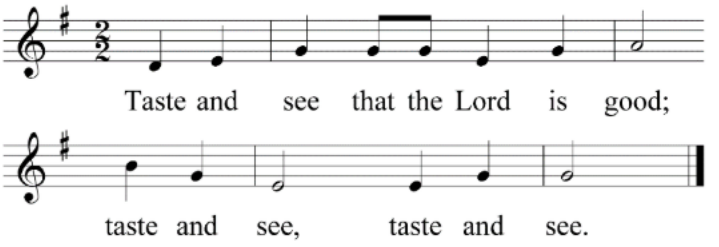
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 34:1-10,22

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Benedicam Dominum

1 I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and rejoice. *Refrain*

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
let us exalt his Name together.

4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror. *Refrain*

5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles. *Refrain*

7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.

8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him! *Refrain*

9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him. *Refrain*

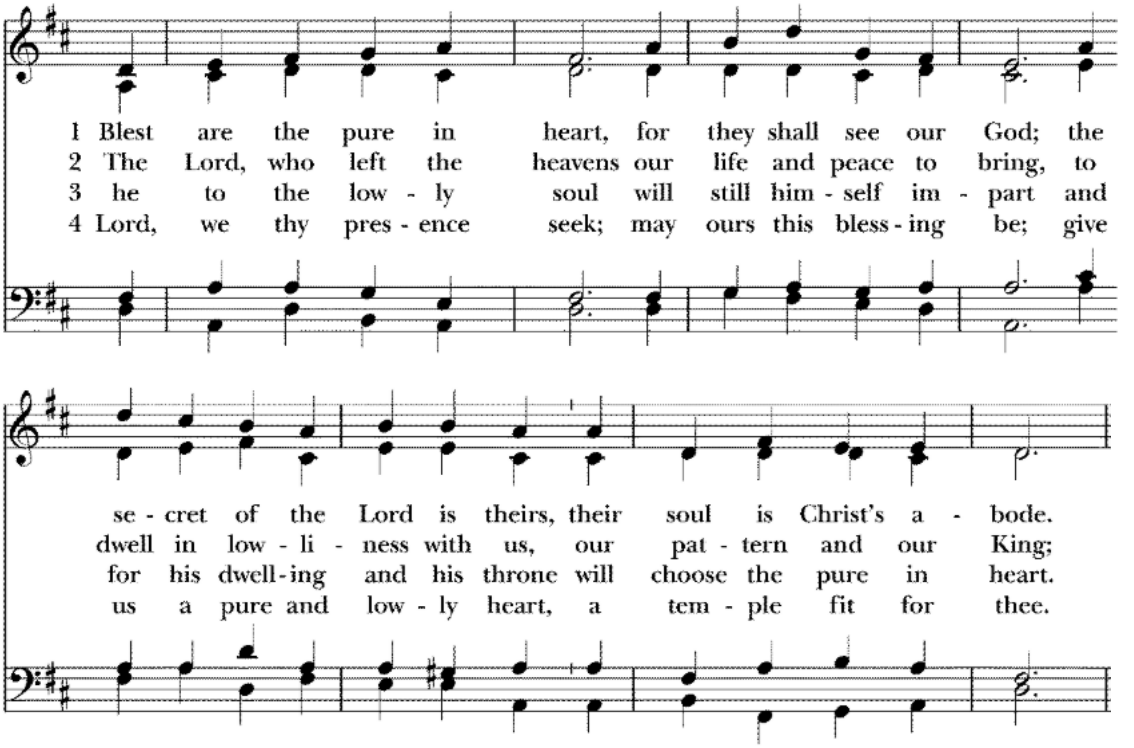
Second Reading 1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God**

The Sequence Hymn

Hymnal #656 Blest are the pure in heart *Franconia*

Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ According to Matthew.

People's Response before the Gospel Proclamation: **Glory to You, Lord Christ**

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

People's Response following the Gospel Proclamation: **Praise to You, Lord Christ**

The Sermon: The Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway

The Celebrant says
Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
People I do.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
People I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People 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 to the dead.
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.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People 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.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People I will, with God's help.

The Presider concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

Prayers of the People

Intercessor**:** Remembering the saints who have gone before us and giving thanks for God's blessings, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence

Intercessor: We pray for the whole church, gathered in word and sacrament, in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving to continue to bring care and blessing to all. Bless and strengthen our Presiding Bishop Sean, our Bishop Anne and our priest Debra in their proclamation of the gospel. Hear us, O God,

People: For your mercy is great.

Intercessor: We pray for wisdom, courage and commitment to help restore your creation that clean water, air, and the fruits of the earth are available for future generations. Hear us, O God,

People: For your mercy is great.

Intercessor: We pray for nations suffering from oppression, war and economic uncertainty. Raise up leaders who will work for peace. We especially pray for this community, the nation, the world, the Middle East, and areas that are torn by strife. Hear us, O God,

People: For your mercy is great.

Intercessor: We pray for our sisters and brothers who are hungry and thirsty, who need peace, who are persecuted, and all who need your healing touch through our hands (especially …. Anne M., Judy, Bill, Janice, Lori, Vivian L., Tim, Julie, Leslie, Laura, Jim, Victor, Lois E., Jaden, Sloan, Trish M., Randy, Isabella, Annie, Jon, Tammy, David, Thomas, Eva, Caryn, Laura, Larry, Sandy, Jason, Jim, Brenda, Tiffany, Lisa, Roland, Sue, Dawn, Wrenleigh, Phyllis, communities affected by wildfires and flooding, the people in Gaza, Haiti, Lebanon, Sudan, Ukraine, and the victims of recent gun violence). . Give us compassionate hearts, gentle hands, Hear us, O God,

People: For your mercy is great.

Intercessor: O God, you care for all your people, watch over all those serving in the military. May they feel your peace and protection. Hear us, O God,

People: For your mercy is great.

Intercessor: We pray for our congregation's ministries, that we continue reaching out to our neighborhood and community to share the goodness you offer through Christ. Hear us, O God,

People: For your mercy is great.

Intercessor says: (*You may add other intercessions - silently or aloud),* Hear us, O God,

People: For your mercy is great.

Intercessor: We pray for all the faithful departed and the witness we see in their faithful lives. Let light perpetual shine upon them. Hear us, O God,

People: For your mercy is great.

Presider: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever.

