

"Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes, awake!
Your lamps with gladness take!
Alleluia!
With bridal care Yourselves prepare
To meet the Bridegroom, who is near."

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WELCOME TO PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH! We are pleased that you have come to receive God's gift of forgiveness. Pentecost and the Sundays after Pentecost emphasize the work of the Holy Spirit through God's Word and Sacraments in growing the Church, so we especially invite you to join us in our Bible Classes, as well as in all of our other activities. If you have no church home, you are cordially invited to consider making Pilgrim Lutheran Church your church home!

AS YOU ARRIVE, please move down the pew towards the wall, in order to leave room for others. If you arrive late, please wait for an appropriate time to enter the sanctuary, such as during a hymn. Please also remember to turn off your cell phones and/or any other electronic devices. Thank you!

ORDER OF SERVICE: To your right you will find today's order of service. The right side of that outline indicates from where the item listed comes: either in this bulletin or the hymnal, *Lutheran Service Book*, with the Psalms towards the front, its liturgical pages towards the middle, and its hymns towards the back. The △ symbol before a hymn stanza indicates that it especially gives glory to the Triune God; we stand before singing the stanza and, in most cases, conclude the stanza by singing "Amen.", if an "Amen" is not already included.

HOLY COMMUNION: At Pilgrim we value your presence among us and love and care about our guests and visitors! However, due to the sad divisions that exist in the world and even in Christianity, we cannot commune everyone at the Lord's Table here. We respectfully ask that guests and visitors who desire to commune first speak with the pastor well before the service. All those present but not communing still may approach the rail for a blessing: come forward and kneel with those who are communing, but fold your arms over your heart and place your hands on the opposite shoulders. For more information about the ancient practice of Closed Communion, see http://www.pilgrimlc.org/closed-communion.

INDIVIDUAL CUPS: The top of the tray contains several individual cups of highly-diluted wine. If you receive the blood of Christ in an individual cup, please be sure to wait to consume it until Pastor comes by with the chalice, so that he knows you are receiving it in that fashion. If the supply of individual cups is depleted, please accept the blood of Christ from the chalice.

CATECHESIS

(On the following page[s],
locate the specified portion of Luther's Small Catechism,
and, when prompted by the question, recite the given answer.)

The week's announcements follow the service at the back of the binder.

SECTION 4
Christian Questions with Their Answers

Prepared by Dr. Martin Luther for those who intend to go to the Sacrament

[The "Christian Questions with Their Answers," designating Luther as the author, first appeared in an edition of the Small Catechism in 1551, five years after Luther's death.]

After confession and instruction in the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, the pastor may ask, or Christians may ask themselves these questions:

1. Do you believe that you are a sinner?
Yes, I believe it. I am a sinner.

2. How do you know this?
From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.

3. Are you sorry for your sins?
Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.

4. What have you deserved from God because of your sins?
His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation. See Romans 6:21, 23.

5. Do you hope to be saved?
Yes, that is my hope.

6. In whom then do you trust?
In my dear Lord Jesus Christ.

7. Who is Christ?
The Son of God, true God and man.

8. How many Gods are there?
Only one, but there are three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

9. What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?
He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.

10. Did the Father also die for you?
He did not. The Father is God only, as is the Holy Spirit; but the Son is both true God and true man. He died for me and shed His blood for me.

11. How do you know this?
From the Holy Gospel, from the words instituting the Sacrament, and by His body and blood given me as a pledge in the Sacrament.

12. What are the Words of Institution?
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 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 blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

13. Do you believe, then, that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?
Yes, I believe it.

14. What convinces you to believe this?
The word of Christ: Take, eat, this is My body; drink of it, all of you, this is My blood.

15. What should we do when we eat His body and drink His blood, and in this way receive His pledge?
We should remember and proclaim His death and the shedding of His blood, as He taught us: This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

16. Why should we remember and proclaim His death?
First, so we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our

sins. Only Christ, true God and man, could do that. Second, so we may learn to be horrified by our sins, and to regard them as very serious. Third, so we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone, and through faith in Him be saved.

17. What motivated Christ to die and make full payment for your sins?
His great love for His Father and for me and other sinners, as it is written in John 14; Romans 5; Galatians 2; and Ephesians 5.

18. Finally, why do you wish to go to the Sacrament?
That I may learn to believe that Christ, out of great love, died for my sin, and also learn from Him to love God and my neighbor.

19. What should admonish and encourage a Christian to receive the Sacrament frequently?
First, both the command and the promise of Christ the Lord. Second, his own pressing need, because of which the command, encouragement, and promise are given.

20. But what should you do if you are not aware of this need and have no hunger and thirst for the Sacrament?
To such a person no better advice can be given than this: first, he should touch his body to see if he still has flesh and blood. Then he should believe what the Scriptures say of it in Galatians 5 and Romans 7. Second, he should look around to see whether he is still in the world, and remember that there will be no lack of sin and trouble, as the Scriptures say in John 15–16 and in 1 John 2 and 5. Third, he will certainly have the devil also around him, who with his lying and murdering day and night will let him have no peace, within or without, as the Scriptures picture him in John 8 and 16; 1 Peter 5; Ephesians 6; and 2 Timothy 2.

Note

These questions and answers are no child's play, but are drawn up with great earnestness of purpose by the venerable and devout Dr. Luther for both young and old. Let each one pay attention and consider it a serious matter; for St. Paul writes to the Galatians in chapter six: "Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked."

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

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

Kneel/Stand
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.
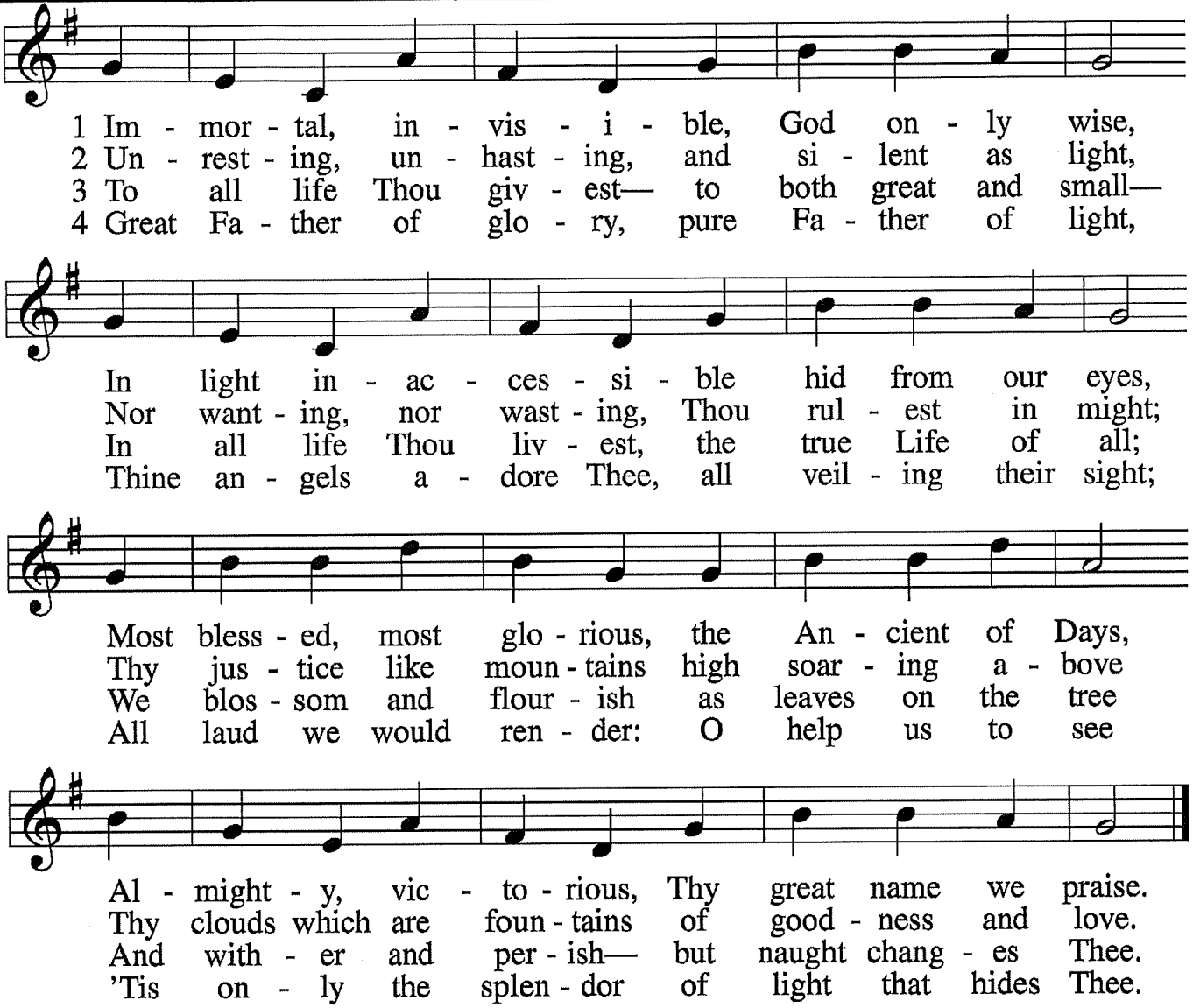
C **Amen.**

