

*Welcome To*

**Trinity Lutheran Church**

Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

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**OUR PURPOSE**

…is to **LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, AND SERVE THE WORLD** by worshiping the Lord Jesus, bringing our members into Christ-like maturity, and equipping them through Word and Sacrament for their mission and ministry. We go heart to heart into the world with Jesus, sharing His love, caring for one another, praying, and bringing the lost into a relationship with Christ, by the working of the Holy Spirit

***December 18, 2022***

*Fourth Sunday in Advent*

*Preacher: Rev. Paul Schneider*

**ABOUT OUR WORSHIP**

**We welcome all who gather here today!** We are blessed to celebrate together the mercy, grace, and love we have from God through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Children:** Families with children are *very* welcome here. Having children in church is important so they can begin to learn about their faith in Jesus, and it’s good for the whole congregation to see. *Please feel comfortable keeping “squirmy”* *kids in the service. This is where they belong, too!*

***Pew Cards: Guests and Members, please fill out the Guest/Member card located on the back of the pew in front of you and pass it to the end of the aisle. If you forget you can put it in the offering plate on your way out.***

**If standing is difficult:** Please feel free to remain seated during any portion of the service. Please let an Elder or Usher know if you need communion in your pew seat.

**About our celebration of Holy Communion:** We celebrate the Lord’s Supper in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood contrary to that which is stated above do so to their great harm, and also because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Anyone who is not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with Pastor. Those not communing are still invited to come forward for a blessing from Pastor, and you may indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

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**GREETING**

P Peace be with you.

**C And also with you.**

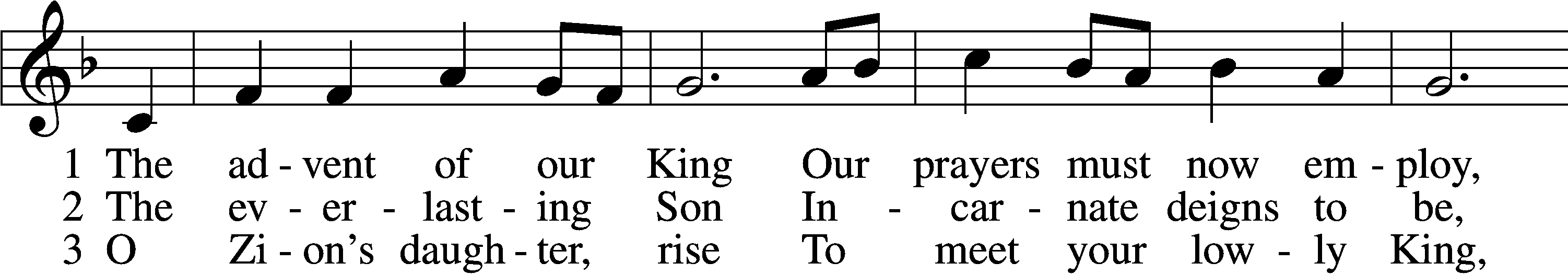
# P Let us Pray.

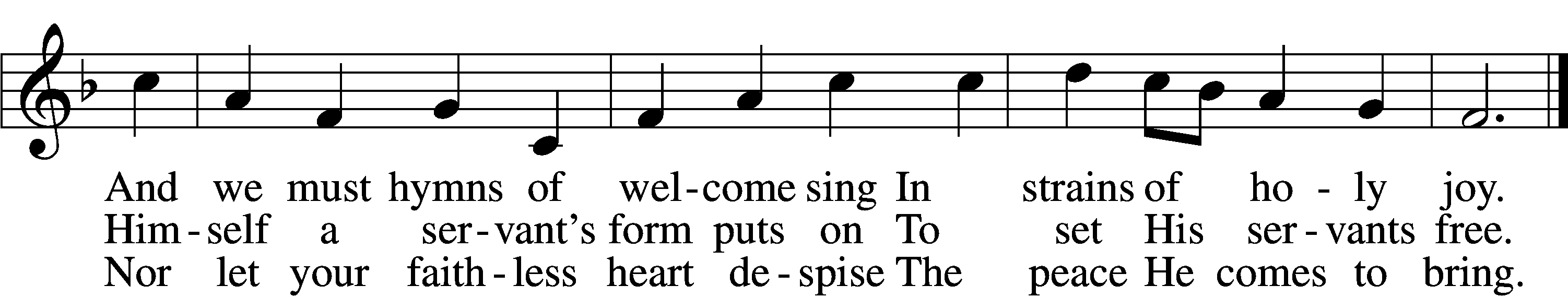
# **T ORDER OF SERVICE T**

*(The liturgy is from Divine Service Setting one LSB pg.151ff)*

**OPENING HYMN**

**The Advent of Our King** *LSB 331 sts. 1–3*





*Please stand as able*

**CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

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

P In the name of the Father and of the T 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.**

*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 In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

# **T SERVICE OF THE WORD T**

**KYRIE**  *Pg. 152*

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

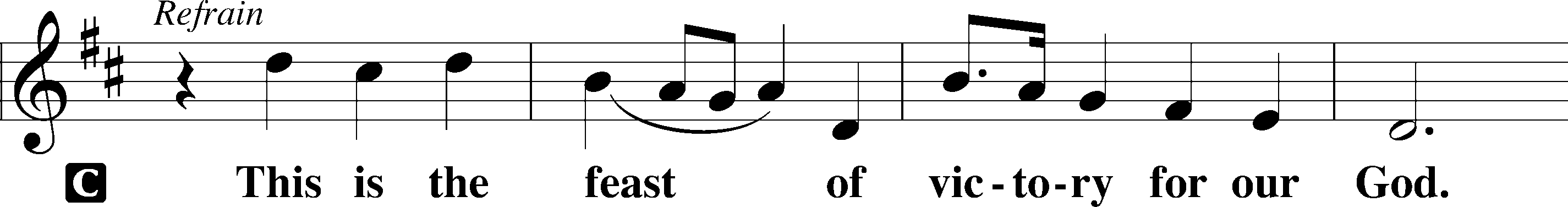
C **Lord, have mercy.**

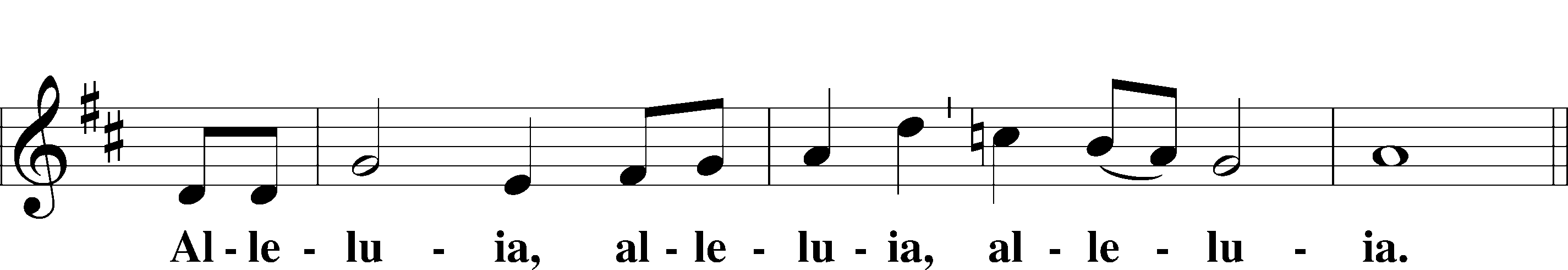
P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