Confession of Sin

The celebrant says
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People
Most merciful God,
We confess that 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 neighbor as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
Have mercy on us and forgive us;
That we may delight in your will,
And walk in your ways,
To the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

The Absolution

The celebrant says
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen*

The Peace "The Peace of Christ be always with you"

Response: "And also with you"

Commemorative Prayers
The priest offers prayers for birthdays, anniversaries, and other significant events

The Holy Communion

Everyone is welcome at God's table. Please come forward for Holy Communion. If you would like to receive a blessing rather than communion, please come forward to the altar and cross your arms across your chest.

Offertory Sentence

♪♪ Offertory Anthem

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Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you
People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

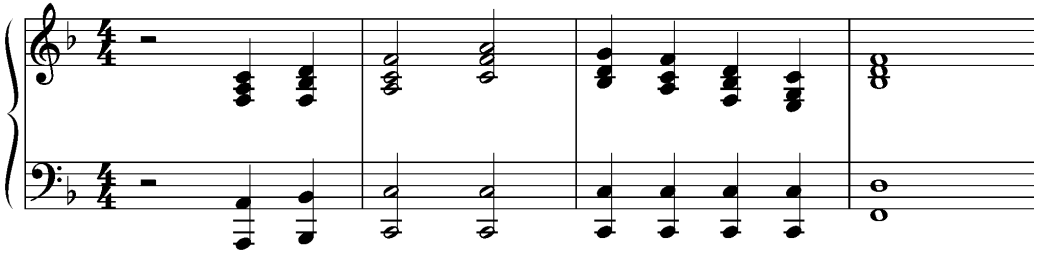
Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

For in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses. That we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

The Celebrant proceeds

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

♪♪ **Sanctus** (Holy, holy, holy**)** **LEVAS II #255**



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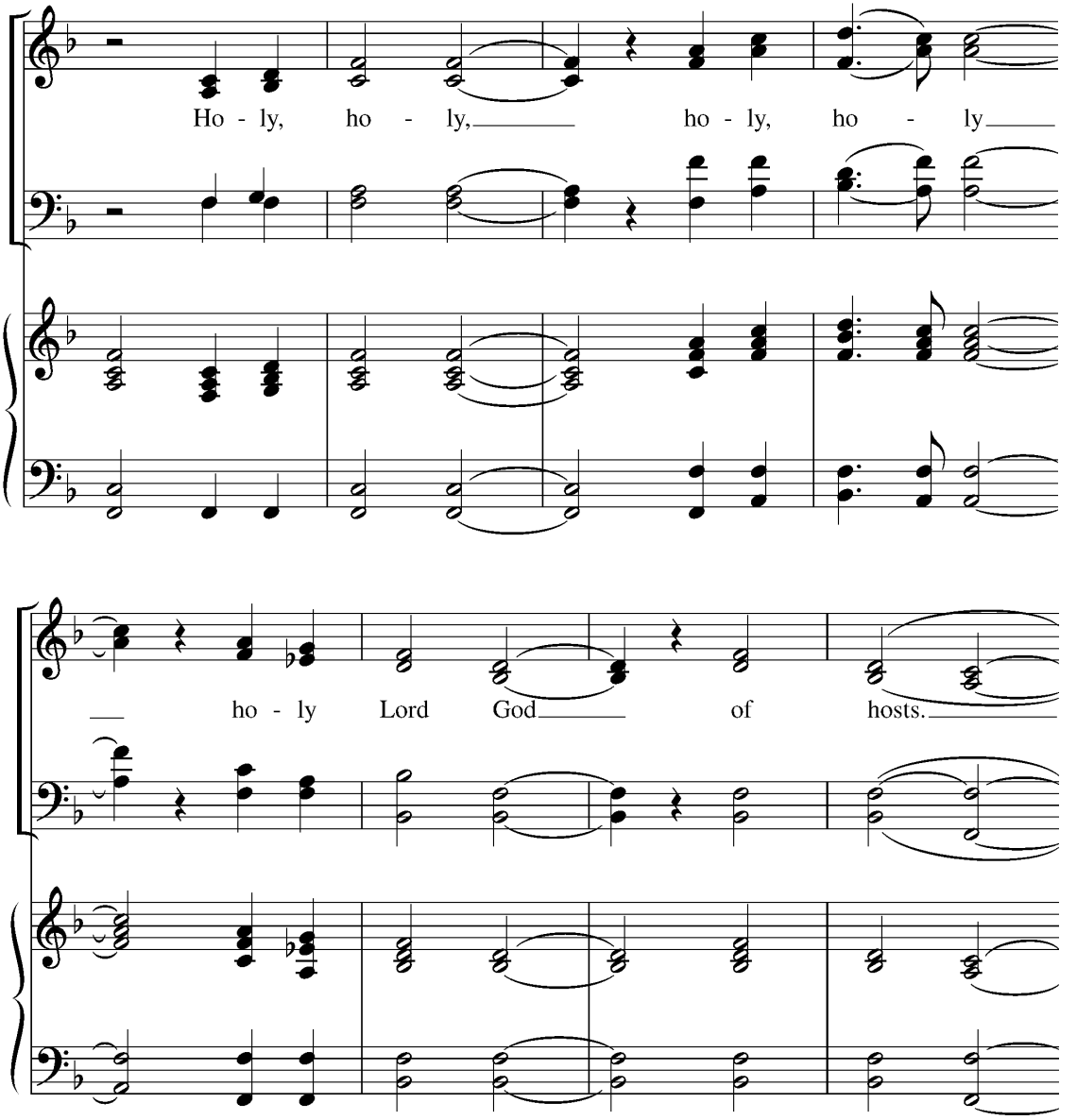