Stand

SERVICE OF THE WORD

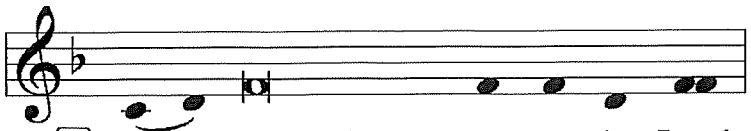
Entrance Hymn

802 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
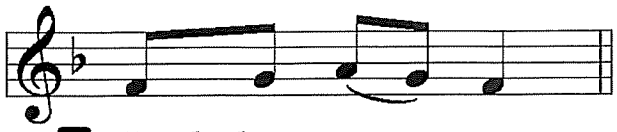


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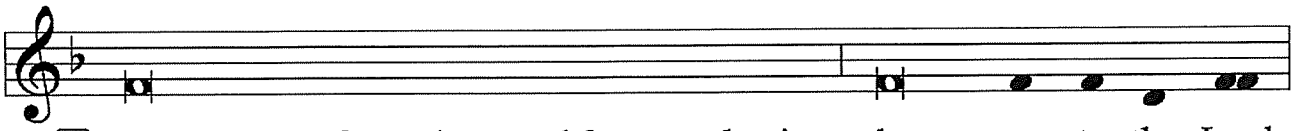
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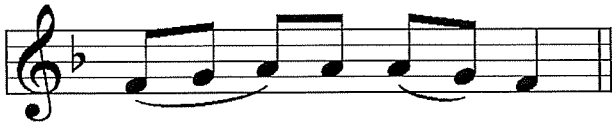


A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



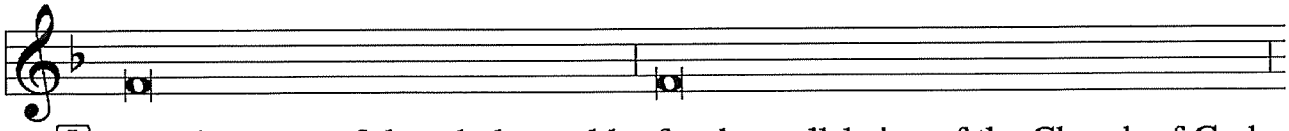
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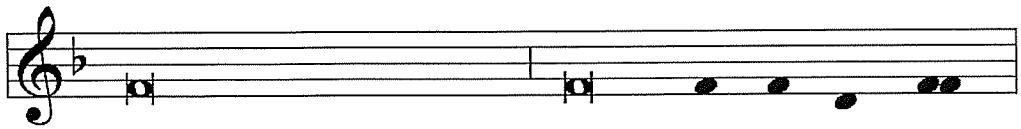


A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
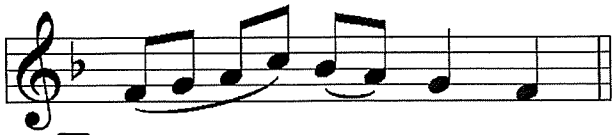


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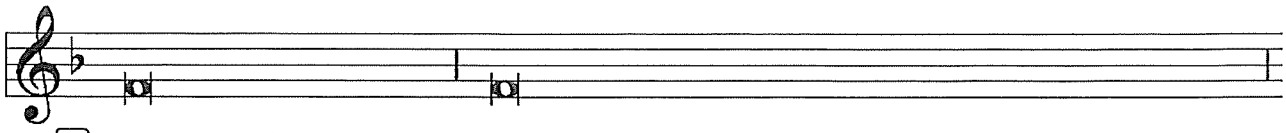
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



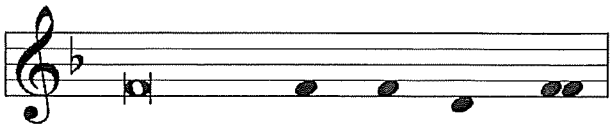
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
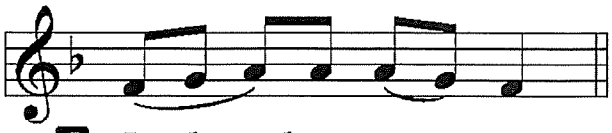


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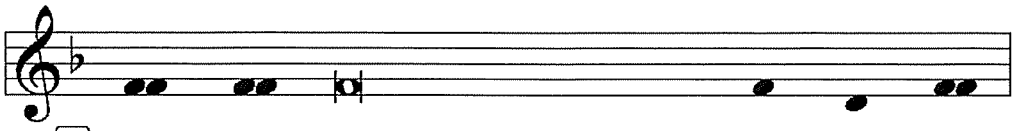
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



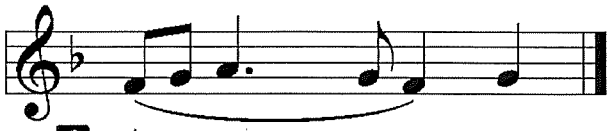
let us pray to the Lord.



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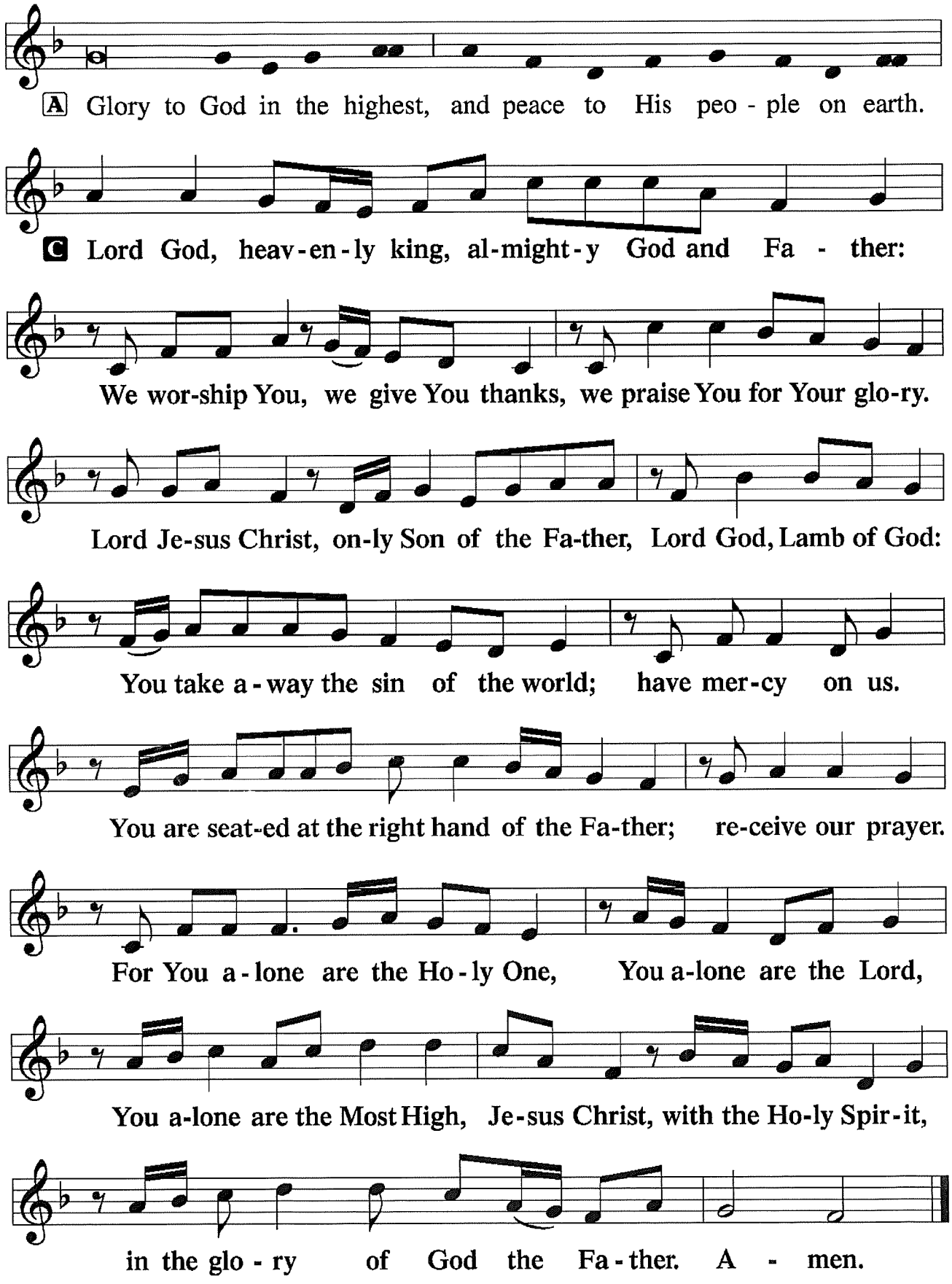


