CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Grow in Faith. Live in Hope. Share God's Love.

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The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Ingathering Sunday
November 15, 2026 + 10:30 a.m.

The Holy Eucharist

Preparation for Worship in God's Name

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

As the people gather before the service begins,
we invite you to use the following prayer for meditation.

Lord, help me to listen to my life.
Let me see it for the fathomless mystery that it is.
In the boredom and pain of it no less than in the excitement and gladness:
let me touch, taste, smell my way to the holy and hidden heart of it
because in the last analysis all moments are key moments,
and life itself is grace.

—Adapted from Frederick Buechner (1926–2022)

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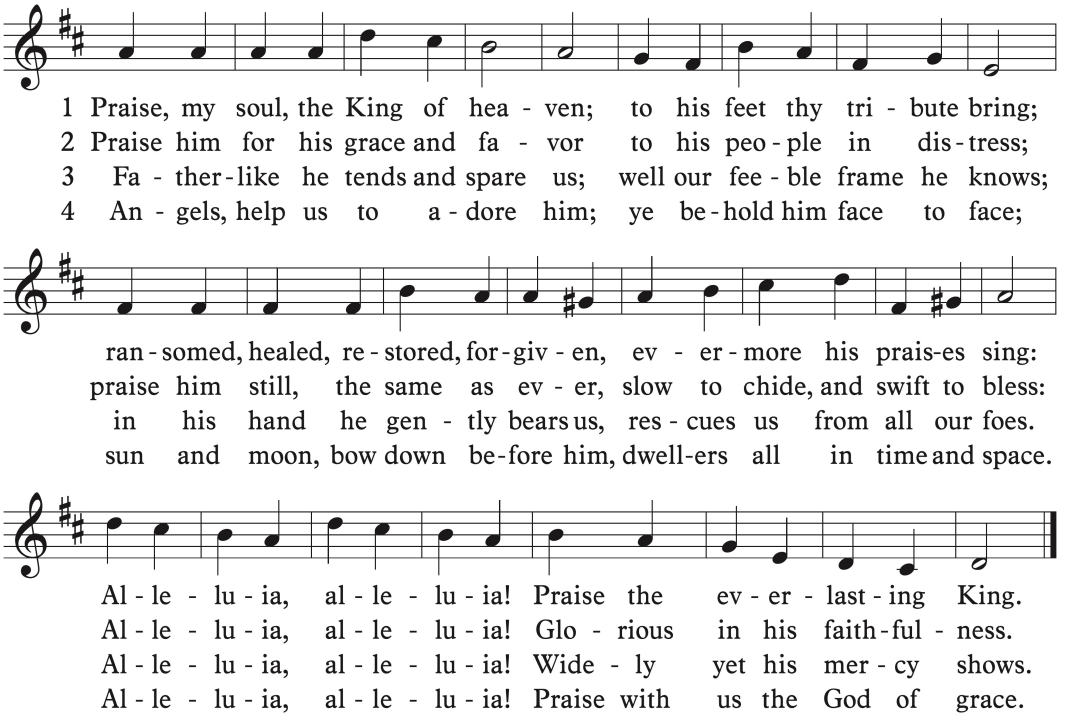
The Liturgy of the Word

