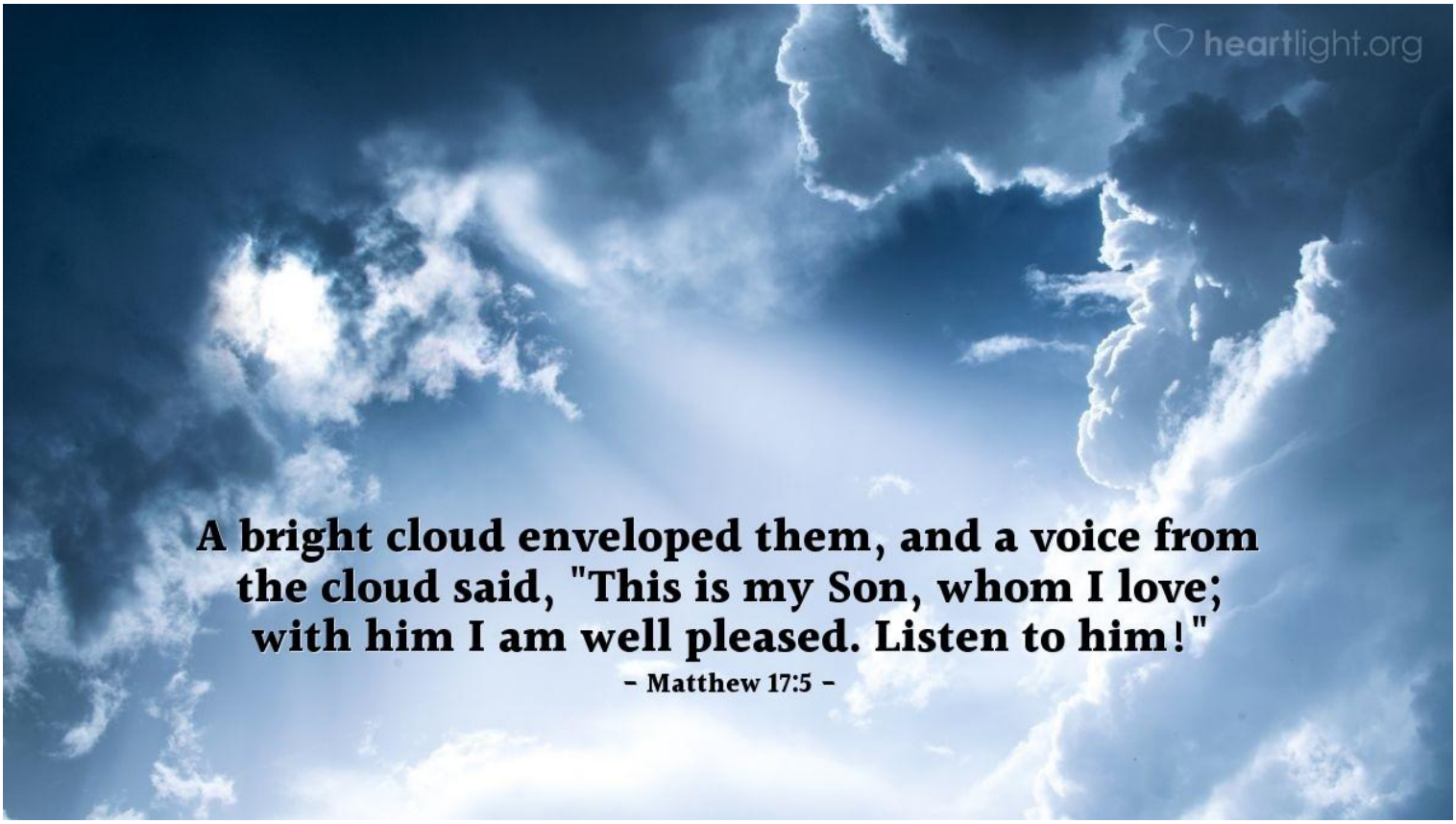
ZION
Lutheran Church



Transfiguration of Our Lord
February 15, 2026
11:00 a.m.

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Presiding Minister – Rev. Susan Bantz
Reader - Braedan Garrett
Music Minister – Susan Robinson
WOV Setting 5

Welcome to worship here at Zion on the Transfiguration of Our Lord– we are glad you're here! Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

Worship notes:

Thank you for joining us! If you are visiting us today, please fill out a blue Visitor Card, located in your pew rack.