A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

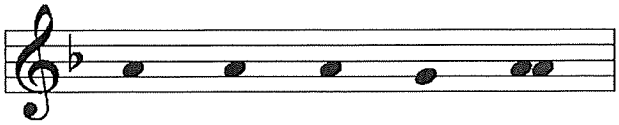


C A - men.
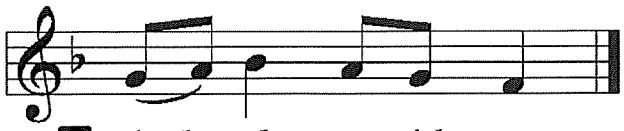
Gloria in Excelsis



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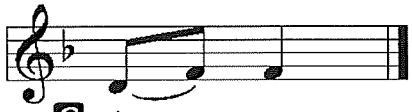


P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

…now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament

Amos 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why would you have the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, and not light,
19 as if a man fled from a lion,
and a bear met him,
or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,
and a serpent bit him.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 "I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
24 But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."
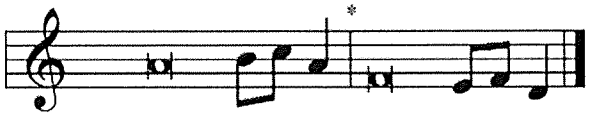
P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 70:1-5; antiphon v.4

(Sing the Psalm responsively using the tone provided.
The congregation sings the indented and bold portions of the text.
See *LSB* xxvi for how the text and the tone correspond.)



4 May all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you!*
May those who love your salvation say evermore, | "God is great!"

[1]Make haste, O God, to de- | liver me!*
O LORD, make haste to | help me!
[2]Let them be put to shame and confusion who | seek my life!*
Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor who de- | sire my hurt!
[3]Let them turn back because | of their shame*
who say, "A- | ha, Aha!"
[4]May all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you!*
May those who love your salvation say evermore, | "God is great!"
[5]But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, | O God!*
You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do | not delay!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

[4]May all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you!*
May those who love your salvation say evermore, | "God is great!"

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

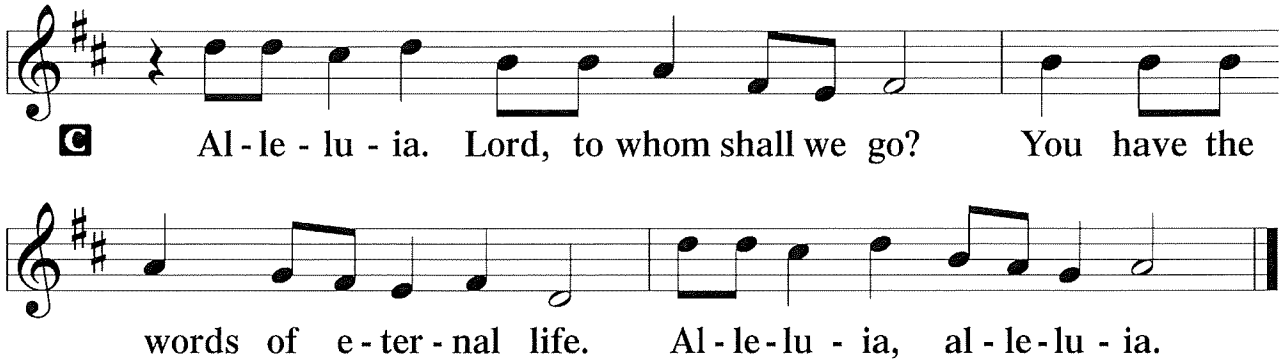
[13]But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14]For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. [15]For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. [16]For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. [17]Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the

clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. [18]Therefore encourage one another with these words.

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

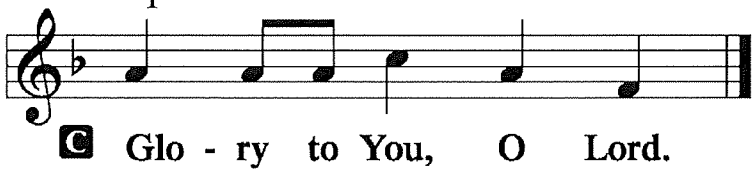
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Alleluia and Verse: Common



Holy Gospel *Matthew 25:1-13*

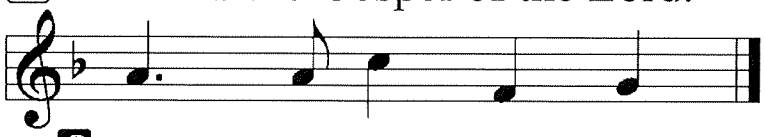
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.



[1][Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2]Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3]For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4]but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5]As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. [6]But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7]Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. [8]And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9]But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for

yourselves.' [10]And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom
came, and those who were ready went in with him to the
marriage feast, and the door was shut. [11]Afterward the other
virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12]But he
answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' [13]Watch
therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."
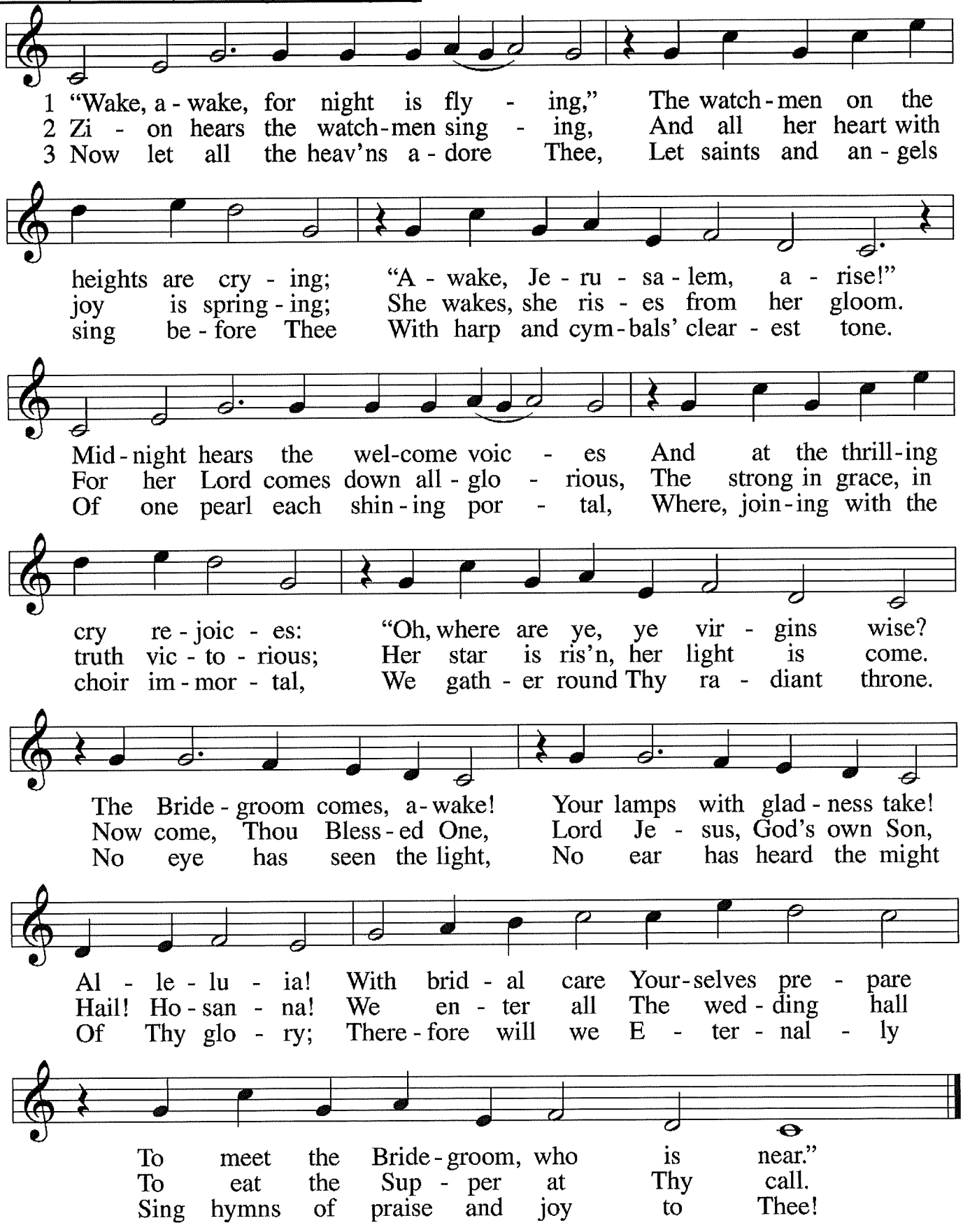
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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