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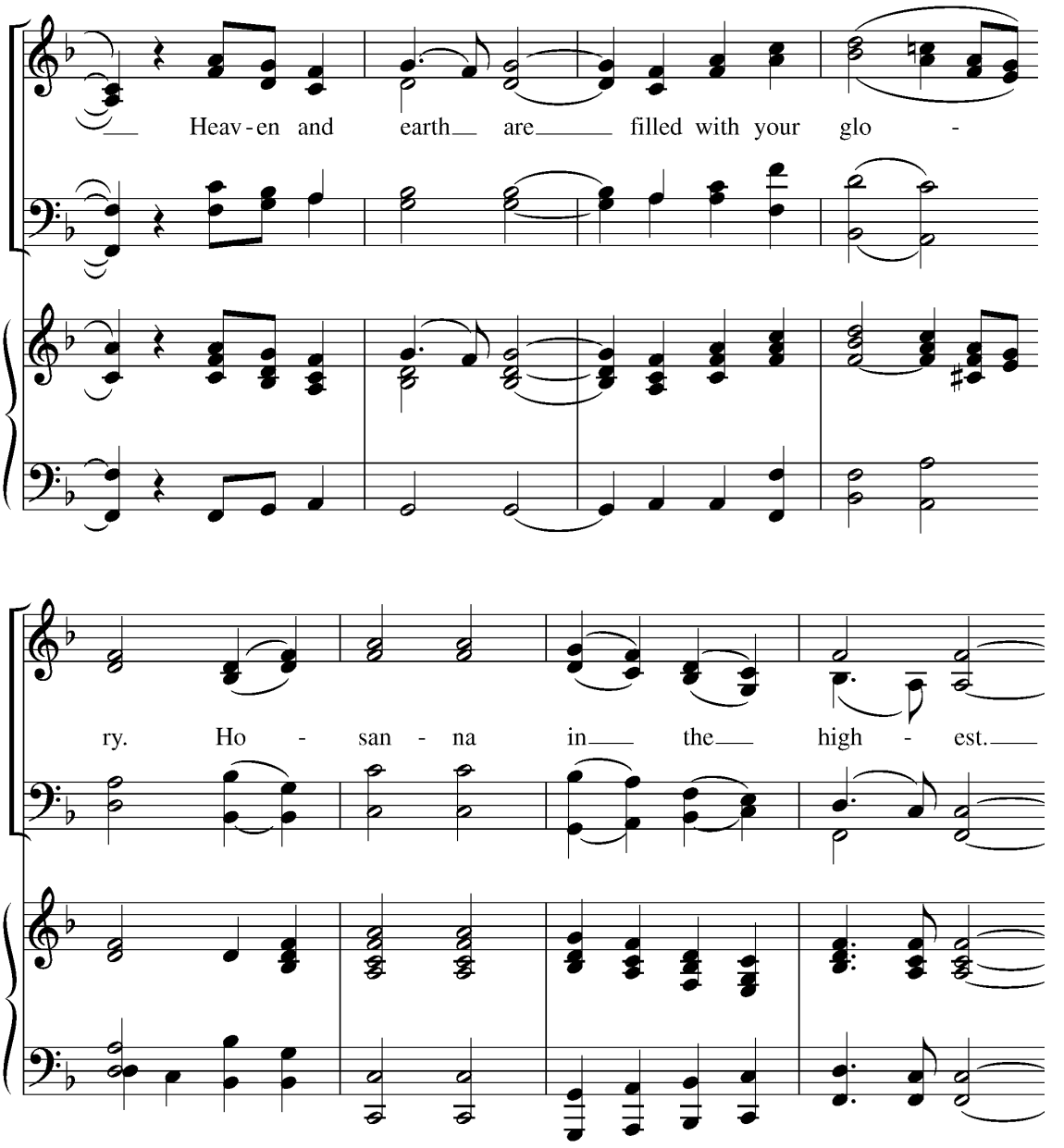
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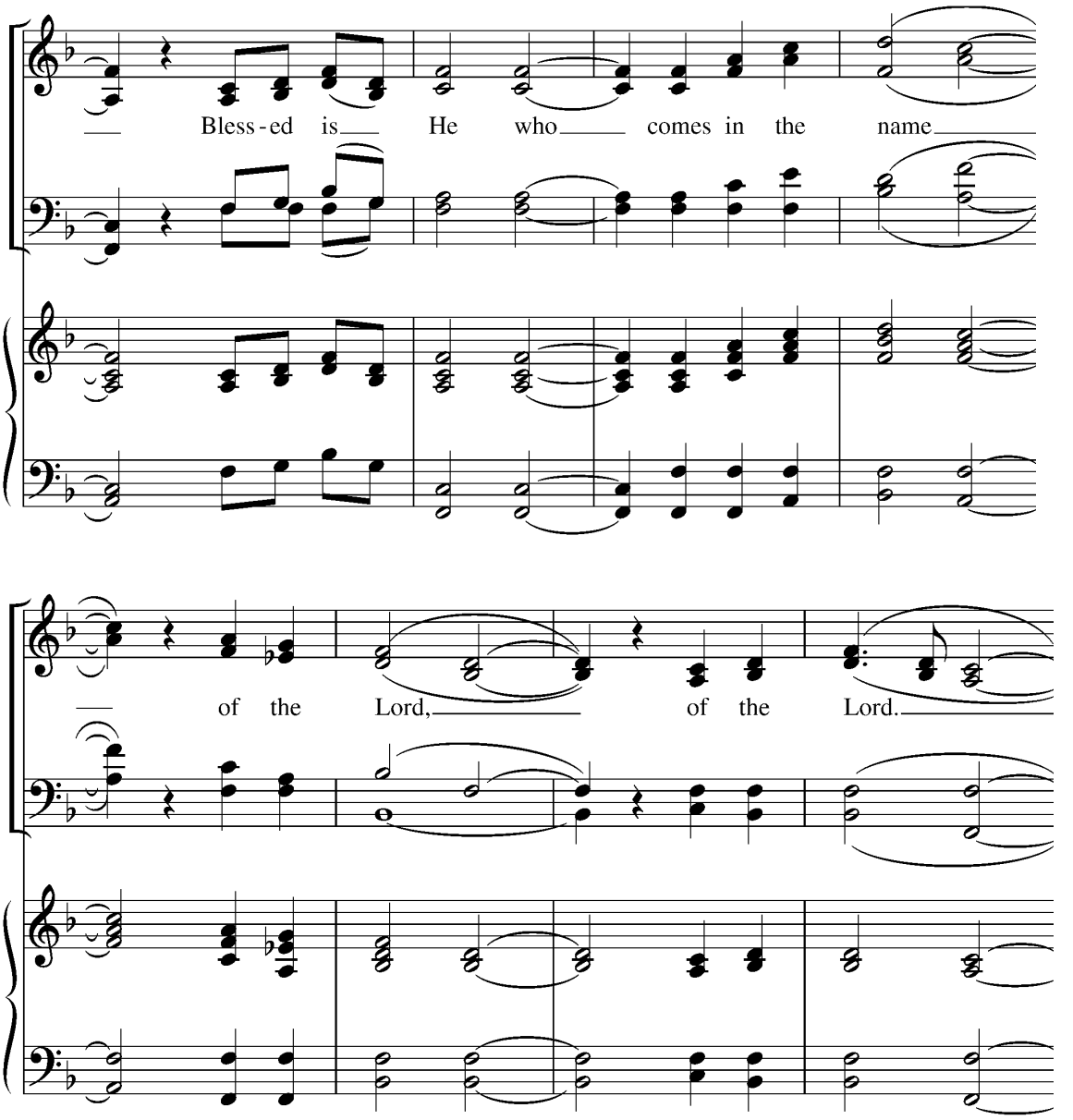