We practice an open communion table at Zion. All who believe in Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to celebrate Holy Communion with us, from the youngest to the oldest members of the body of Christ present in worship. Children are welcome to fully participate in worship. What could be better than the whole family of God being together in worship? There are Children's worship bags available near the usher's table in the narthex. Should you or your child need a break, there is a nursery located across from Fellowship Hall for your use. Nursing mothers are welcome to use the Mothers' Room, just two doors down the hall from the nursery. Please knock before entering.

+ Indicates that you are invited to rise as you are able

BOLD PRINT INDICATES CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSES

Hymn numbers are the large numbers at the top of the page in the red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, or the blue hymnal, *With One Voice* which is located in the pew racks, or handed out.

Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

PRELUDE **Susan Robinson**

‡ GATHERING ‡

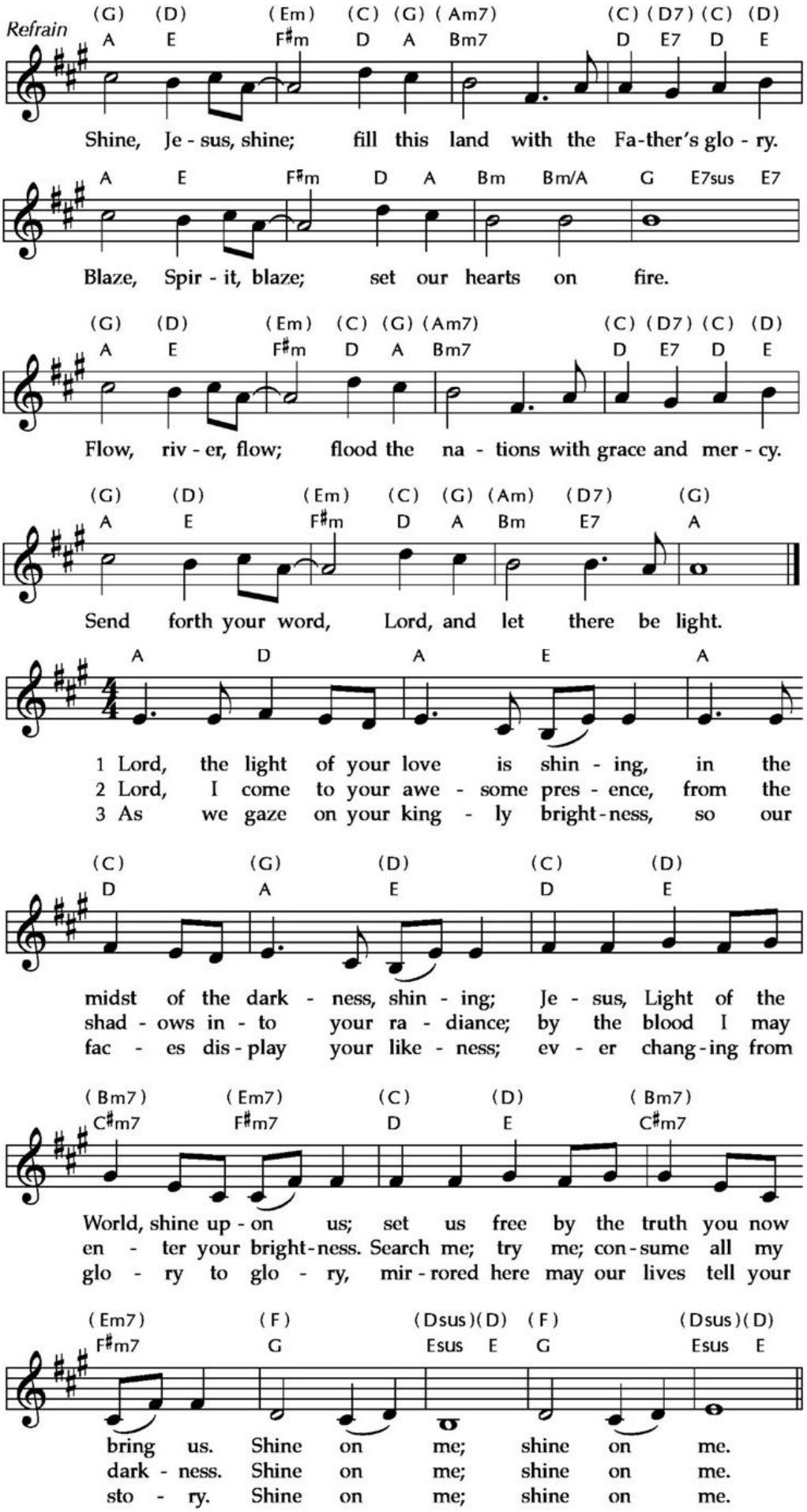
The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Temple Talk- Alan Millage /Rebuilding Together Muscatine County