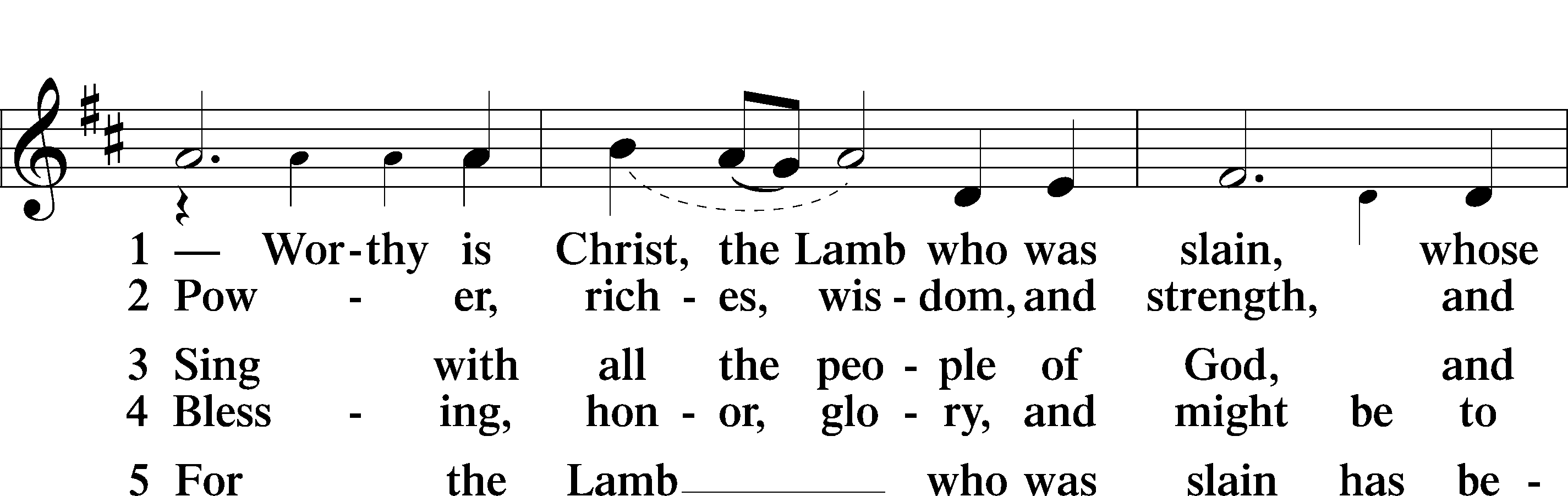
**HYMN OF PRAISE**

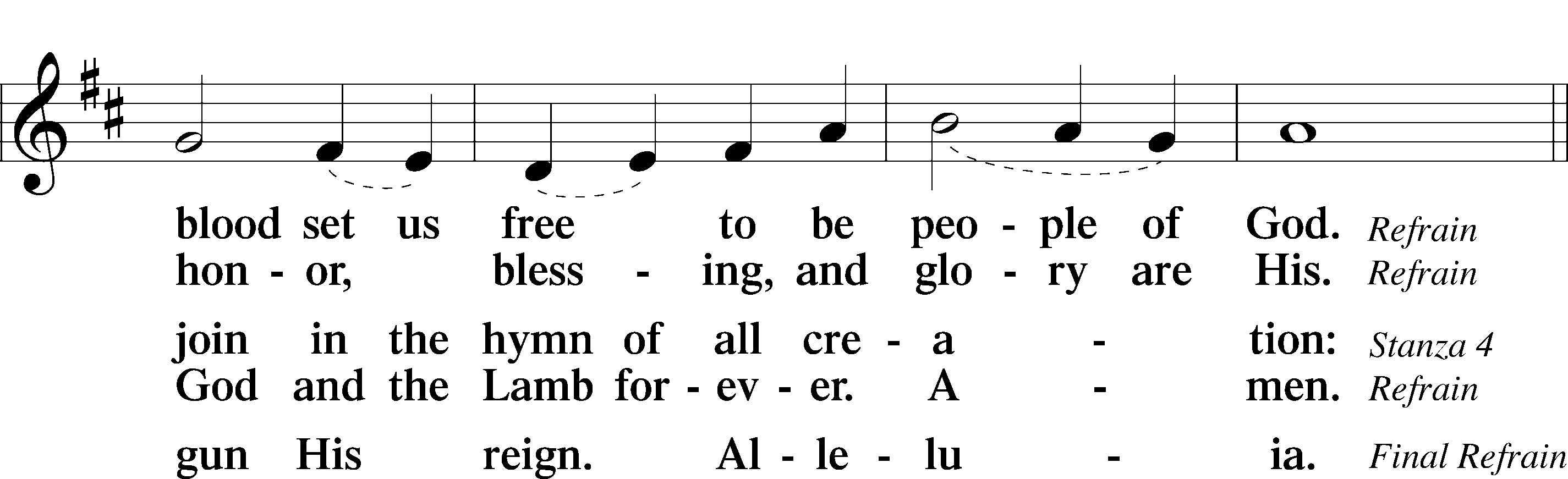
This Is the Feast *LSB 155*

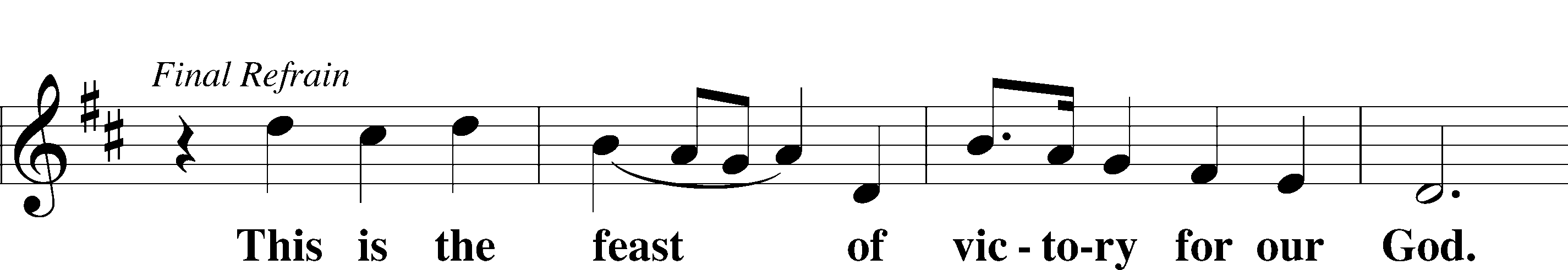


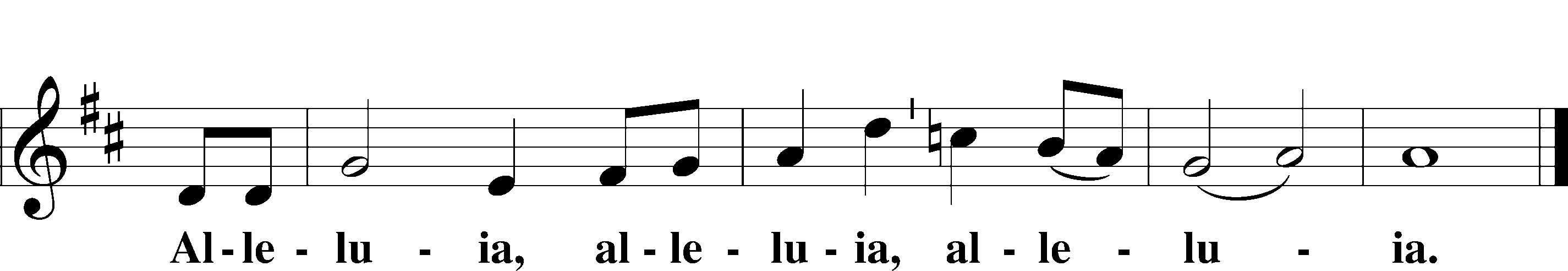


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**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might,