HYMN "Praise, my soul, the King of heaven" *Everyone sings.*



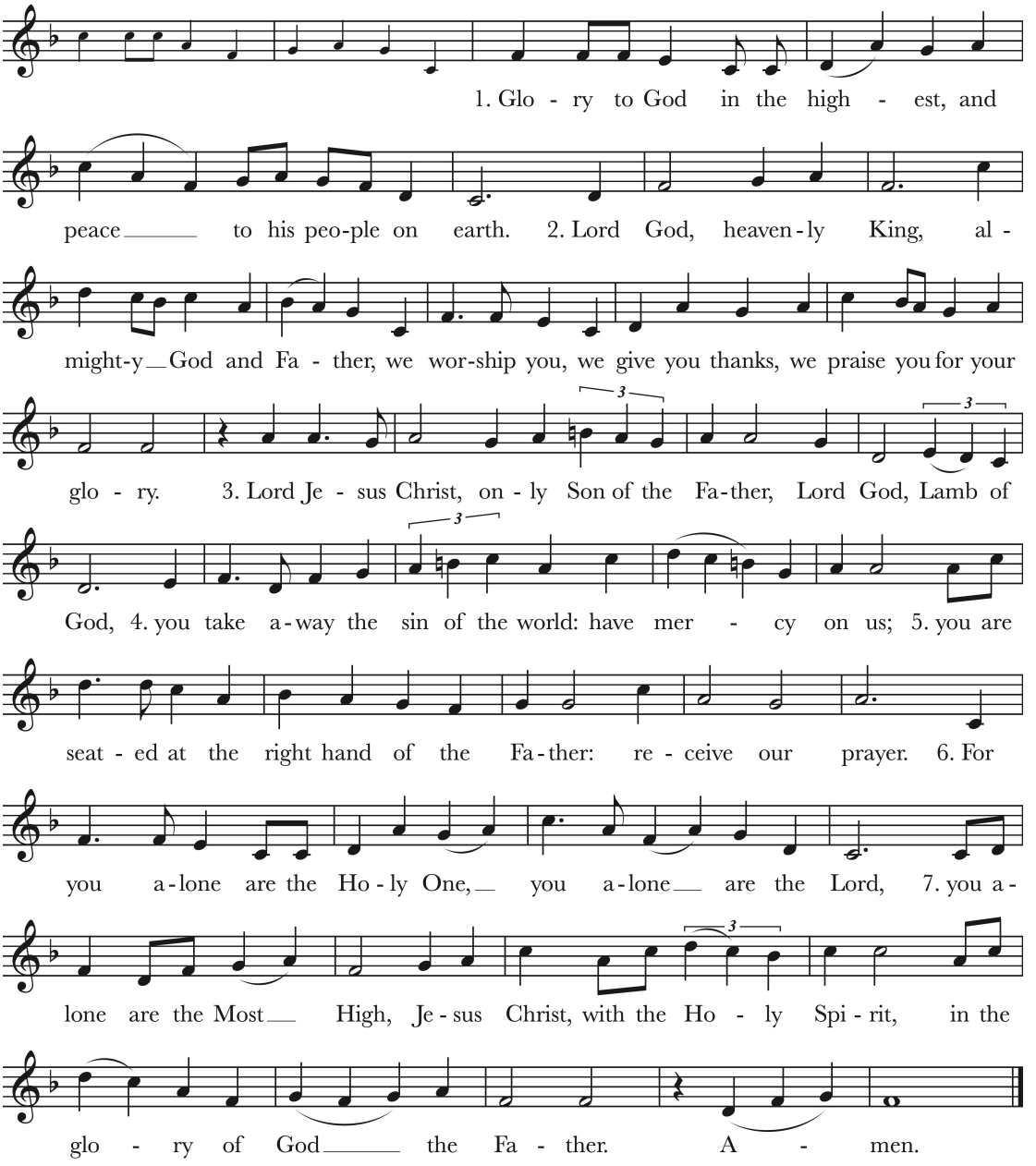
—Words: Henry French Lyte (1793–1847), alt.
Music: *Lauda Anima,* John Goss (1800–1880)

ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY *Remain standing.*

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

All: 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.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *Remain standing; everyone sings.*



—Setting: Robert J. Powell (1932–2025)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Remain standing; silence is kept.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

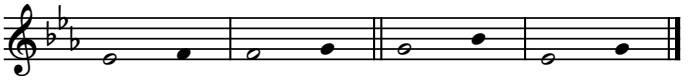
FIRST LESSON *Seated.*

A reading from the Book of Judges (4:1–17).

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 123 *Everyone sings.*



—Chant: Jerome Webster Meachen (1930–2015)

1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, *
until he show us his mercy.
4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
‡ 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

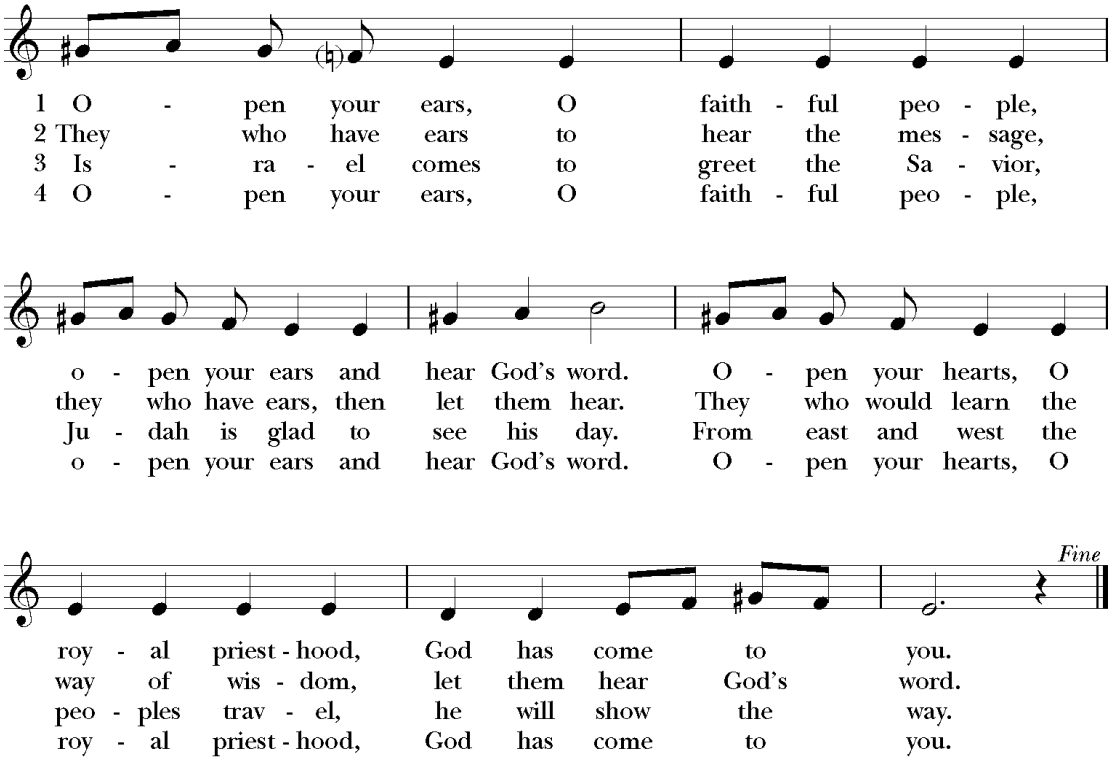
SECOND LESSON

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians (5:1–11).