Hymn of the Day

516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying



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Sit

Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Congregational responses may be included according to one of the following forms:

A … Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

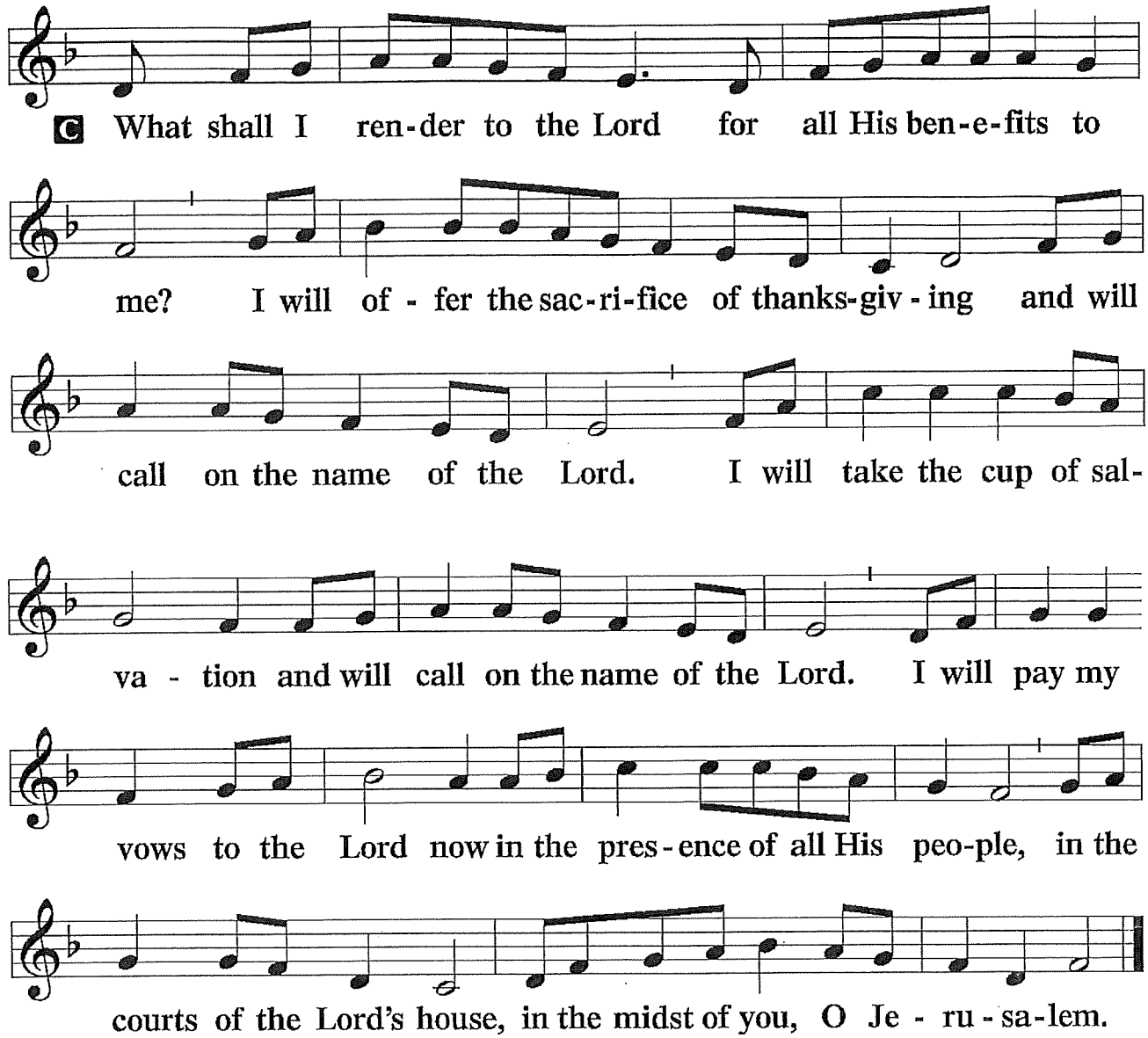
A For … let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mercy.

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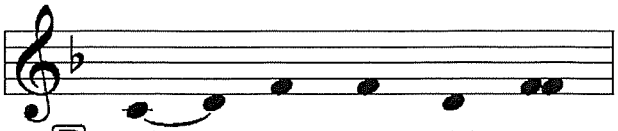
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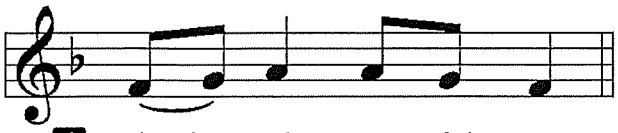


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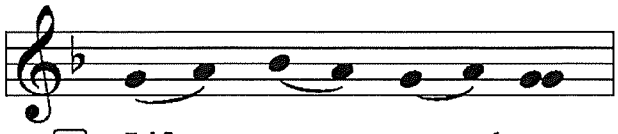
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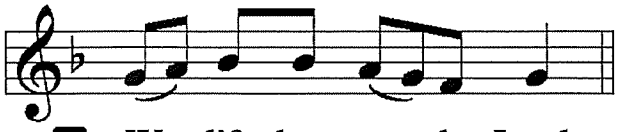
P The Lord be with you.



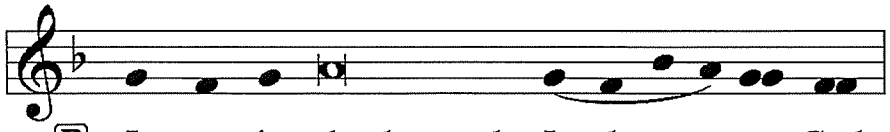
C **And al - so with you.**
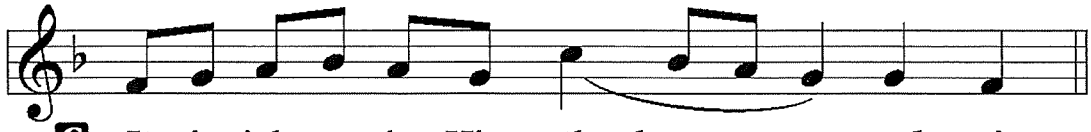


P Lift up your hearts.



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



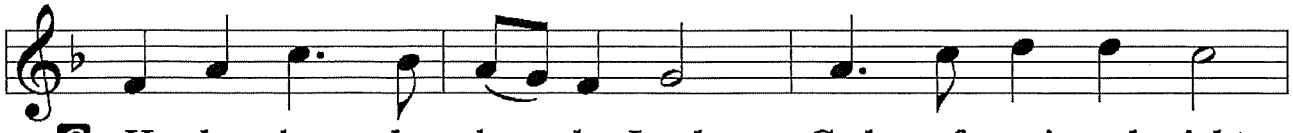
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