that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy;

for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Micah 5:2–5a*

2 But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
 who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
 one who is to be ruler in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
 from ancient days.  
3Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
 when she who is in labor has given birth;  
then the rest of his brothers shall return  
 to the people of Israel.  
4And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord,  
 in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.  
And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great  
 to the ends of the earth.  
5And he shall be their peace.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *Hebrews 10:5–10*

5When Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
 but a body have you prepared for me;  
6in burnt offerings and sin offerings  
 you have taken no pleasure.  
7Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,  
 as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’”

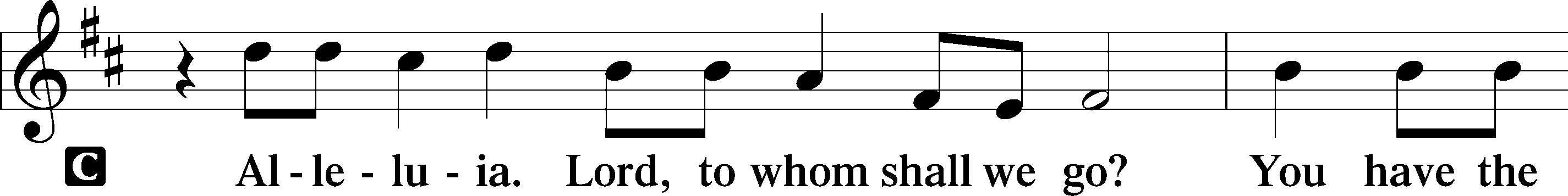
8When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), 9then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. 10And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

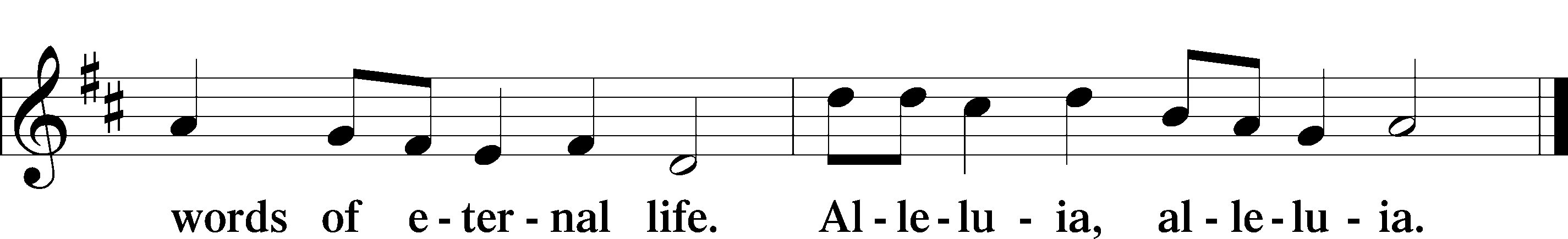
P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as able*

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE** LSB 156





HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 1:39–45*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

39In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, 40and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. 41And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, 42and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! 43And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. 45And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**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**

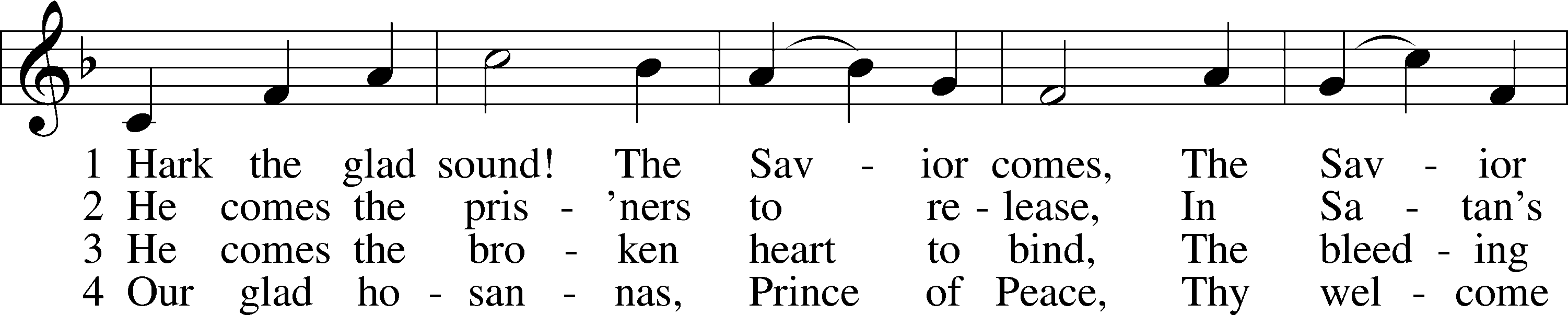
**and the life** T**of the world to come. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