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN "Open your ears, O faithful people" *Standing; everyone sings.*



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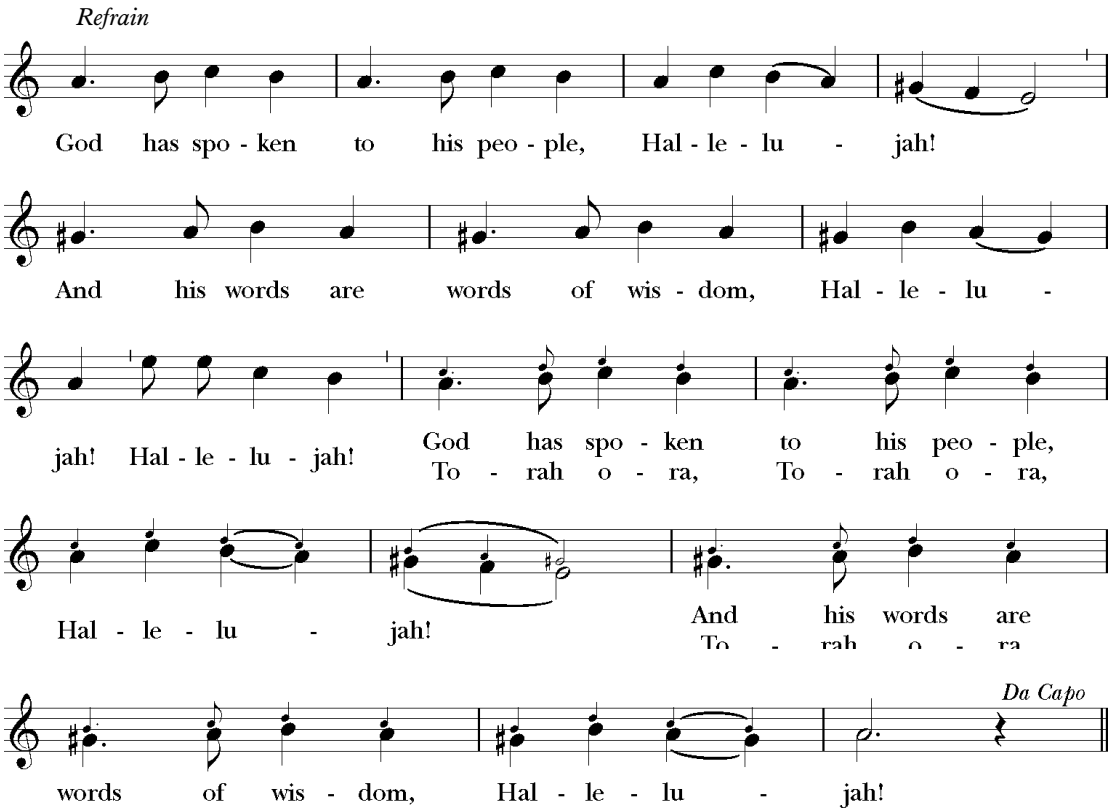
Hymn, "Open your ears, O faithful people," continued



—Words: Willard F. Jabusch (b. 1930), alt.
Music: *Torah song [Yisrael V'oraita]*, Hasidic melody; arr. Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

GOSPEL *Remain standing.*

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (25:14–30).
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven will be as when a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