BELL CALLING US TO WORSHIP

+ GATHERING HYMN *Shine , Jesus , Shine* **WOV 651**



+ CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

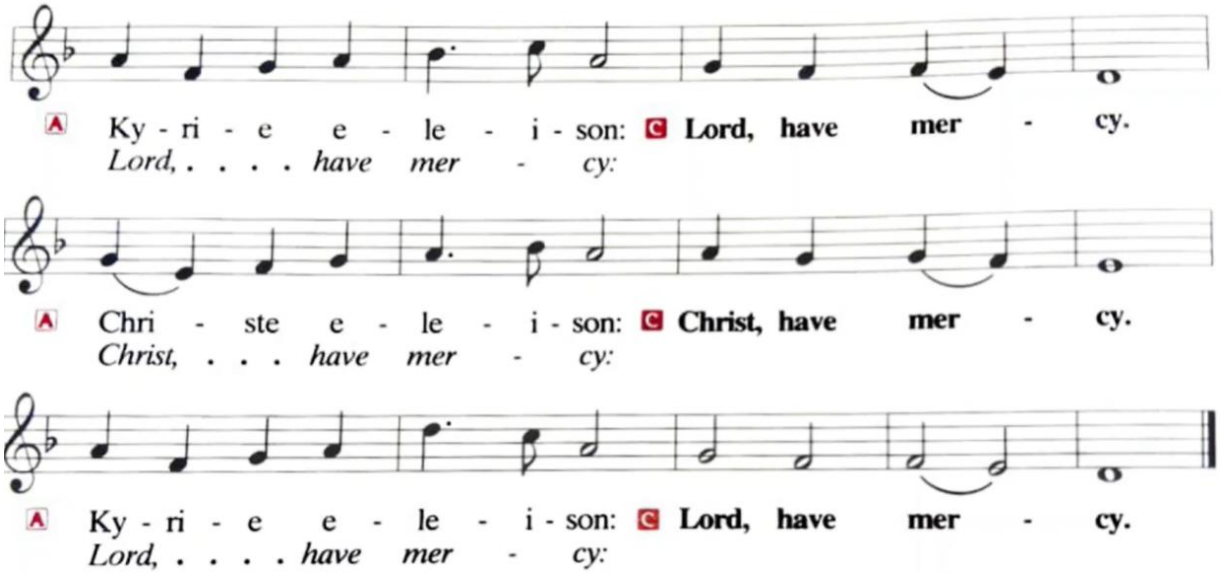
All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being,
the Wind stirring the waters**. Amen.**
Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.
Silence is kept for reflection.