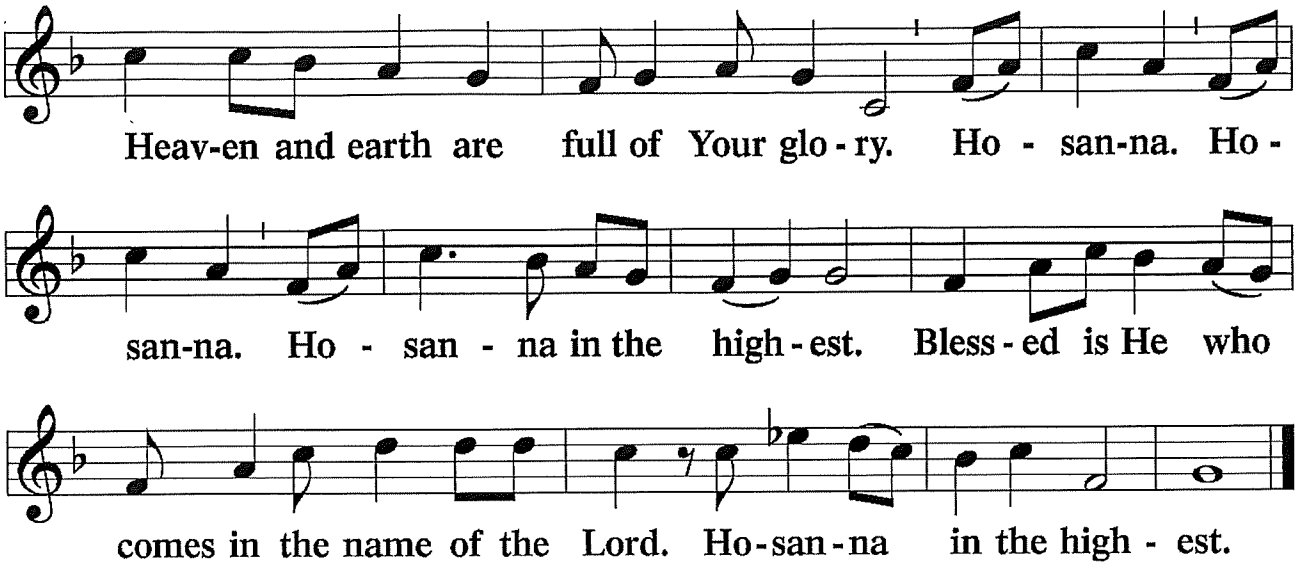
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



C **Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:**



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

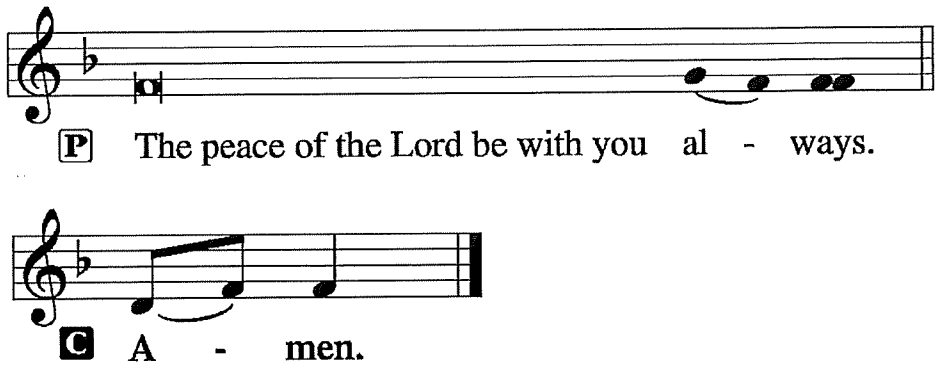
C **Our Father who art in heaven,**
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

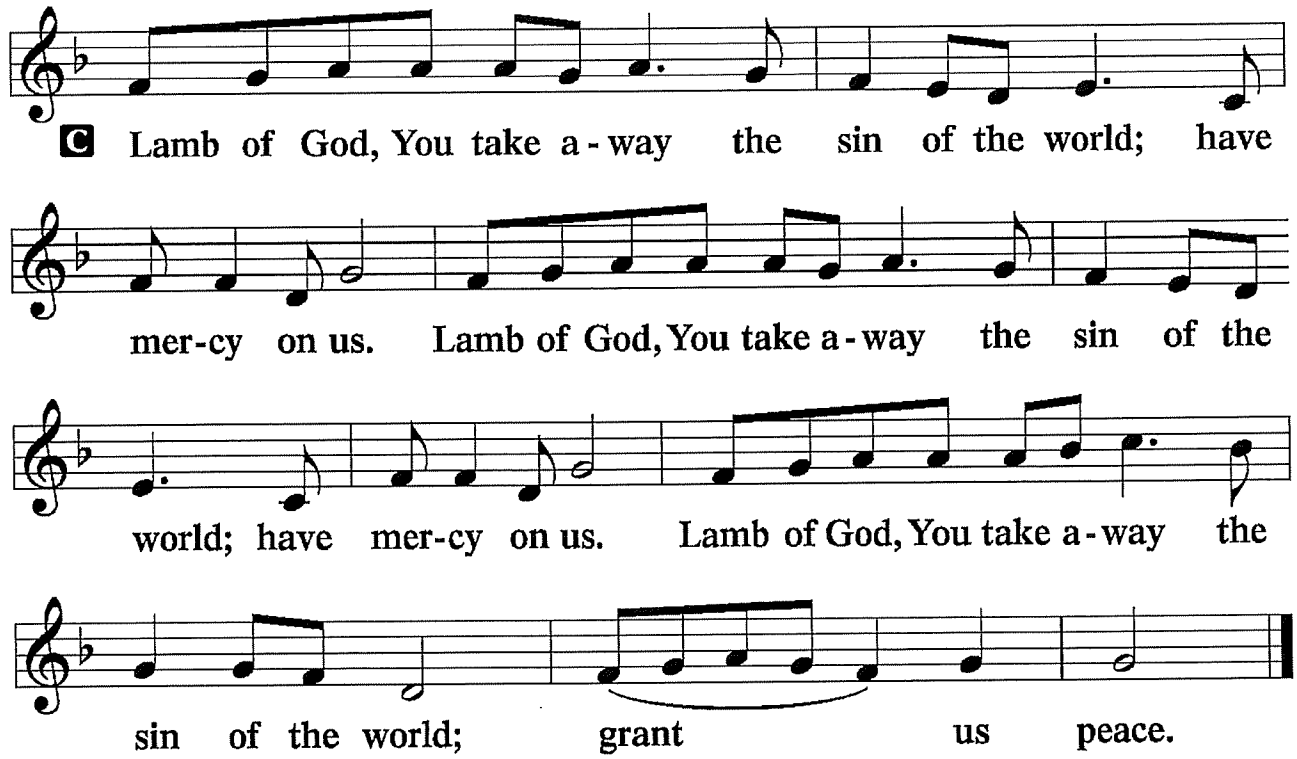
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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 ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini



Agnus Dei



Sit

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

This is the body of Christ, given for you.
Amen.

This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.
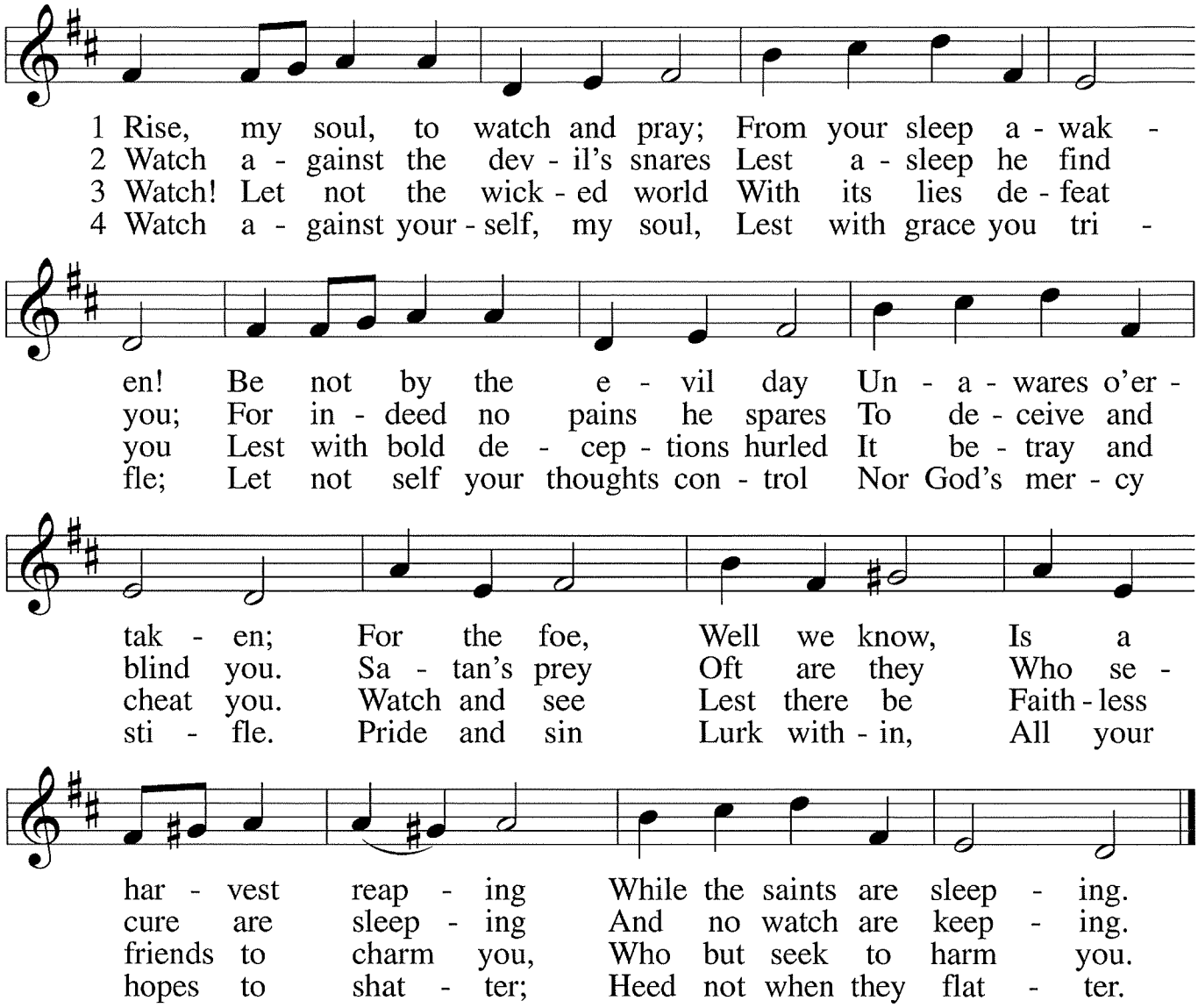
In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✝ in peace.