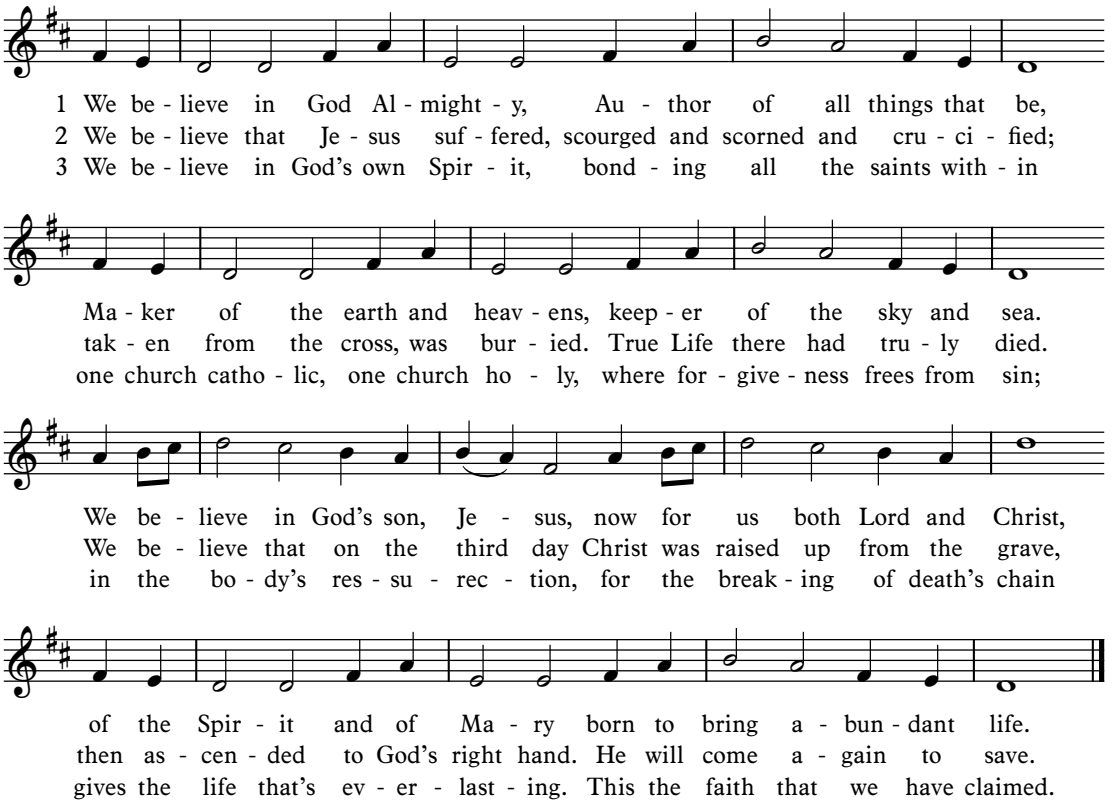
Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children may join Ann Backus for Children's Chapel.
They will return at the Peace.

SERMON

A time of silent reflection follows the sermon.

CREED *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



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Music: *Nettleton,* melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II,* 1813

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Remain standing.*

Leader: Let us pray for the needs of the world, saying, God of grace, receive our prayer.

Holy God, you welcome us into your joy and entrust us with your good news of salvation. In hope for the world to come and with love for the world you have made, we offer our prayers for your Church, your earth, and your people.

For your Church, in this community and around the world, that your good news may be proclaimed to all: God of grace,

People: Receive our prayer.

Leader: For oppressors, that they might know justice, and those oppressed, that they might know peace: God of grace,

People: Receive our prayer.

Leader: For your creation, that we may be the caretakers you intend: God of grace,
People: Receive our prayer.

Leader: For the young, that they might be nurtured in love: God of grace,
People: Receive our prayer.

Leader: For the old, that they might be secure in your care: God of grace,
People: Receive our prayer.

Leader: For those who fight the demons of addiction, that they might find relief: God of grace,
People: Receive our prayer.

Leader: For all those who care for the suffering and those in their charge, that they would be freed from pain and fear: God of grace,
People: Receive our prayer.

Leader: For those who died, and for families and friends who grieve: God of grace,
People: Receive our prayer.

Leader: For the joys and concerns of this congregation: We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, and we rejoice at the birth of Daniel Andrew Casasfranco, nephew of Sinead Love. We pray for the safety of all in the military, especially those who have been deployed. We remember those who cannot be with us today, and we lift up the wider community of our families and friends; and our parishioners who have asked our prayers:

ED Archer
THE BELL FAMILY
KEN & DEBBIE Bell
ANDY & TOMMIE Brantley/Rowe
BEVERLY Burns
DAVID & NANCY Cazalet
RON Dearolf
DOUG Embler
KATHY Gray
BEVERLY Guiler
BRONWYN Hogan
MARGE Hudson
FRANCIS Lloyd
ANN McClain
DOLORES Miller
PAT Pagni
KENT Parish
JUDI Perry
ALLAN Philp
MARILYN Randall
KRISSA Randolph
PAUL Ridegeway
THE STAPLETON FAMILY
JAN Travins
IDALEE Vogel-Jackson
and
MICHELE Welsh

The people may add their own petitions.

Leader: God of grace,
People: Receive our prayer.

Silence may be kept.

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Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All kneel or bow. Silence is kept.

All: 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 neighbors 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.

Celebrant: 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.*

PEACE *Standing, all who are able.*

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

Greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Seated.*

Holy Communion

OFFERTORY

All that we are and all that we have comes from God. Let us offer our best to God in thanksgiving, remembering that God loves a cheerful giver. *(2 Corinthians 9:7)*