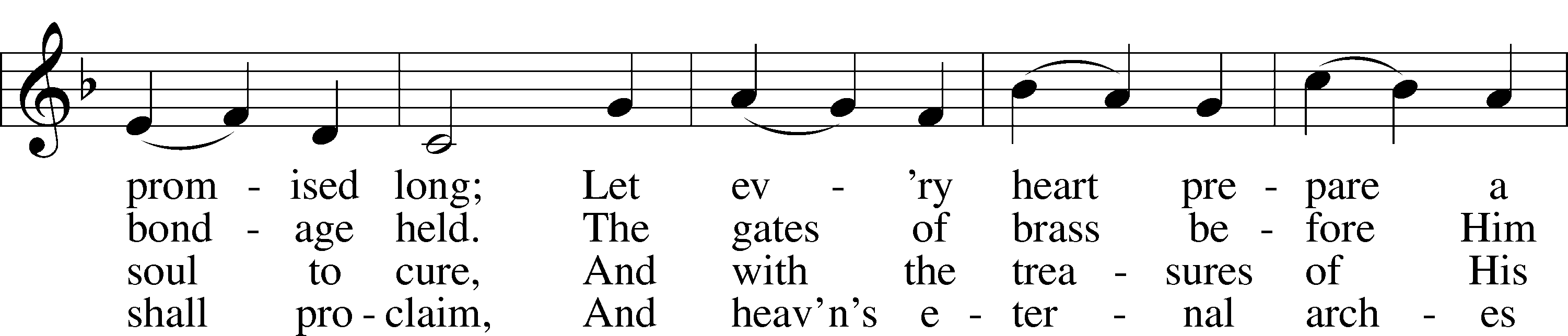
**ALL GOD’S CHILDREN – TALK**

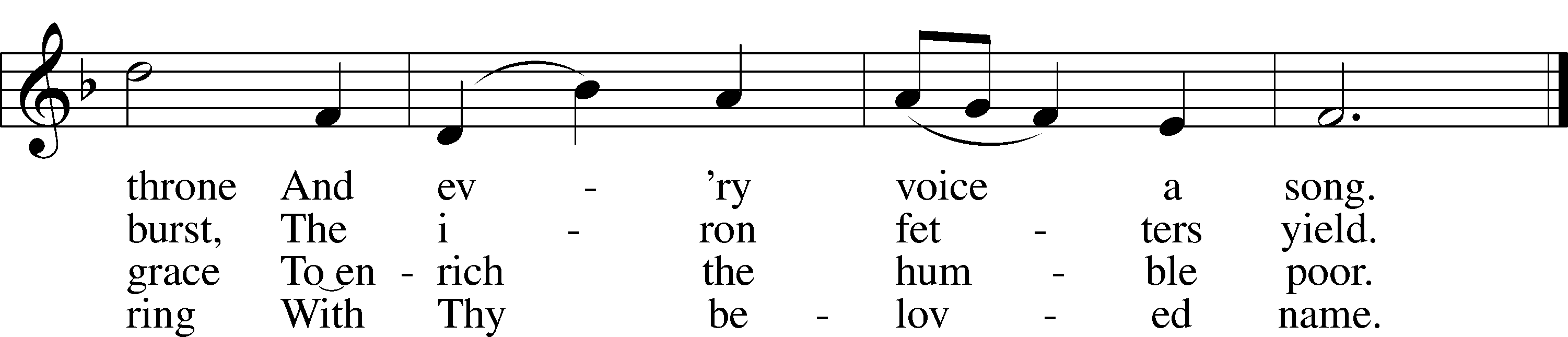
**SERMON HYMN**

**Hark the Glad Sound** *LSB 349*



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**SERMON**

*Please stand as able*

PRAYER of the CHURCH

**After each Segment:**

P Lord, in Your Mercy,

**C Hear our Prayer.**

**After Final Segment:**

PHear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**LORD’S PRAYER**

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.**

**T SERVICE of the SACRAMENT T**

**PREFACE** *LSB 160*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

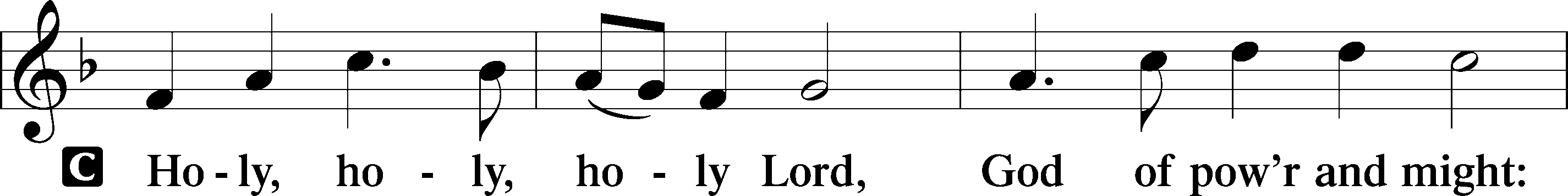
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

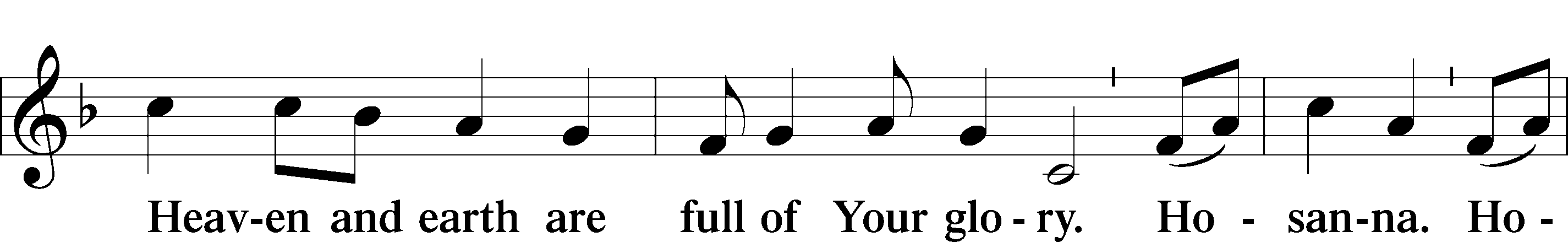
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

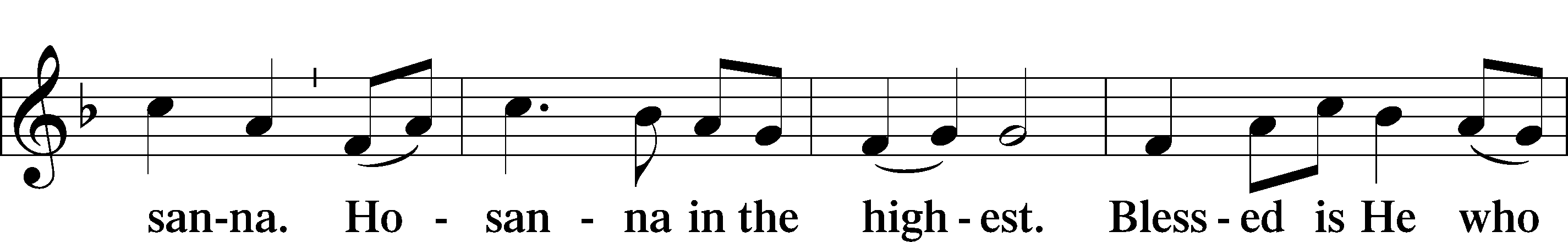
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

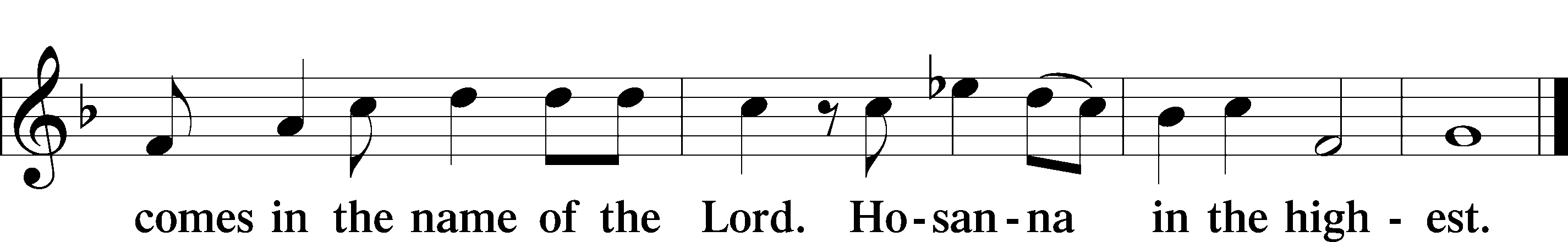
P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS *LSB 161*