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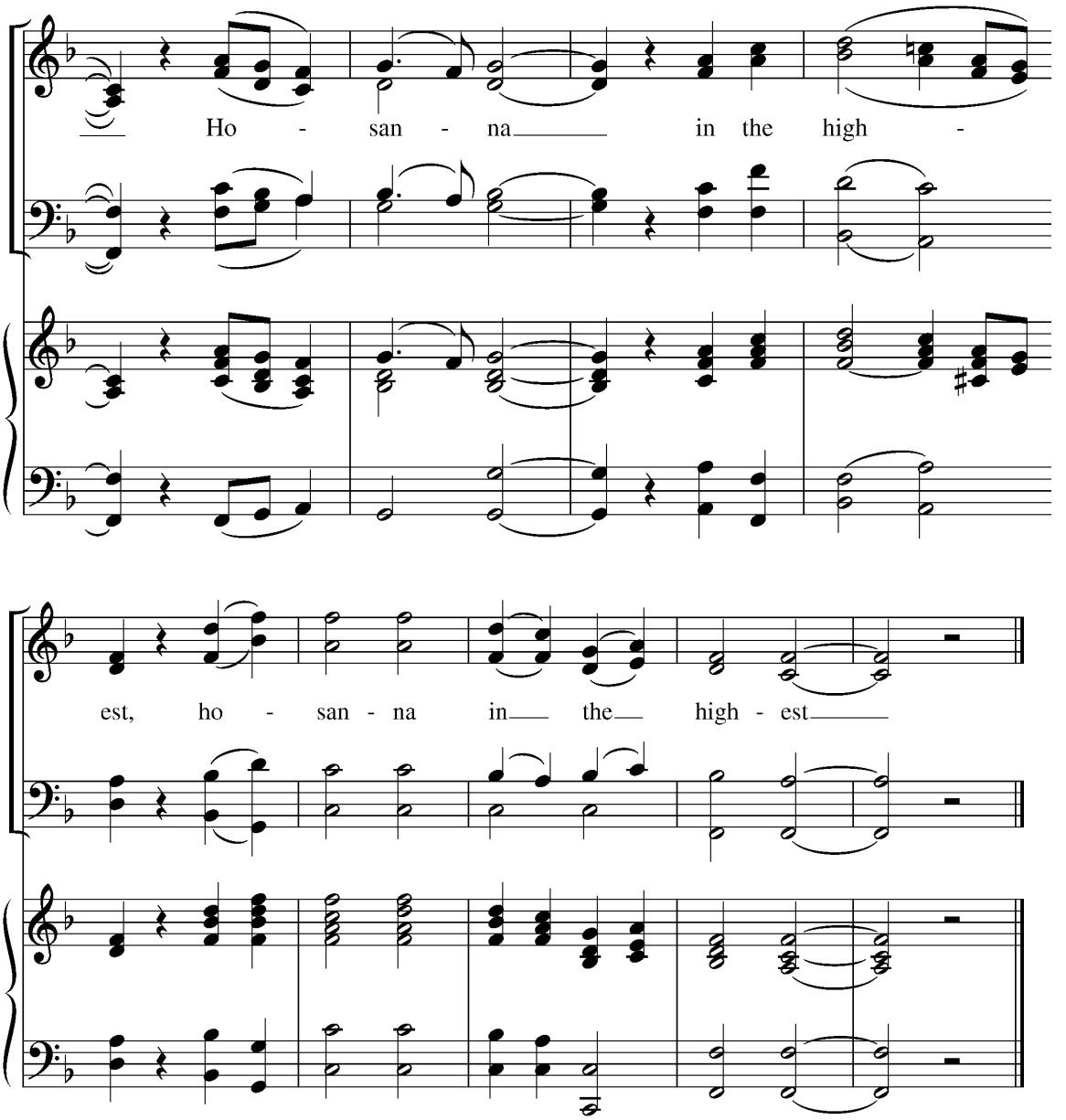
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The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

The celebrant continues

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

People and Presider

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

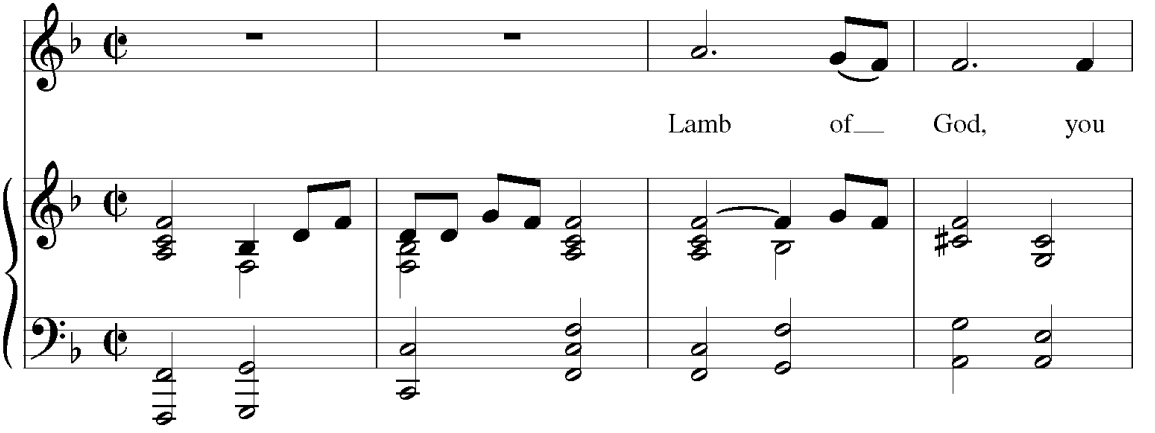
People and Presider

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,
for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. The following is then sung.