ANTHEM *Sung by the Choir.*

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

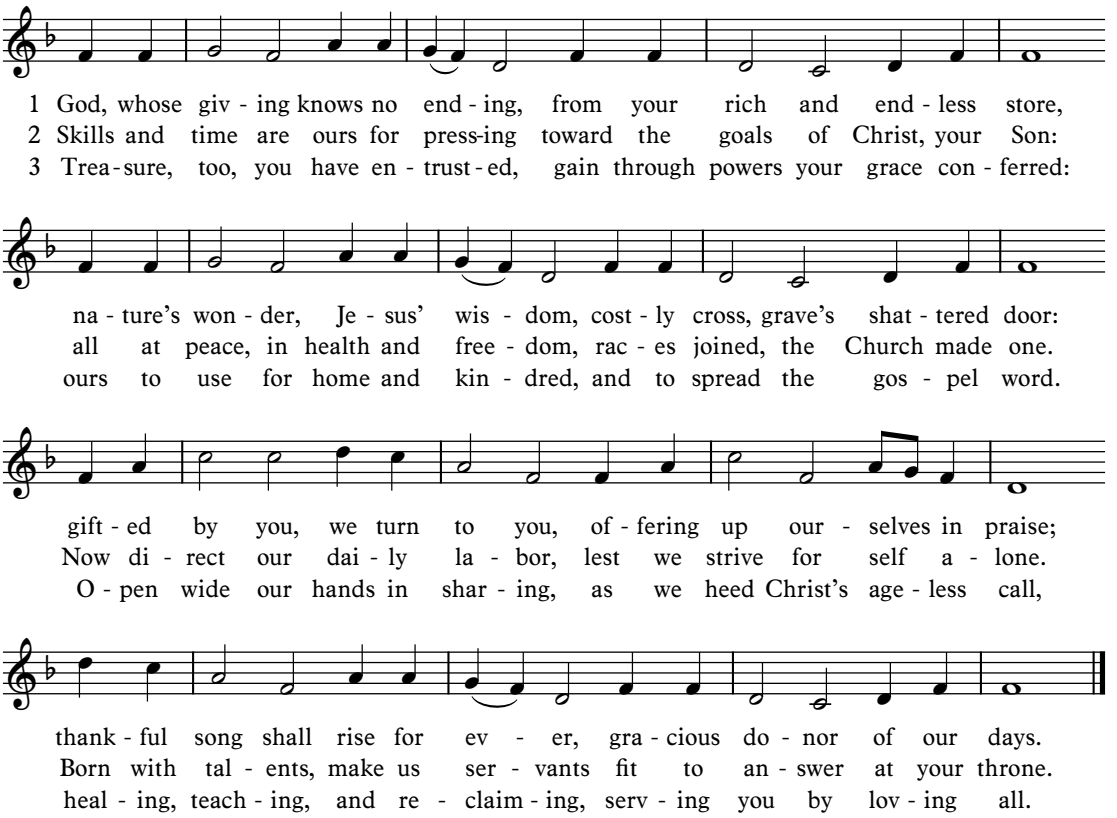
Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise;
With joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise.
By him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;
Sing to the Lord of harvest a joyful song of love.

By him the clouds drop fatness, the deserts bloom and spring,
The hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing.
He blesses from his fullness all things with large increase;
He crowns the year with goodness, with plenty and with peace.

Bring to his sacred altar the gifts his goodness gave,
The golden sheaves of harvest, the souls he died to save.
Your hearts lay down before him when at his feet you fall,
And with your lives adore him, who gave his life for all. Amen.

—Words: John S. B. Monell (1811–1875), alt.
Music: *Wie lieblich is der Maien*, Johann Steuerlein (1546–1613)
arr. Richard Horn (1938–2004)

HYMN "God, whose giving knows no ending" *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



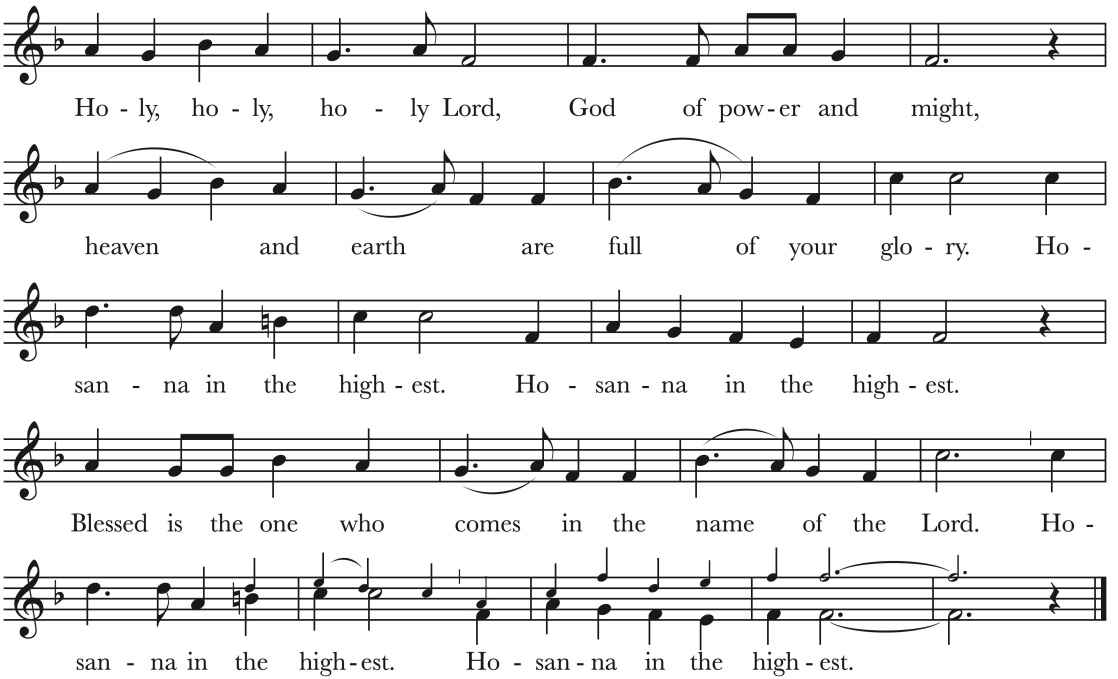
—Words: Robert Lansing Edwards (1915–2006)
Music: *Beach Spring*, melody from *The Sacred Harp*, 1844

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Remain standing.*

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 God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are gracious and generous, O God. You bestow on your people abundant blessings, and you call us to share with one another, so that all may live and prosper and know the fullness of your grace. 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:

Everyone sings:



—Setting: From *A Community Mass,* Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all.