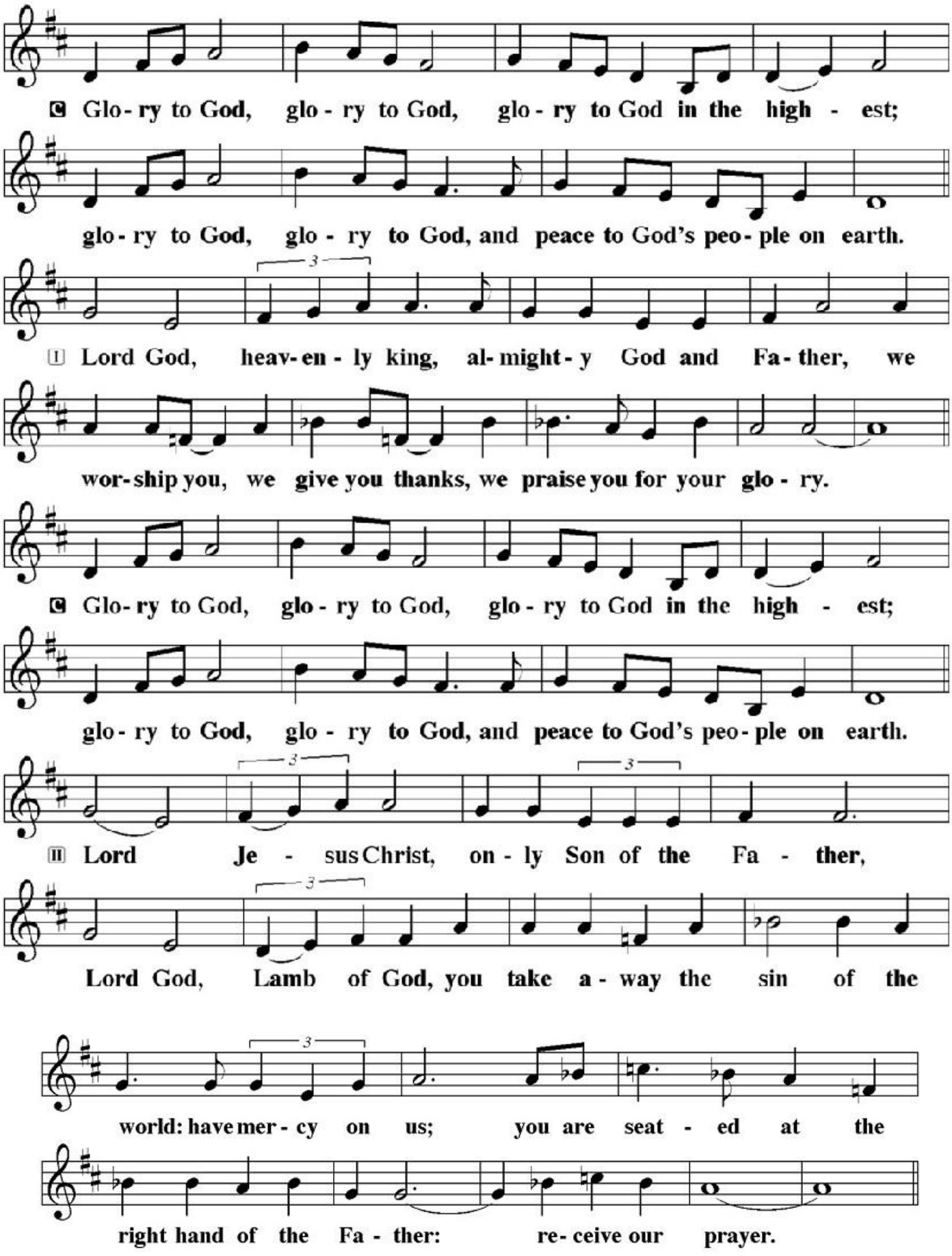
Mighty God, lover of justice,
you call us to life in community,
but we have served our own interests
at the expense of our neighbors.
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.
We say the right words,
but our hearts are far from you.
Turn us to seek your face.
Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,
that we may do justice, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