Fraction Anthem LEVAS II # 269



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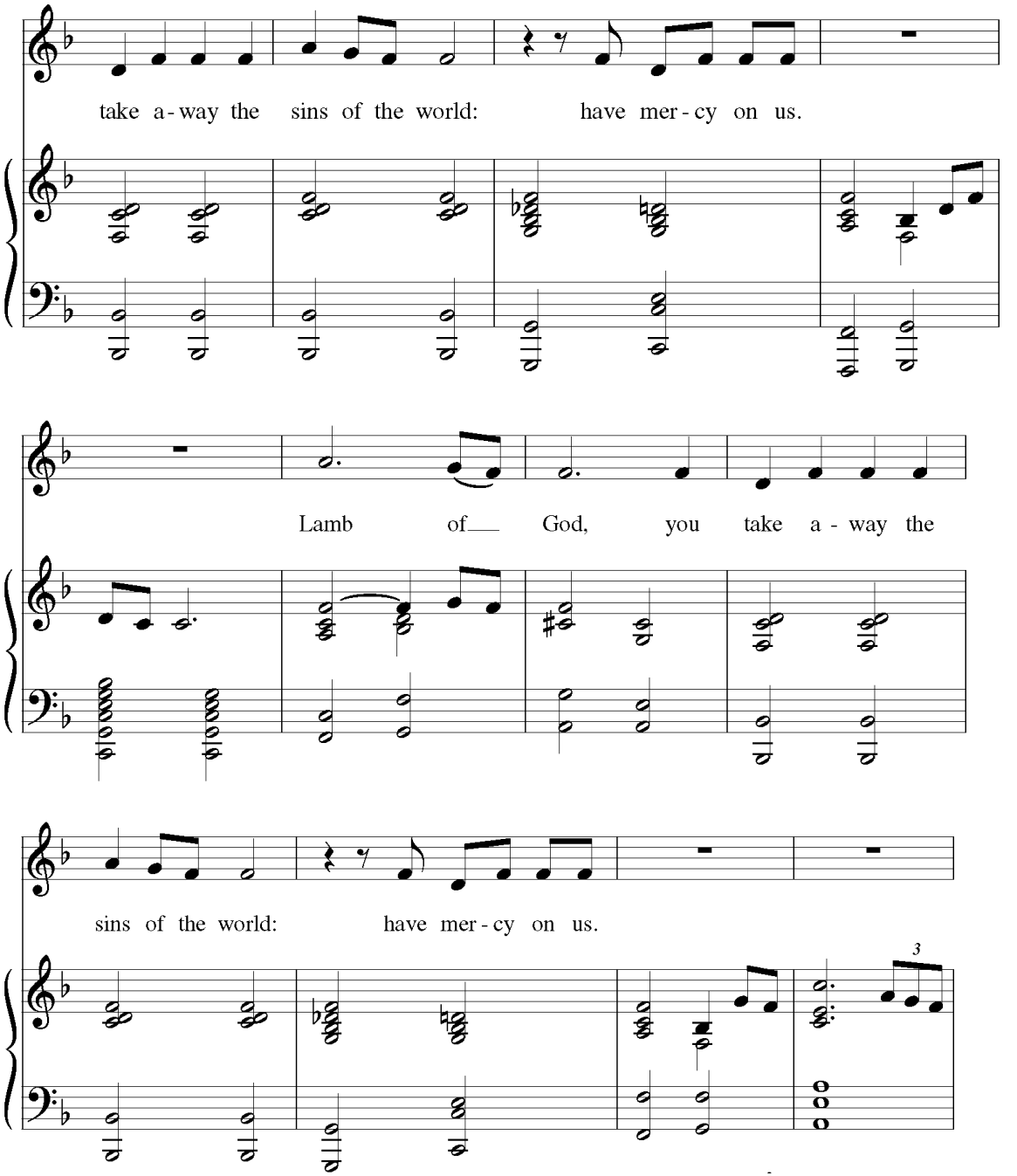
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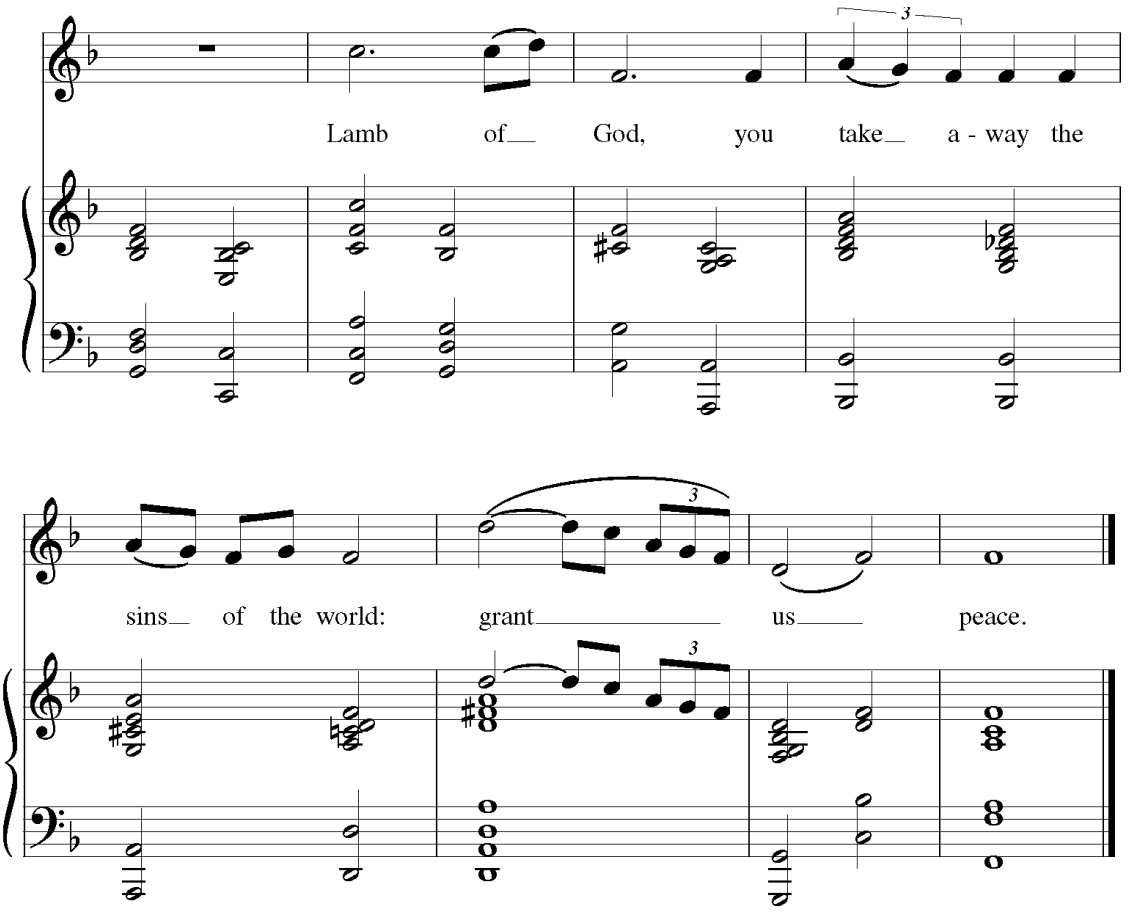
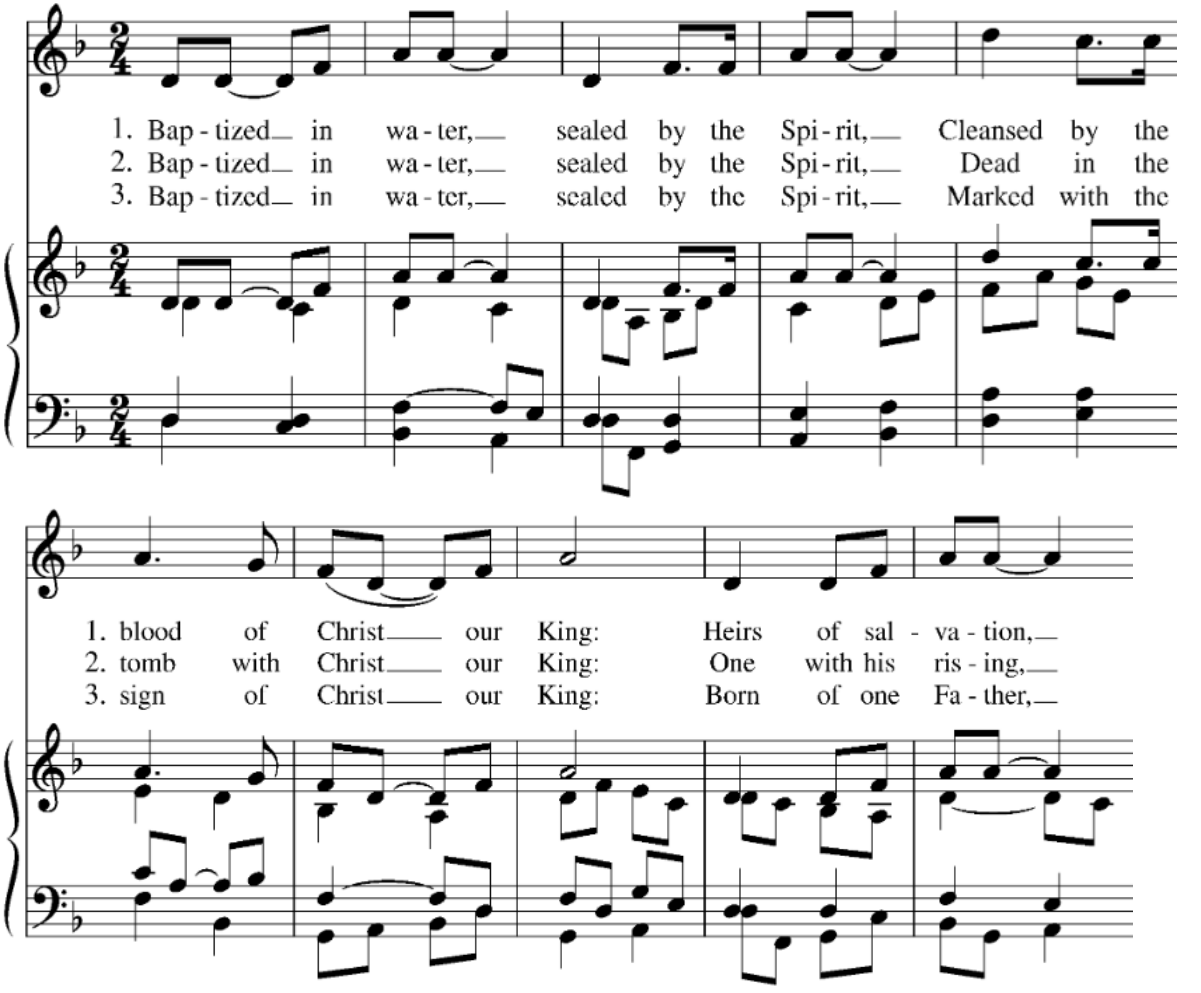