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

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord 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 he 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."

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: AMEN.

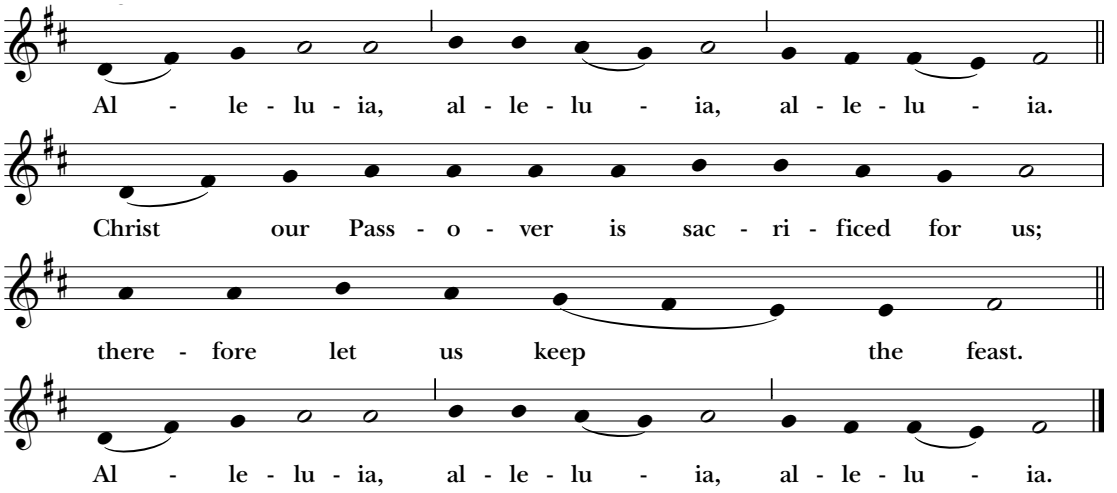
Silence is kept as the ministers bow in thanksgiving.

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

All: 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Everyone sings:



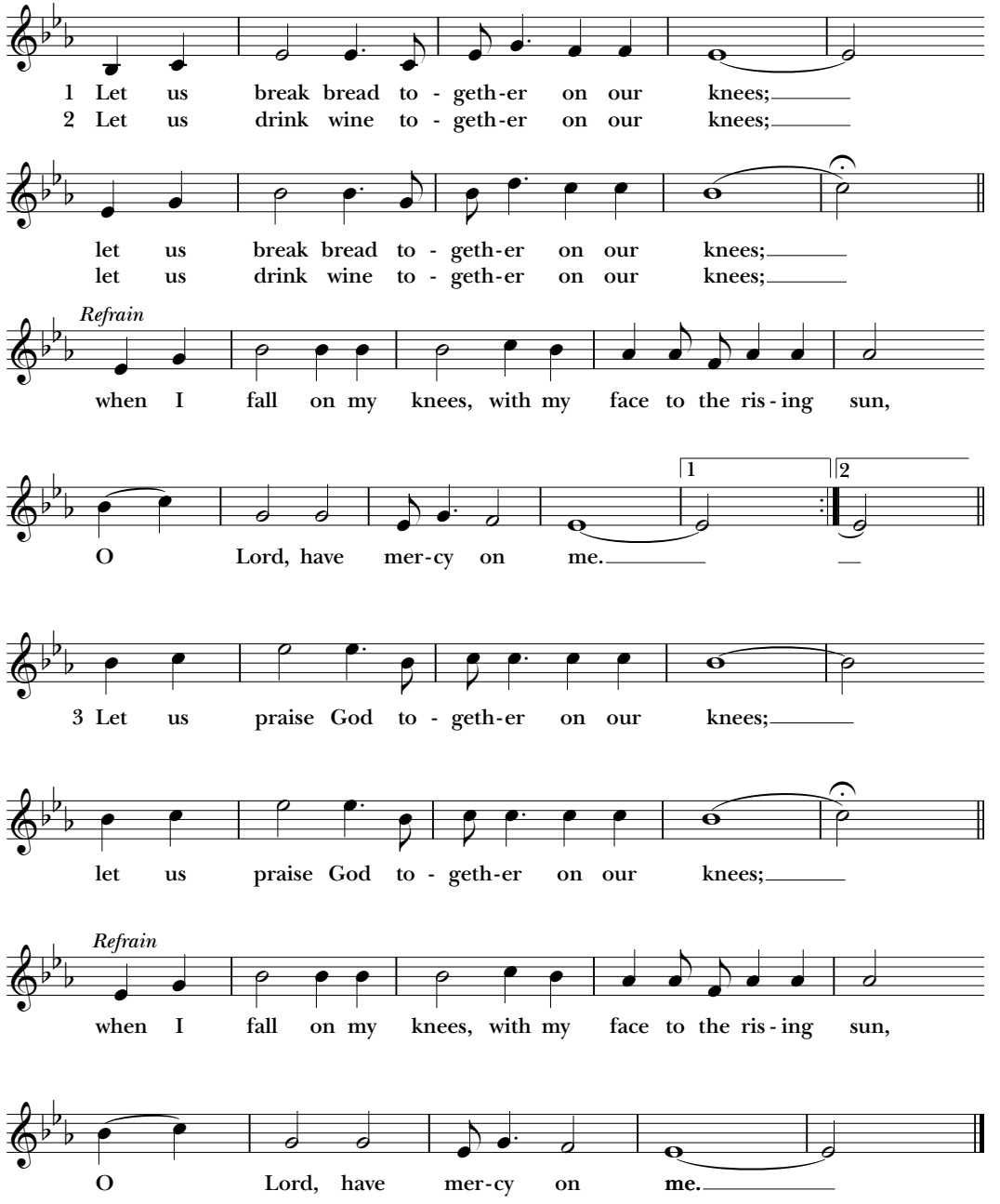
—Setting: From *New Plainsong,* David Hurd (b. 1950)