C **Amen.**

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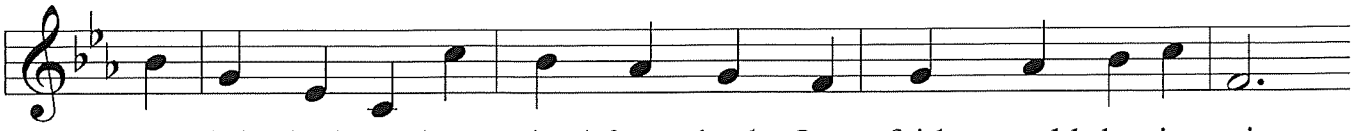
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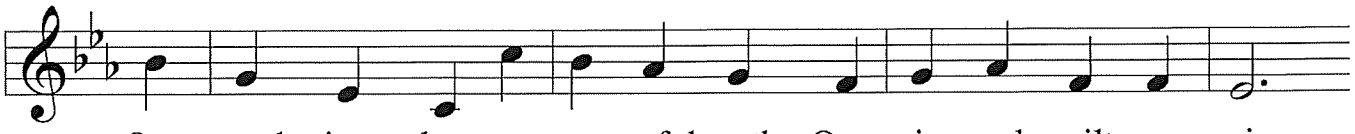


5 But while watching, also pray
To the Lord unceasing.
God protects you day by day,
Strength and faith increasing,
So that still
Mind and will
Shall unite to serve Him
And forever love Him.

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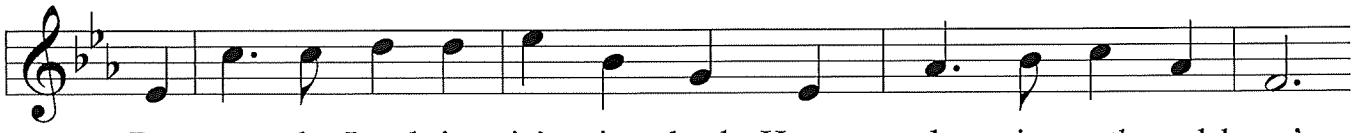
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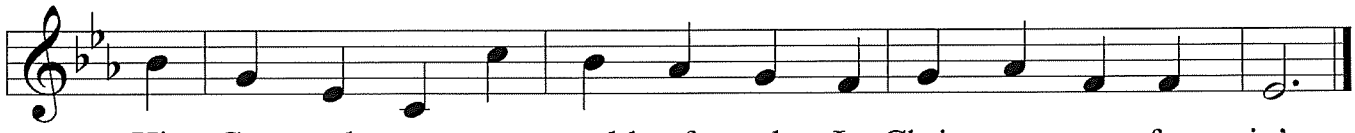
1 If Christ had not been raised from death Our faith would be in vain,
2 If Christ still lay with - in the tomb Then death would be the end,
3 If Christ had not been tru - ly raised His Church would live a lie;



Our preach - ing but a waste of breath, Our sin and guilt re - main.
And we should face our fi - nal doom With nei - ther guide nor friend.
His name should nev - er-more be praised, His words de - serve to die.
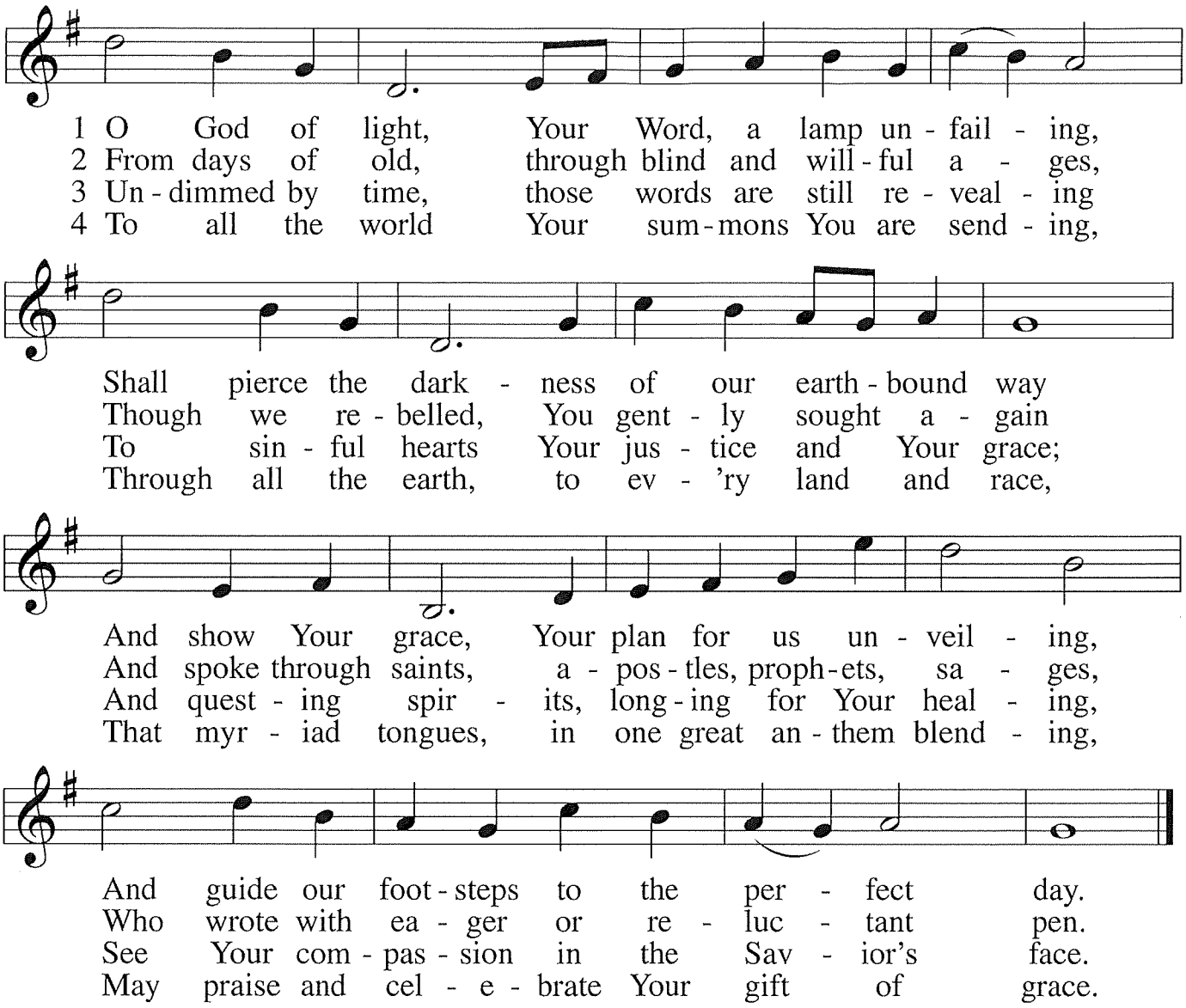


But now the Lord is ris'n in - deed; He rules in earth and heav'n:
But now the Sav - ior is raised up, So when a Chris-tian dies
But now our great Re - deem - er lives; Through Him we are re - stored;



His Gos - pel meets a world of need— In Christ we are for - giv'n.
We mourn, yet look to God in hope— In Christ the saints a - rise!
His Word en-dures, His Church re - vives In Christ, our ris - en Lord.