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 T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

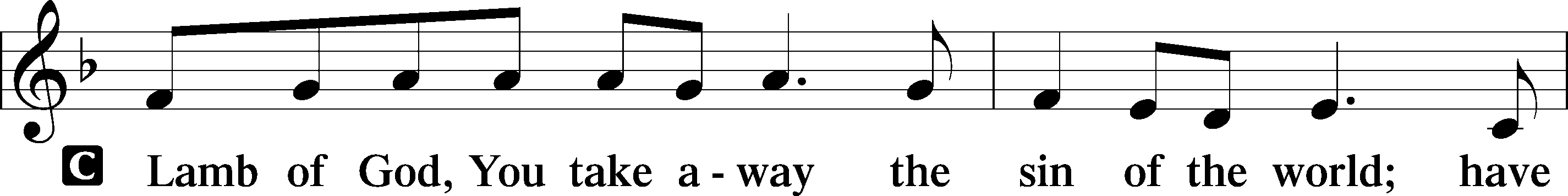
In the same way also, He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

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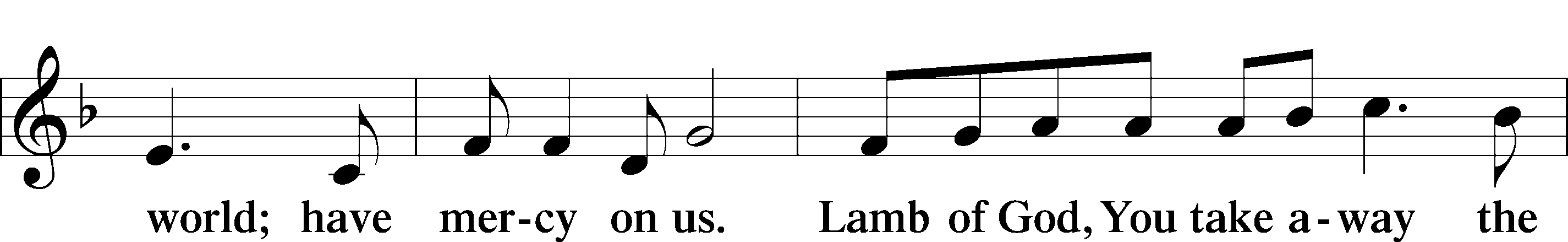
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

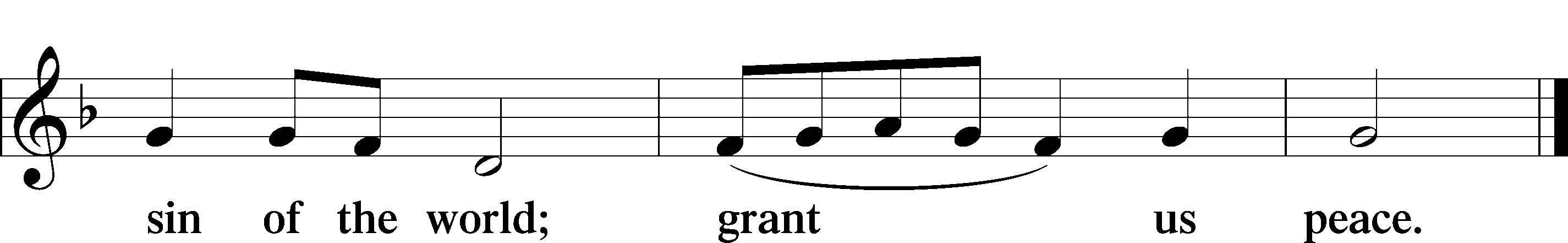
C **Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI** *LSB 163*









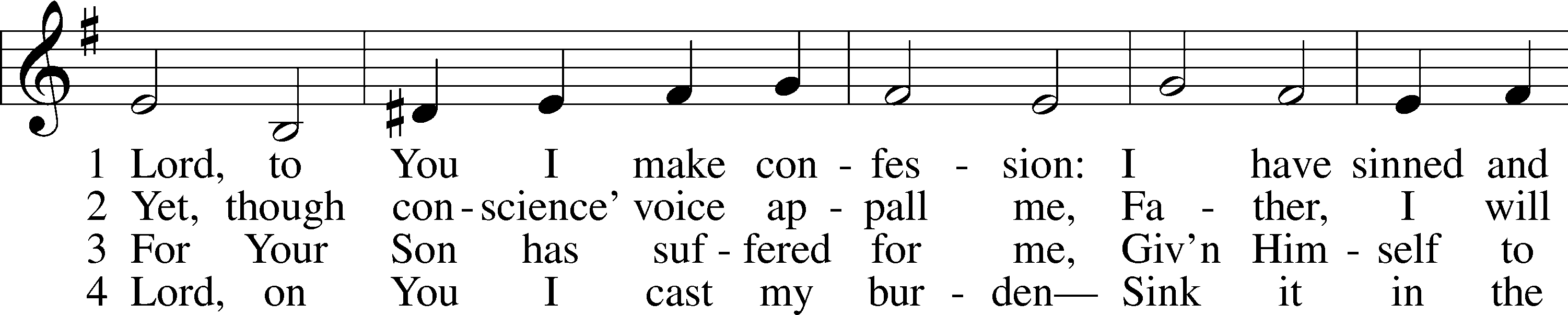
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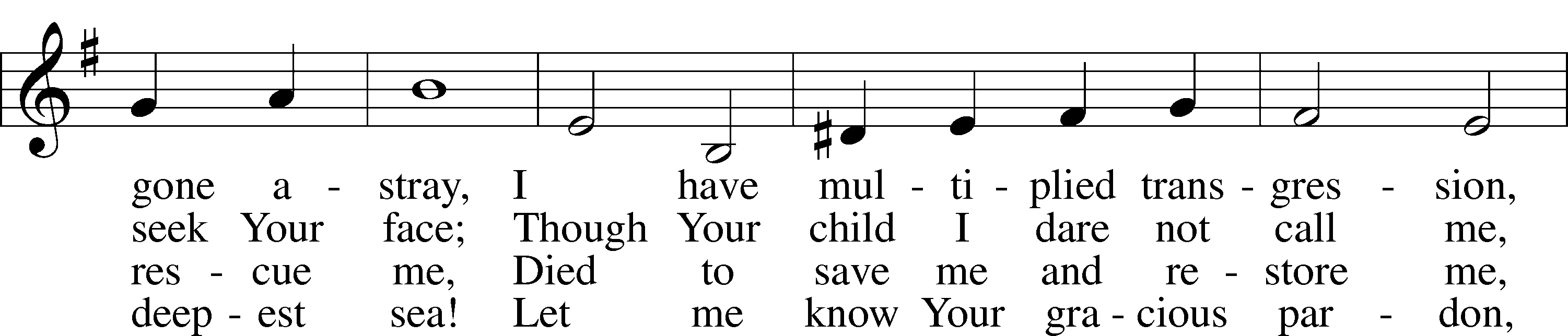
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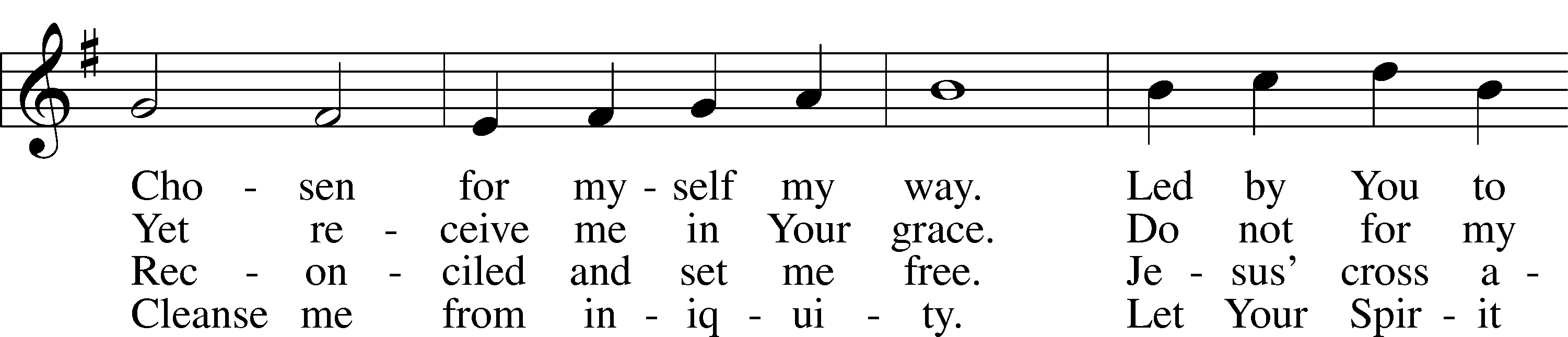
The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first, then Communion will be served at the rail. Ushers will help direct you forward via the center aisle; please return to your seats via the side aisles. Gluten-free bread is available for those who need it, as is non-alcoholic grape juice. Simply request either when you come forward to receive Communion.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