INVITATION

Celebrant: This is the table not of the righteous, but of the poor in spirit. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom our Savior identified. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which our Lord became incarnate. This is the table of Jesus Christ. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a while or ever before; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and all of us who have failed. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. It is Christ who invites you to be known and loved and fed here.

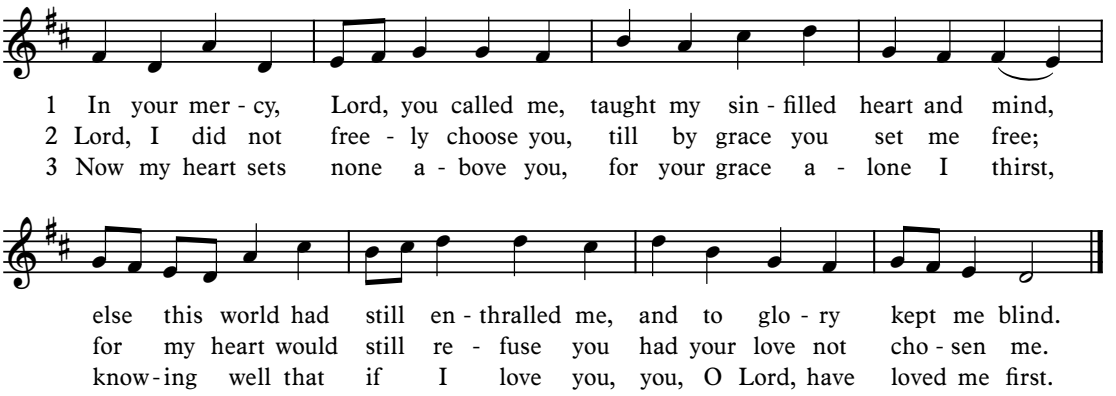
DURING COMMUNION

HYMN "Let us break bread together" *Everyone sings.*



—Words and Music: *Let Us Break Bread,* African-American Spiritual

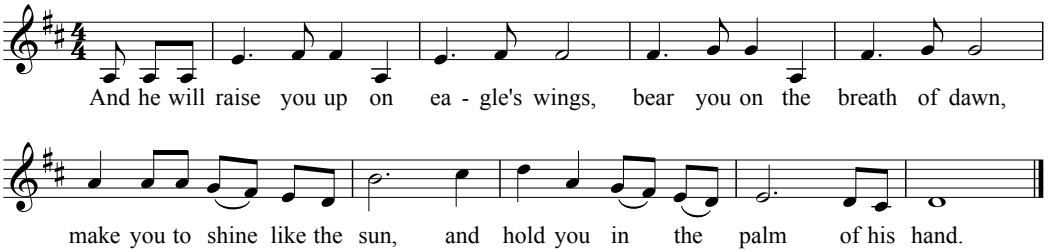
HYMN "In your mercy, Lord, you called me" *Everyone sings.*



—Words: Josiah Conder (1789–1855); alt. Charles P. Price (b. 1920)
Music: *Halton Holgate,* William Boyce (1711–1779)

HYMN "On Eagles' Wings" *The cantor sings the verses; everyone sings the refrain.*

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!" ***Refrain***



The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear;
under God's wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield. ***Refrain***

For to the angels he's given a command to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their wings they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. ***Refrain***