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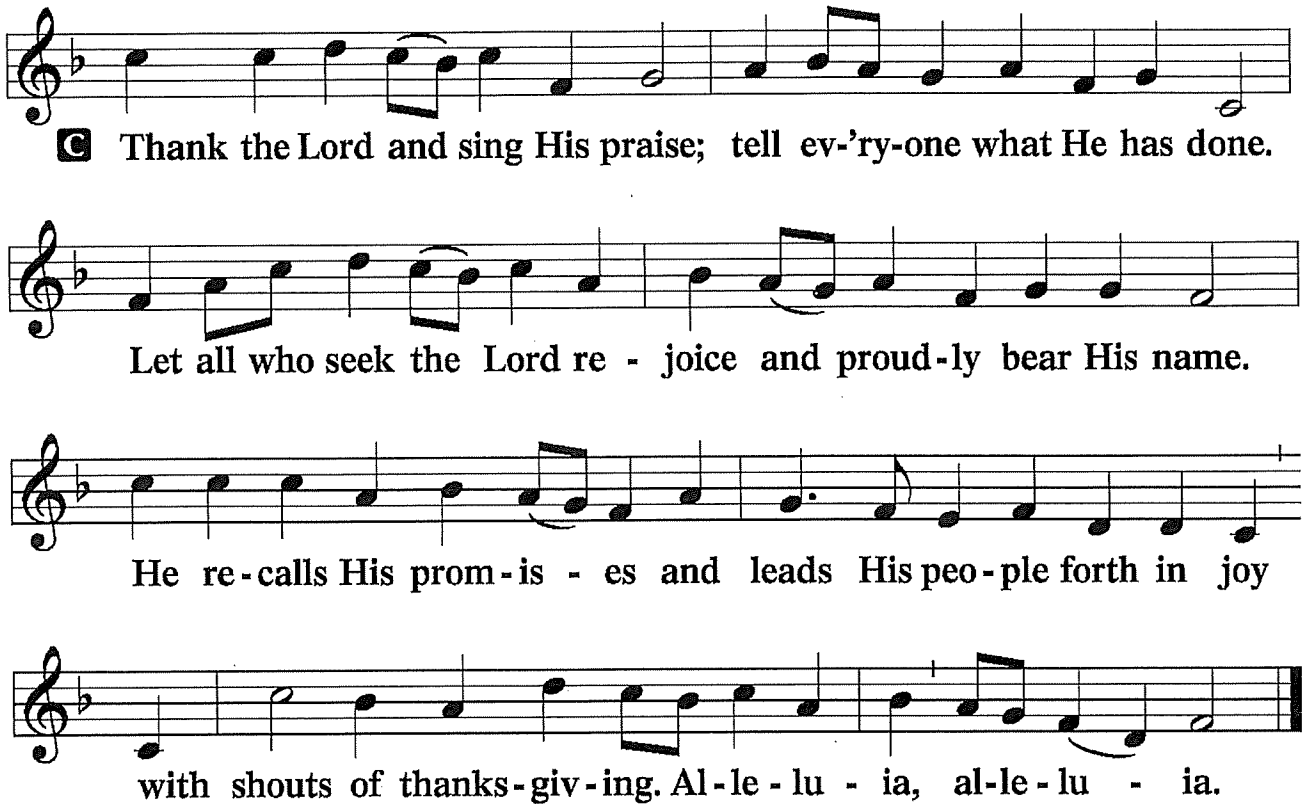
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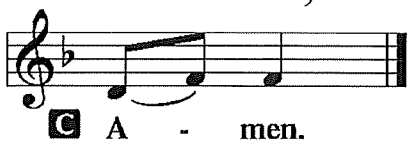
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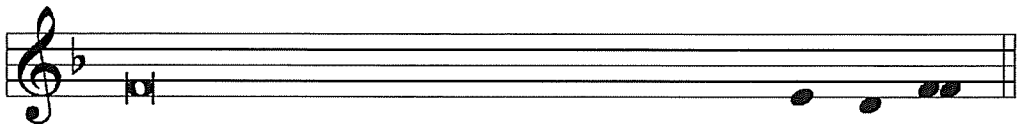


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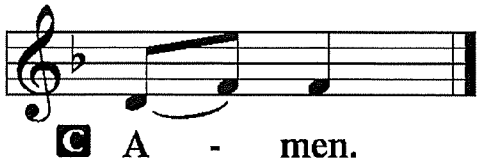
A Let us pray.
… one God, now and forever.



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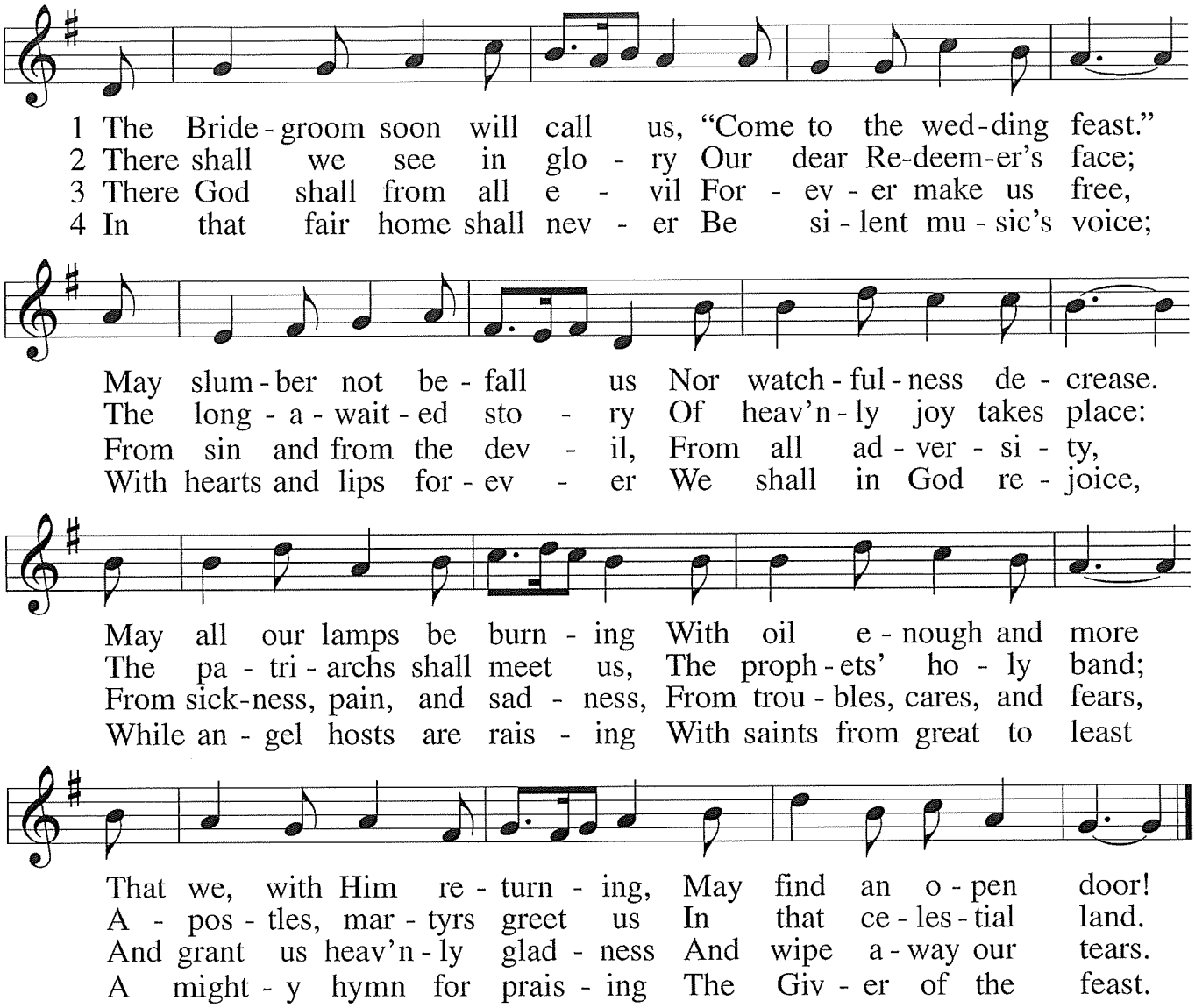


P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.



Closing Hymn

514 The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us



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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 08, 2026

BEFORE THE SERVICE: As you greet and visit one another, please be sensitive to others who may wish an opportunity for silence to pray and otherwise to prepare for worship.