**Lord, to You I Make Confession** LSB 608



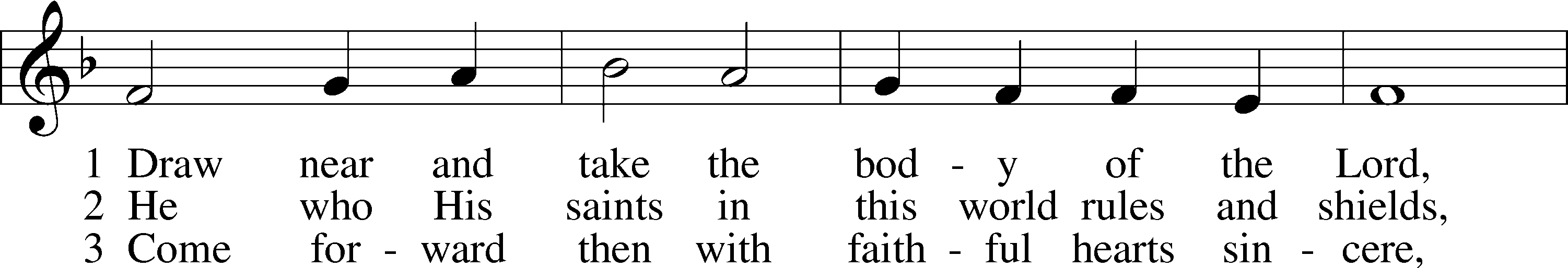


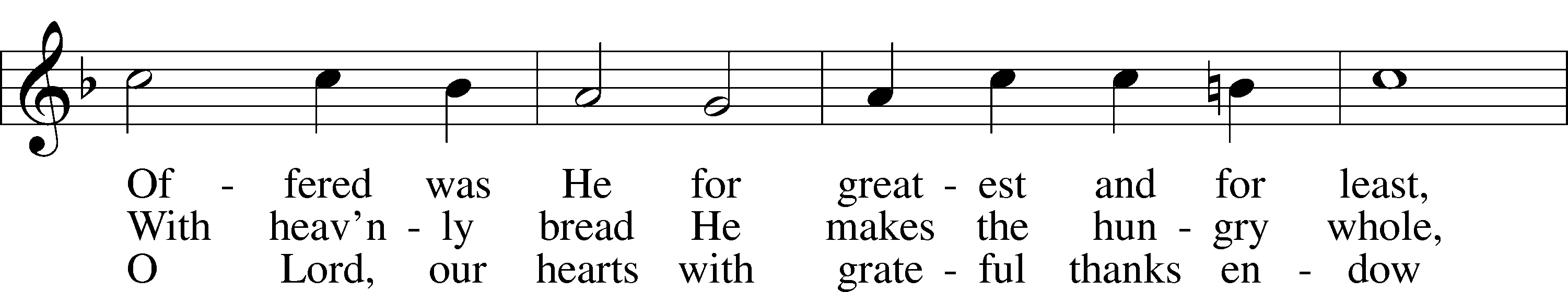
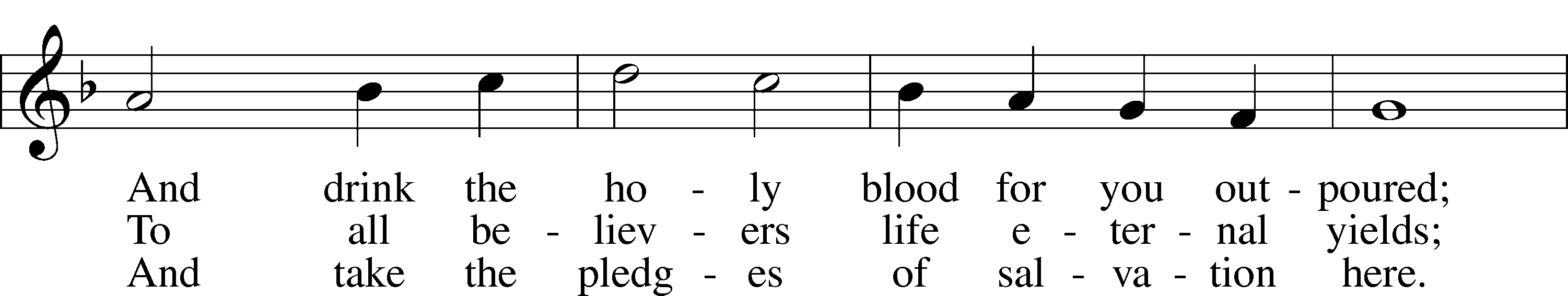