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymns

WLP #767 Baptized in water Eugene W. Hancock

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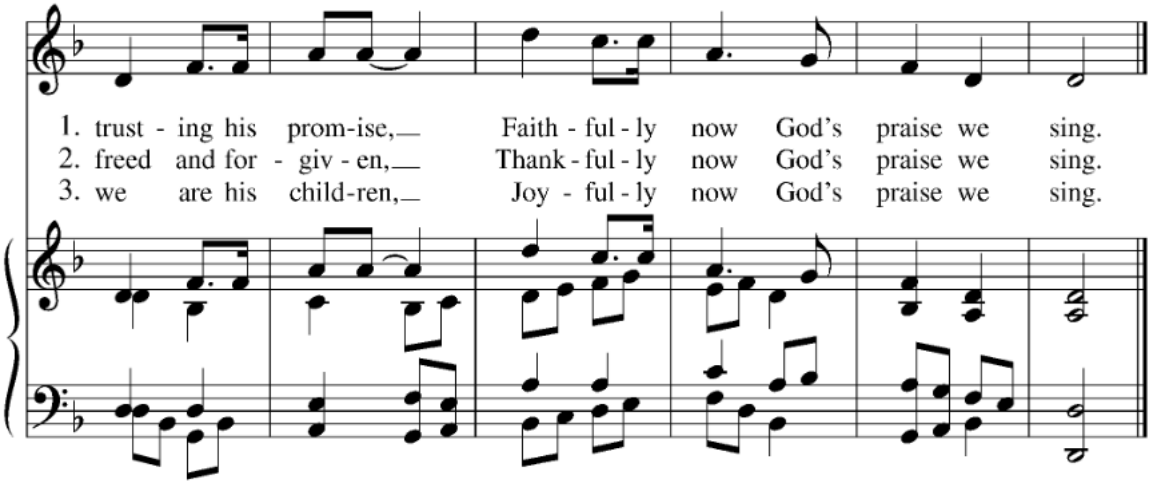
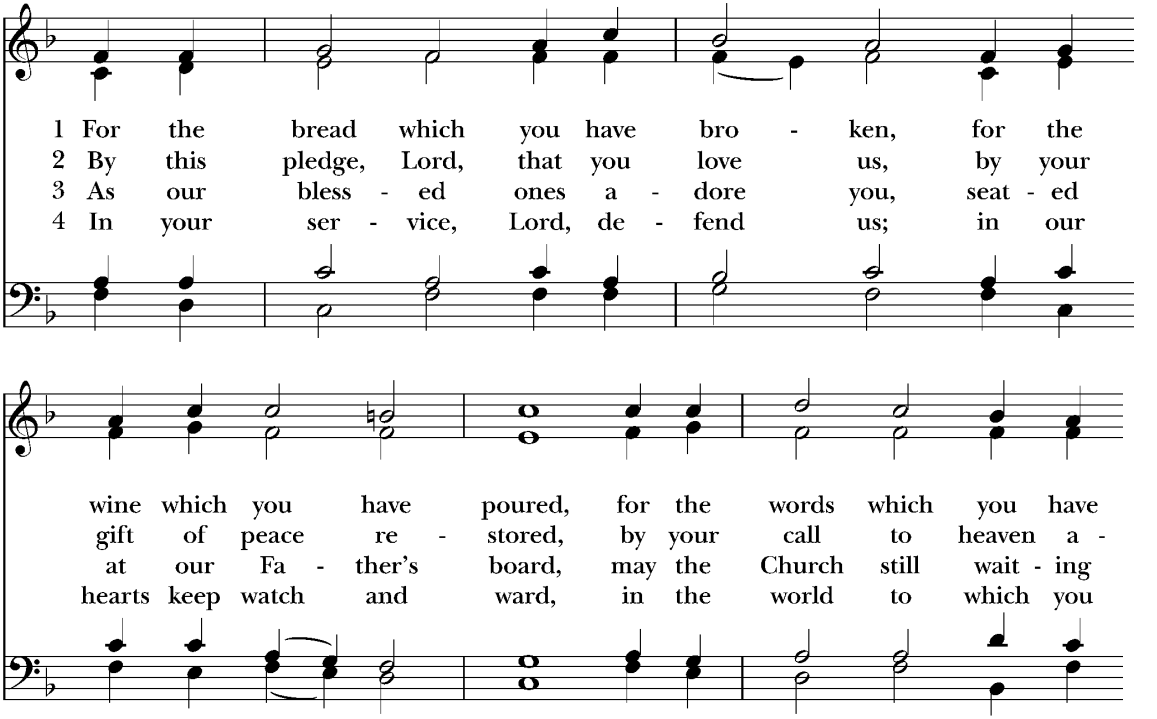