OFFERING BOX: Offerings may be placed in the Offering Box in the Narthex before or after services. Envelopes are available on the side of the Box for your use, such as if you would like your cash offering to be recorded, tracked, and receipted in a report back to you.

PEW CUSHIONS: If you would like to use a cushion either for your seat or for your seat and back, cushions for your use are available in the Usher's Closet off the north side of the Narthex.

PEW SLIPS: *Visitors,* please register your attendance both by completing a slip from rack on the back of the pews and placing them in the Offering Box in the Narthex and by signing the Guest Register at the door. *Members,* please complete a slip only if your contact information has changed or you have a new or updated prayer-list request. (The Usher tracks church attendance and communion participation.)

GROWING IN WORSHIP: Parents, please make use of the bulletins available in the Narthex for children aged 5-10, including the bulletins' activities for the whole week!

LARGER-PRINT/FLOW-THROUGH BINDERS are available in the Narthex for those who have trouble seeing the smaller-print of the hymnal, those with other special needs who cannot follow the liturgy in the hymnal or handle its weight, and those who are visiting Pilgrim who are not already familiar with liturgical services and/or our hymnal. If you need or otherwise want to use a flow-through and can help minimize paper and copying expenses, a PDF of the flow-through binder's contents is available in the upper-right corner of Pilgrim's homepage, www.pilgrimlc.org, to open on or to download to your electronic device.

PRAYER REQUEST: If you have a special petition for the Prayers of the Church, please notify the Usher, Elder on Duty, or Pastor before the service.

IF A NEED SHOULD ARISE, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Restrooms are available in the Parish Hall (non-ADA Restrooms are available in the Office Area, one with a change table), and there is a Cry Room (also with a change table) off the south side of the Narthex. Let the Usher or Elder-on-Duty know if you need assistance or supplies.

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LAST WEEK: There were 0 students but 1 teacher prepared for Sunday School; 15 people were present in-person for Adult Bible Class, and 1 device was connected via Jitsi; 43 people were present in-person for the Sunday Divine Service (26 communed), and 2 devices streamed the service live via YouTube; 4 people were present in-person for Midweek Bible Study, and 2 devices were connected via Jitsi; 1 catechumen was present in-person for youth catechesis on Thursday afternoon; and 1 person was present in-person for youth catechesis on Saturday morning 10/31 (the 11-07 class had not yet been held when these announcements were printed).

THANKS: to Sharon Clark and all those caring for the inside and outside of Pilgrim's facilities; to Remo Gualtieri and all those helping with the video and audio for classes and services; and to Ellen Menconi for her Church Office work.

SERVING TODAY: The Rev. Dr. Jayson S. Galler, Pastor; Remo Gualtieri, Elder on Duty; and Elaine Navaille, Accompanist.

AS YOU DEPART, please be mindful of those who are ushered out behind you, who may have difficulty standing and waiting, and so who may need an open path to the door and to get to their cars quickly. If you stop to talk to someone in the Sanctuary, please keep the aisle as clear as possible, and please delay lengthier conversations with the pastor until after he has greeted everyone. Thank you for your consideration!

AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX are hardcopies of the November 2026 edition of Pilgrim's monthly newsletter, *The Pilgrimage*; Pastor Galler's recent newspaper columns (including his 11/07 column titled, "Elections do not keep God from ruling all for His Church"); the larger-print schedule of Daily Bible Reading for October and November; Issue #17 (Summer 2026) of *Christian Culture: A* printed *Magazine for Lutherans* from Luther Classical College; *Portals of Prayer* for October-November 2026; the latest Church Directory (dated 2026/08/27 and printed on ivory paper); Pilgrim's Constitution, Bylaws, and updated Standing Rules; and Pilgrim's Funeral Planning Worksheet for completing, discussing with Pastor Galler, and filing in the Church Office.

ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING: Pilgrim's Annual Voters' Assembly will be held today, November 8, after the Divine Service, in the Great Room of the Parish Hall. Key agenda items include both electing Officers and other position-holders for 2027 and approving the congregation's budget for

2027. An electronic copy of the Packet for the meeting, including the full working-agenda, was emailed to Pilgrim members, and hard copies of the Packet are available in the Narthex. May God direct the decisions made!

STUDY HOURS: Pastor Galler is usually in his study Tuesdays from 5:00-8:00 p.m., Wednesdays through Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to Noon, and Saturdays Noon to 3:00 p.m. Come for Individual Confession and Absolution (see *Lutheran Service Book* 292-293) or for any other reason. Pastor Galler is also available at other times by appointment at Pilgrim, or he can come to you (email pastor@pilgrimlc.org or text/call 903-984-4333). For emergency pastoral care, please *call* Pastor Galler.

ELDERS' MEETING: Pilgrim's next regular Elders' Meeting is scheduled for this Tuesday, November 10, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room/Library. If you have an item of concern that the Elders should address, please share it with Pastor Galler, your Elder, or one of the other Elders before then. Elders will please come having read and being prepared to discuss Augsburg Confession and Apology Article XX: Good Works, *Concordia*, pp. 41-44, 199-201.

CATECHESIS: The in-person youth classes will meet this Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. and this Saturday at 9:30 a.m., both in the Conference Room/Library.

THE EAST TEXAS PIPE-ORGAN FESTIVAL will run November 8-12, in Kilgore and several "surrounding" cities. All concerts usually are free. For more information, visit https://royperryfoundation.org/2026-festival/.

THE 10TH ANNUAL REEL EAST TEXAS FILM FESTIVAL will run November 11-14 in Kilgore. We could take-in some movies together, if people want to! See www.reeleasttexas.com for more information.

"ALL THE PROPHETS TESTIFY": Pilgrim's Midweek Bible Study will meet this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., to begin discussing Hosea 8:1-14 (Pastor Galler should be back from Veterans' Day observances by then.) All of the prophetic books testify that everyone who believes in Jesus receives life in His Name (Acts 10:42-43). All people are welcome to participate in the Study, either in-person in the Conference Room/Library or on-line via Jitsi. For more information, and for the handouts and audio and video files from past sessions, see https://www.pilgrimlc.org/bible-studies/prophets.

HENDERSON'S SYRUP FESTIVAL is this Saturday, November 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The only folk-live festival in East Texas includes a demonstration of the production of old-fashioned cane-syrup!

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NEXT SUNDAY: 9:15 a.m. Refreshments; 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class ("Basic Bible Accounts"); and 10:45 a.m. Divine Service, followed by a gathering of Pilgrim's Mary/Martha Society.

Readings: Zeph 1:7-16; Ps 90:1-12; 1 Thes :1-11; and Mt 25:14-30.

Hymns: *LSB* 804, 508, 783, 411, 836, and 854.

Prepare yourself for worship in advance by praying about, reading over, and meditating on the appointed Scripture Readings and Hymns.

"BASIC BIBLE ACCOUNTS": Next Sunday, Pilgrim's Sunday-morning Adult Bible Class continues its "just the facts, ma'am" approach to essential Bible "stories", with each session covering one account. All are welcome! For more information, and for the handouts and audio and video files from past sessions, see https://pilgrimlc.org/bible-studies/basic-bible-accounts.

PILGRIM'S MARY/MARTHA SOCIETY will gather next on Sunday, November 15, after the Divine Service, in the Great Room of the Parish Hall, in order to share lunch and to do some pre-Christmas cleaning and decorations preparing. All women are invited and welcome to attend!

A KILGORE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be held Sunday, November 22, at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the new Kilgore High School (711 N. Longview Street). Canned goods may be brought for the KHS Food Pantry. Individual Pilgrim members may attend, if they choose to attend, but neither Pilgrim's pastor nor the congregation will participate officially, in order not to give the impression by worshipping together that we agree in doctrine, when we do not agree in doctrine.

SECULAR BOOKS AVAILABLE: Many secular books recently were culled from Pilgrim's Children's Library. Those who originally donated the books are welcome to retrieve them first (TODAY IS THE LAST CALL); then parents of young children can have their pick of the early-reader books. If the books are not claimed, they will be put up for sale on Amazon, with proceeds going to Pilgrim; and the books that are not sold ultimately will be donated to Rags to Riches, which benefits Rahab's Retreat and Ranch. Christian-Education Coordinator Katy Myers is spearheading this effort.

CLEANING SUPPLIES: Our faithful cleaning volunteer Sharon Clark requests packages of Wet Jet large mop-pads, stainless-steel cleaner, and acidic bathroom cleaner. If you are able to purchase any or all of these, please submit your receipts to Treasurer Debbie Shockley for reimbursement, so the expenses can be recorded and budgeted. Obviously, what you do with the reimbursement afterwards is up to you!

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