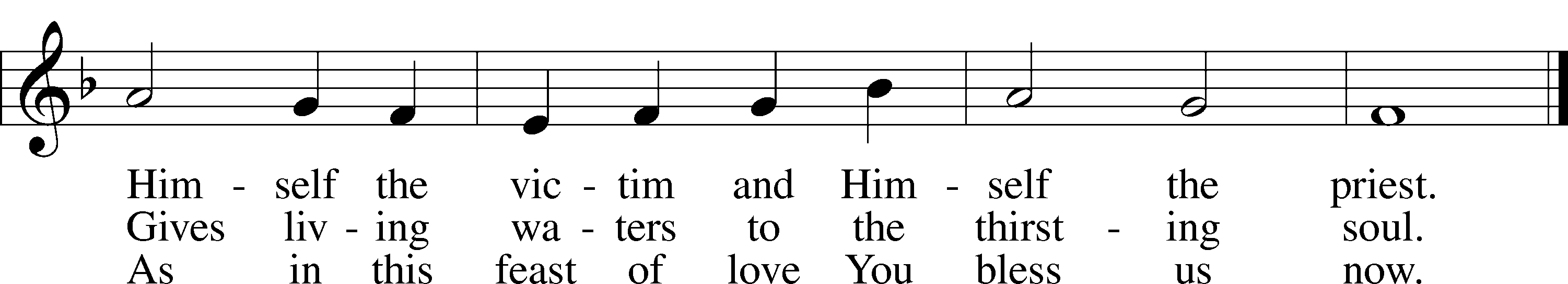


**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

**Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord** *LSB 637*



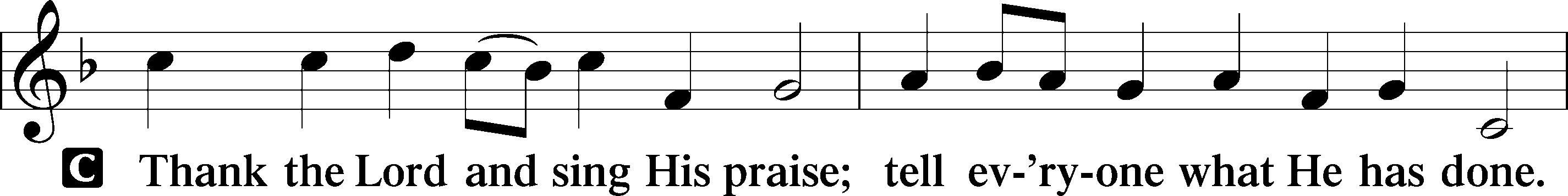


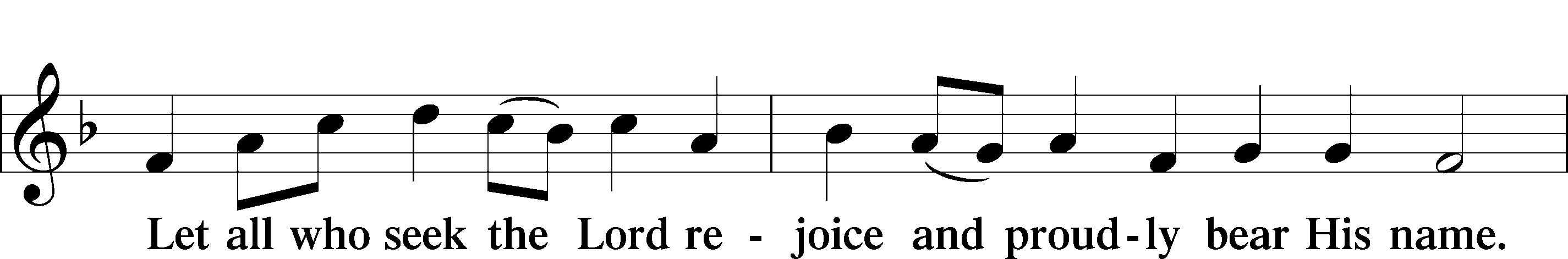


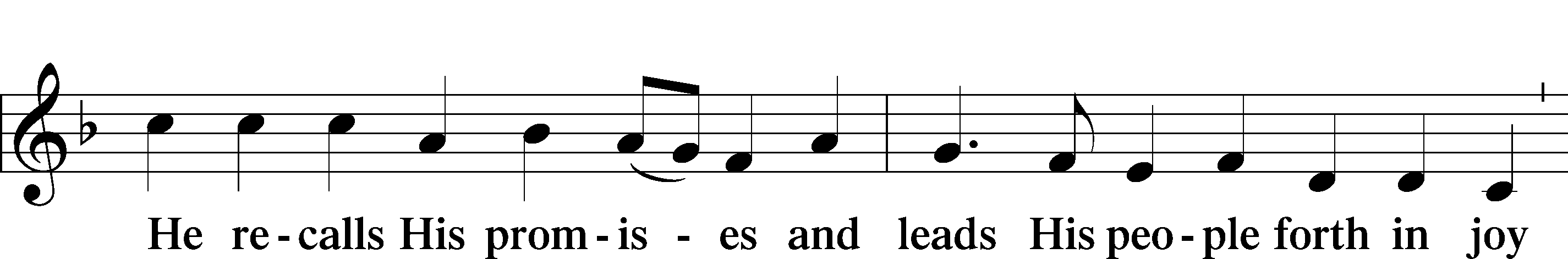
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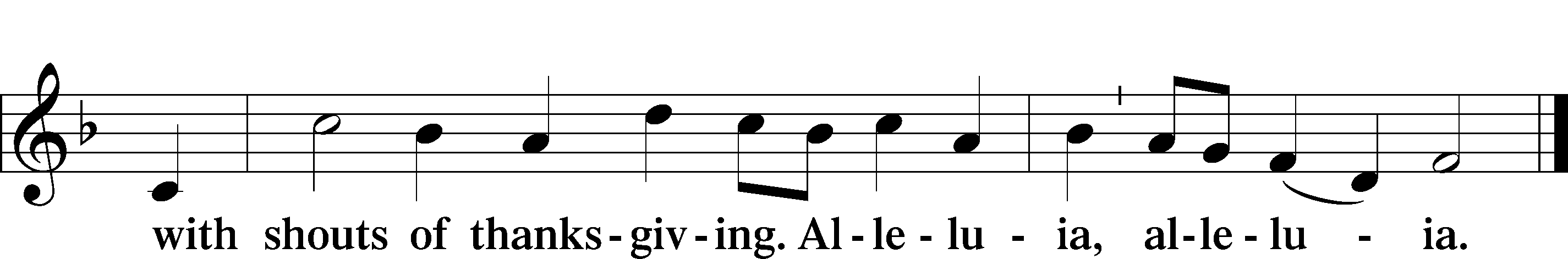
**POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**