Hymnal #341 For the bread Andrae Crouch



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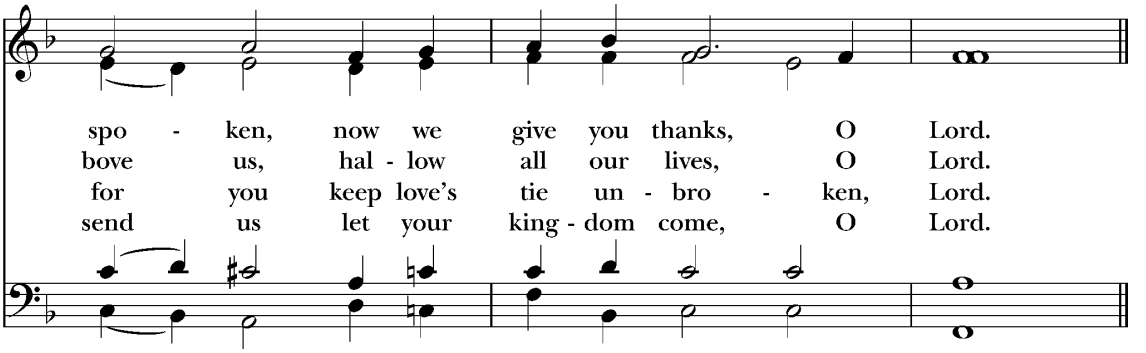

Postcommunion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

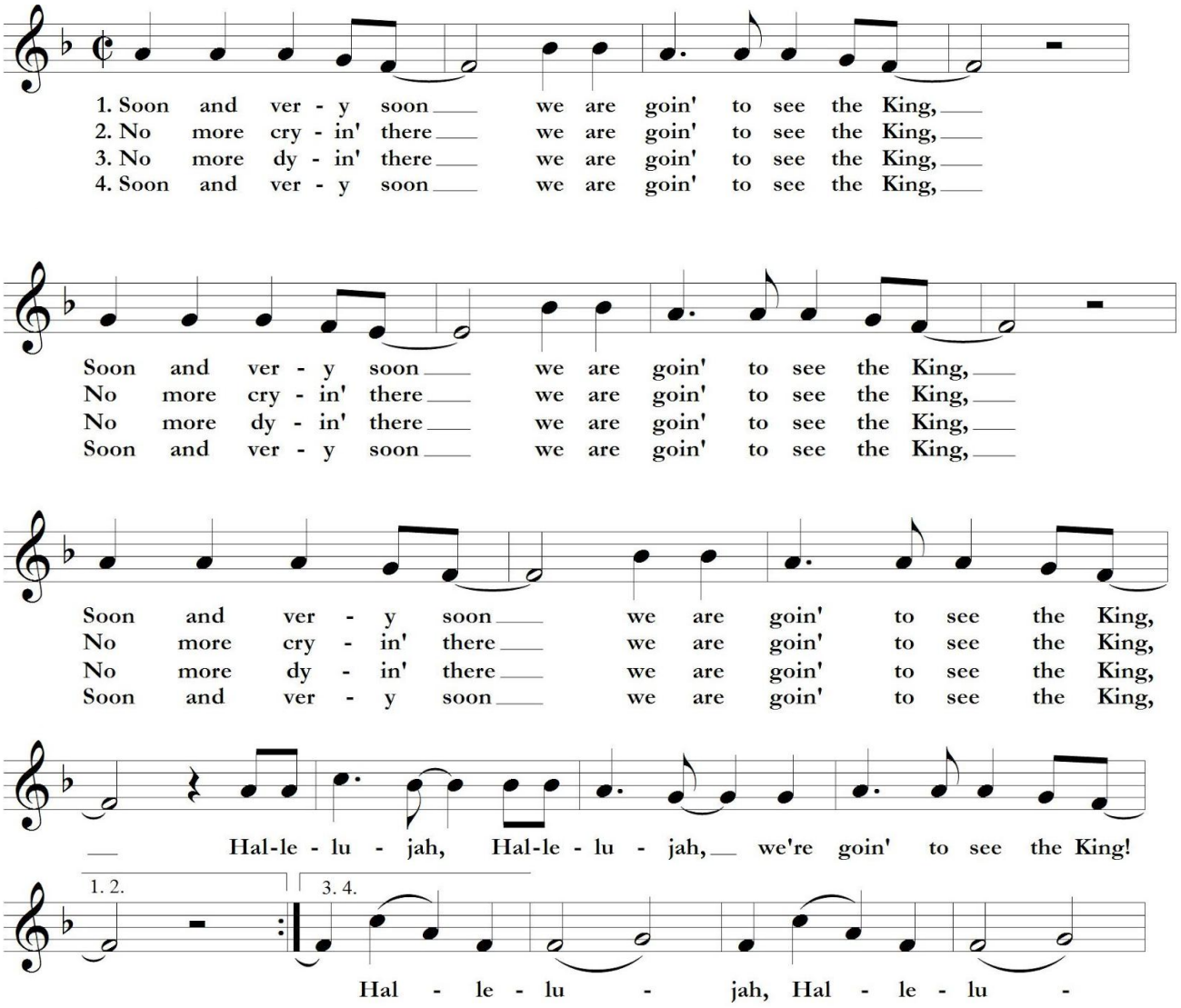
Announcements

Blessing

The peace of God which passes understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of God's son, our savior, Jesus Christ. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn

LEVAS II #14 Soon and very soon Andrae Crouch



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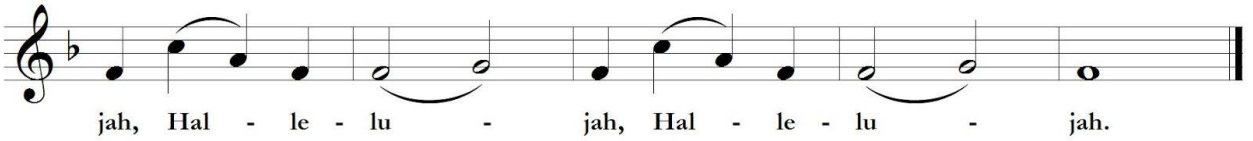


Dismissal

Response: **Thanks be to God**

♪♪**Postlude**

Who is Serving This Week:

Altar Guild: James H., Kay S.
Chalice: Rita L.
Acolyte: Rita L.
Lector: Colleen D., Susan K.
Usher: Kay S., Mike S.
Counters: Diane H., Ebony Y-A.
Coffee Hour Host: RaEbony Y-A., Ray B.

In all things give thanks…

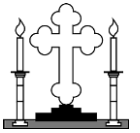
Church of Our Saviour (Episcopal) 2027 Annual Stewardship Campaign

In thanksgiving for God's many blessings and with the intention of sharing God's love with others and supporting the work of Church of Our Saviour, (Episcopal)…

TEXT YOUR PLEDGE PAYMENT/DONATION TO CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR!!

Church of Our Saviour now has the ability to donate and pay pledges by TEXT! Text the word Saviour to 73256. This will take you to the donation portal. Fill in the amount you want to give (direct from your bank account or on a debit/credit card). From the drop down menu choose where your donation/payment should go. You can choose to give once or multiple times. Follow the prompts. Once confirmed, you will receive a text message and an email with your receipt.

Altar Candles and Flowers for Sunday November 1, 2026



Flowers: Given to the glory of God in memory of Ruth T. Simon
Candles: Given to the glory of God in memory of Milton and All Saints.

The list for dedications of the Altar Candle and Flowers for Sunday services for the year is posted in the foyer just inside the Crosby St. entrance.

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, November 13 at 6:00 p.m.: Join us for Church of Our Saviour's annual Stewardship Celebration. Details to follow.

Friday and Saturday November 20th and 21st: Diocesan Convention in Sandusky. Registration has closed.

Altar Guild for November

November 1 James and Kay
November 8 Colleen and Lauren
November 15 Kathy and James
November 22 Kathy and Lauren
November 29 Colleen and Kay

Church Of Our Saviour Vestry

Elizabeth Armstrong, Class of 2028
Bruce Freeman, Class of 2027
Diane Hawkins – Warden Class, of 2026
Lauren Jackson – Clerk, Class of 2027
Rita Livergood, Class of 2027
Katharine Vess – Treasurer, Class of 2028
Ebony Y-A. – Warden Class of 2026

Vestry Nominations

It is that time of the year when we will be nominating parish members to serve on the Vestry at the Annual Meeting in January. The Vestry term is 3 years. If you are interested or would like to nominate someone for this leadership position in the church, please contact Diane Hawkins, Ebony Yeboah-Amankwah or any other member of the nominating committee.

In considering being a part of this ministry, here is some information about what it means to be on the Vestry.

General Responsibilities for all Vestry Members

All vestry members should strive to the best of their abilities to:

- Have a love of God and demonstrate a commitment to following the way of Christ;
- Be active in and knowledgeable about the congregation, its programs and governance;
- Be fair, interact well with people and strive to earn the respect of the members of the congregation;
- Purposefully strive to "check one's ego at the door;"

- Purposefully strive to be a servant of the people without the need to be the "most important person" in the congregation or the need to be the one with the right answers to everything;
- Have enthusiasm and vitality for this ministry.

All vestry members should be able to make the following time commitments:

- Vestry meetings, committee work;
- Vestry retreat(s);
- Weekly worship services
- Congregational events: coffee hours, meals, fundraisers, adult education programs, etc.;
- Diocesan meetings, as necessary;
- Annual meeting.
- Weekly counting offering

All vestry members are responsible for:

- Offering talents to support the congregation's ministry;
- Praying daily for the rector, leaders and members of the congregation;
- Pledging financial support early in the stewardship campaign;
- Being active ministers of the Gospel in daily life and work;
- Bringing one's whole self to the table; being present – mind, body, and spirit;
- Risking openness with one's ideas, beliefs and desire

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. Conversation with Scripture at noon EVENSONG at 4 p.m.	2 Property Committee Meeting at 5:30 p.m.	3 Compline at 8:00 p.m.	4 Finance Committee meeting at 4:00 p.m.	5	6	7 AA at 10:00 a.m.
8 Morning Prayer at 10:30 a.m. Conversation with Scripture at noon	9 AAIC at 5:30 p.m.	11 Compline at 8:00 p.m.	11 VETERANS DAY	12	13 Annual Stewardship Celebration at 6:00 p.m.	14 AA anniversary breakfast Diocesan Convention
15 Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. Conversation with Scripture at noon	16	17 Compline at 8:00 p.m.	18 Finance Committee meeting at 4:00 p.m. Dinner on Us at 5:30 p.m.	19 WHNO meeting at 6:30 p.m.	20 Diocesan Convention	21 AA at 10:00 a.m. Diocesan Convention
22 Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. Conversation with Scripture at noon	23 Vestry meeting at 6:30 p.m.	24 Compline at 8:00 p.m.	25 Thanksgiving Dinner on Us at 5:30 p.m.	26 OFFICE CLOSED THANKSGIVING DAY	27	28 AA at 10:00 a.m.
29 Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. Conversation with Scripture at noon	30 Friendly Pantry and Muffin Monday at 7:30 a.m.					