—Words and Music: Michael Joncas, 1979; para. of Psalm 91
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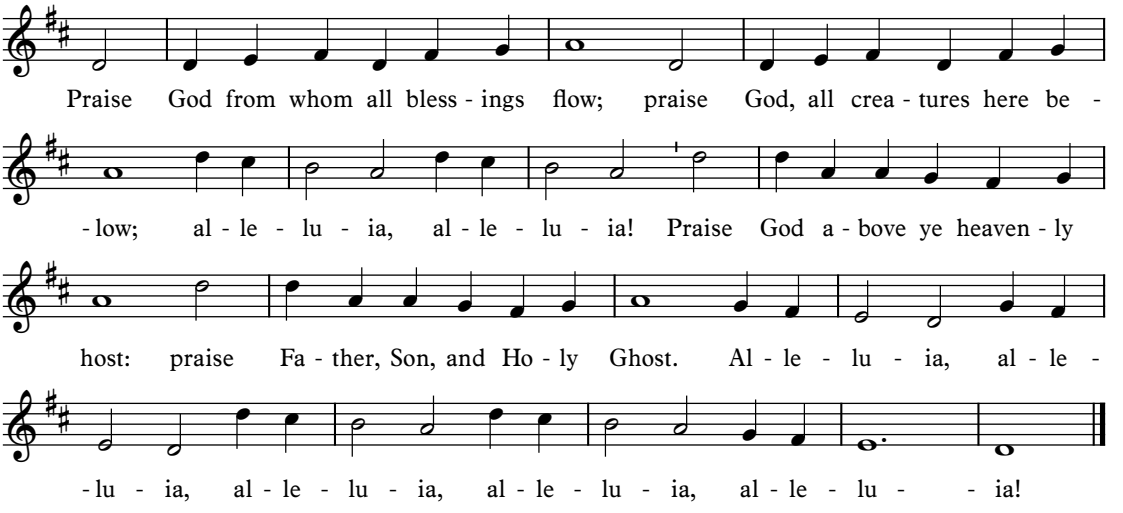
DOXOLOGY *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



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Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen,* melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang,* 1623

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND MISSION *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son 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 Lord. Amen.

BLESSING *Remain standing.*

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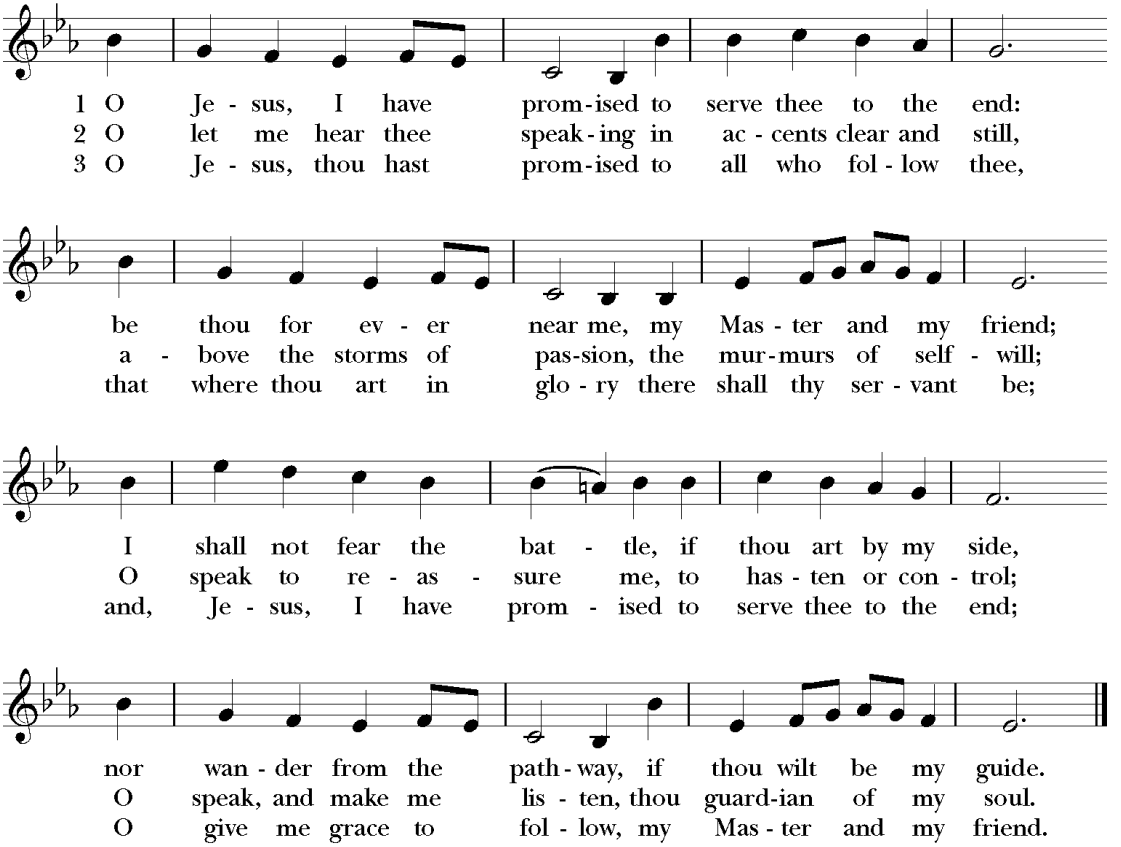
HYMN "O Jesus, I have promised" *Everyone sings.*



—Words: John Ernest Bode (1816-1874), alt.
Music: *Nyland*, Finnish folk melody

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

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