**Thank the Lord** *LSB 164*









**POST COMMUNION COLLECT**

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

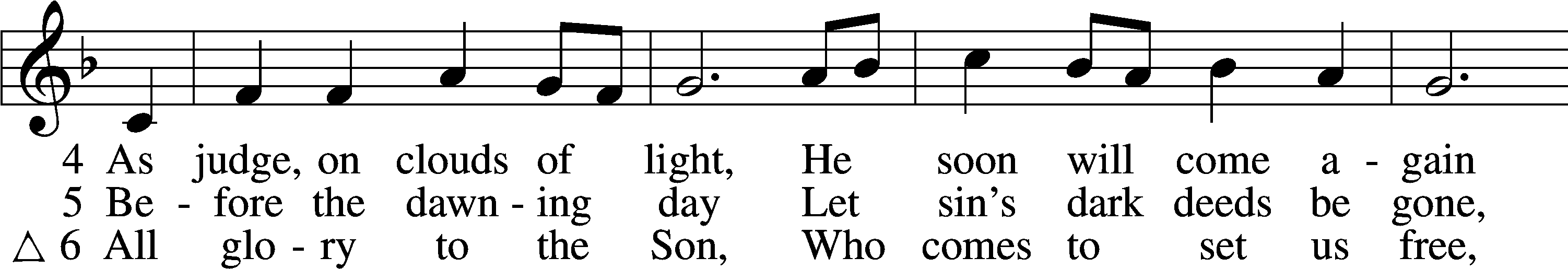
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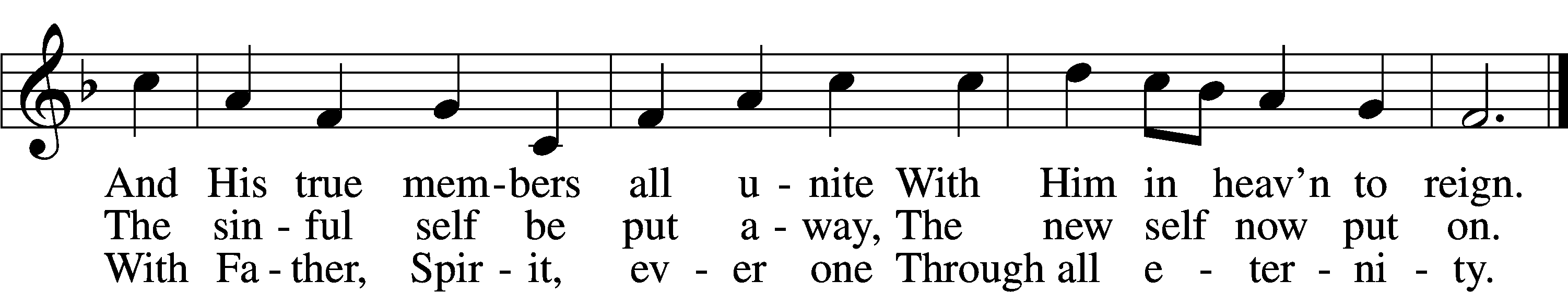
C **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**CLOSING HYMN**

The Advent of Our King *LSB 331 sts. 4–6*





**ANNOUNCEMENTS and SENDING WORDS**

P We go to live for Jesus!

**C We go to share His love!**

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# **SERVING in GODS HOUSE TODAY**

Pastor: Rev. Paul Schneider

Elder: Glenn Smith

Ushers: Terri Raithel, Ron Tesolin

Greeters: Appold Family

Coffee: Kunisch

Counters: Rick Francis, Sandra Smith

Altar Care: Judi Stutzman

Virtual Organist: Bob Erat

Children’s Talk: Nancy Ely

Sunday School: Sharon Techel, Jean Beach, Nancy Ely

Sunday Morning Bible Study: Dr. Tom Beach

**PRAYERS**

*Please contact the office with updates to the prayer list. People will remain on the prayer list for* ***4 weeks*** *before being removed. If they need to remain on the list, please keep Elaine informed and of any updates. This will help us to have a more accurate list. Thanks for your cooperation.*

**Those who continue to grieve the passing of loved ones**:

**Those with upcoming surger****y and medical procedures:**

**Those recovering from surgery and medical procedures:** Tanner Beyers., Greg Techel, Bill Stiles,

**Those with health concerns:** Tiffany Amsdill**,** Wally Beasinger**,** Ruth Bennett (Sharron Kato’s Sister)**,** Jackie Bliss**,** Hope Buchinger, Betsy Cook, Shirley Hildebrand, Paul Kietzman, Janice Knoellinger, Jennifer Martin, Eleanor Raether, Beth Smith, Judi Stutzman, Sharon Techel and Joann Whitney.

**Those diagnosed with cancer**: Sue Cavanagh, Leah Eicher, Rachel Frisch, Janice Knoellinger, Leslie Martin, Brian Morgan, and Hope Osantowski. Leanne a friend of Denise Lange’s diagnosed with colon cancer, and Sheryl Marsh (Shirley Hildebrands daughter).

**Those under Hospice Home Care:**  Ken Williamson, Jim (Joann Whitney’s brother-in law).

**BIRTHDAYS: ANNIVERSARIES:**

12/18 John Stutzman NONE

12/22 Sterling Boldery

12/23 Dave Beyers

**MESSAGES**

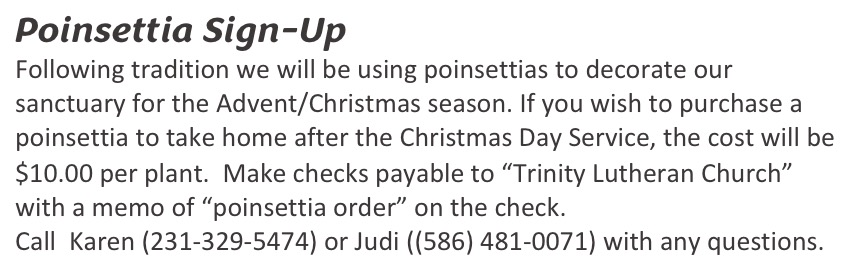
**MEMBER & GUEST CARDS:** If you have not filled out a member/guest card, please take the time to fill one out and place it in the plate behind the back pews in our sanctuary.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY,** 10:00am in the fellowship hall with Pastor Ken Bernthal. There will be no Wednesday Morning Bible Study on December28th.

# **GREETING CARDS** If you are in need of some greeting cards, we carry an array of them in the cabinet next to the office. The cost of the cards is posted on the cabinet. The money collected from the cards goes to LWML to help support Missions.

# **CANCER and FRIENDS SUPPORT GROUP:** The Cancer & Friends Support Group is not just for people going through treatment, or survivors, we are also here for caregiver, spouse, children, and friends. There are times when we can all use someone to talk to during those difficult times. If there is any subject you would like to discuss with me you call or text or at 989-350-4391. Hope you will join us. We meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month in the fellowship hall. In December the meeting will be after Christmas.

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** for January - March are in and can be picked up one the shelf in the narthex.



**SERVING in GODS HOUSE NEXT SUNDAY DECEMBER 25**

**Pastor:** Rev. Pastor Ken Bernthal

**Elder:** Ken Mertz

**Ushers:** Linda West, Teri Raithel

**Greeters:** Ann Mertz, Helen VanDusen

**Altar Care:**  Jeanine Boldrey

**Counters:** Brian Techel, Karl Scheiterlein

**Coffee Servers:**  Mertz

**Piano /Organ:** The Beaches

**Children’s Talk**: Nancy Ely

**THIS WEEK AT TRINITY**

***December 18 Sunday***

9:00 am Worship Service – Rev. Paul Schneider

10:00 am Fellowship & Coffee Hour

10:30 am Sunday Morning Bible Study W/ Dr. Tom Beach

10:30 am Children’s Sunday School

***December 19 Monday***

10:00 am Kut- Ups – Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm Choir

***December 20 Tuesday***

***December 21***  ***Wednesday***

10:00 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study W/ Pastor Ken Bernthal

***December 22 Thursday***

***December 23 Friday***

***December 24 Saturday***

7:00 pm**Christmas Eve Service**

***December 25 Sunday***

9:00 am Christmas Day Service - Rev. Ken Bernthal

10:00 am Fellowship & Coffee Hour

Noisy Offering

10:30 am No Bible Study

10:30 am No Sunday School