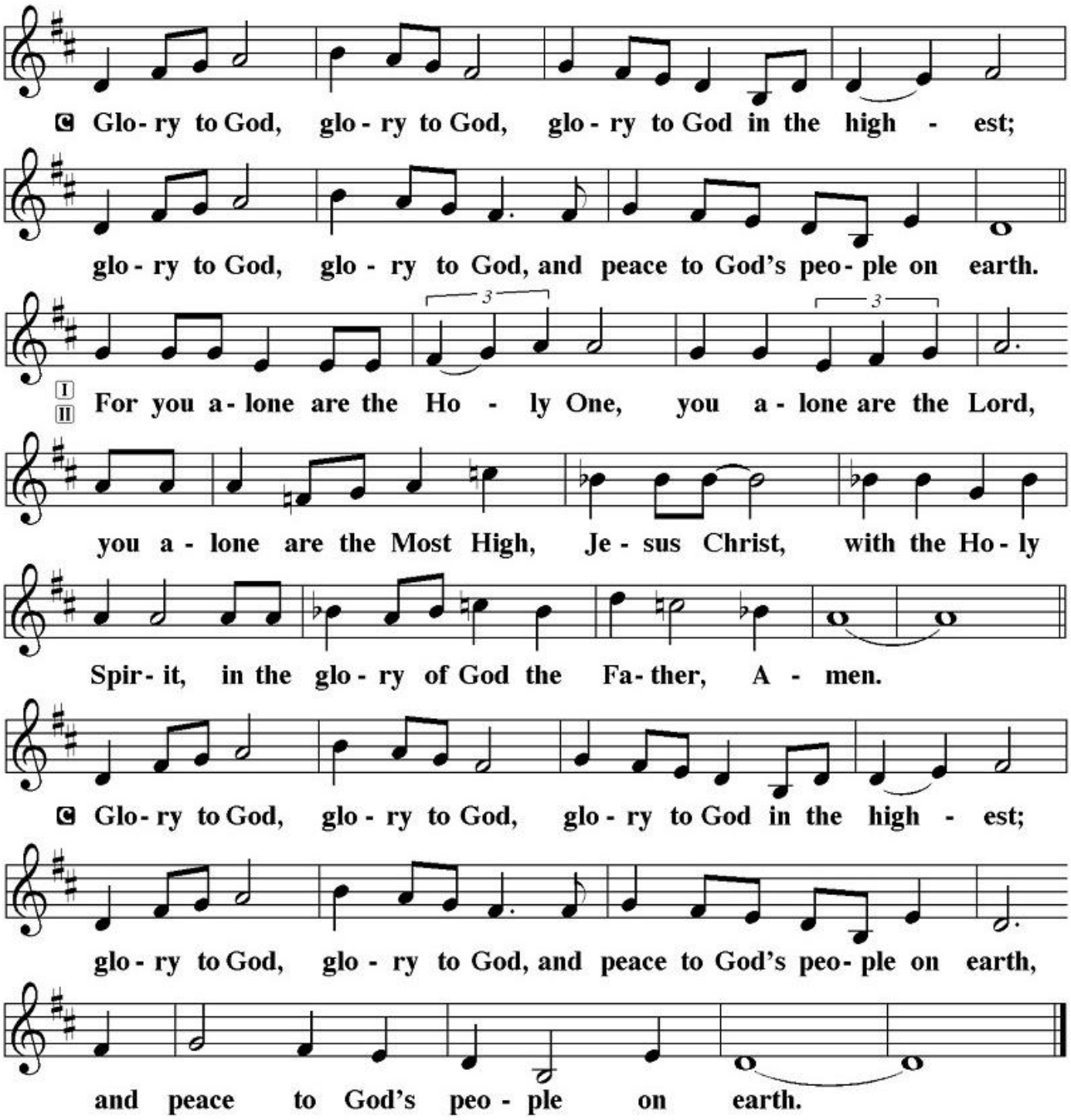
The former things have passed away,
and new things God now declares:
Like a spring of water that never fails,
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,
and forgives your sin in ☩ Jesus' name.
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
and bless you with the gift of peace. **Amen.**

+ KYRIE p. 28



+HYMN OF PRAISE **WOV p. 29-30**





+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Let us pray.

O God, in **the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

ANTHEM *Let All the People Say Amen* **Zion Choir**

‡ WORD ‡

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

FIRST READING Exodus 24:12-18

2 The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you
the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their
instruction." 13 So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the
mountain of God. 14 To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you.
Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."
15 Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. 16 The
glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the
seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. 17 Now the appearance of the glory of
the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the
Israelites. 18 Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the
mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 2

1 Why are the nations in an uproar?
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together,
against the Lord and against the Lord's anointed?
3 "Let us break their yoke," they say;
"let us cast off their bonds from us."
4 God whose throne is in heaven is laughing;
the Lord holds them in derision.
5 Then in wrath God speaks to them,
and in rage fills them with terror.
6 "As for me, I have anointed my king
upon Zion, my holy mountain."
7 Let me announce the decree of the Lord,
who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I begotten you.
8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance
and the ends of the earth for your possession.
9 You shall crush them with an iron rod
and shatter them like a piece of pottery."
10 And now, you kings, be wise;
be warned, you rulers of the earth.
11 Submit to the Lord with fear,
and with trembling bow in worship;

12 lest the Lord be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath.
Happy are all who take refuge in God!

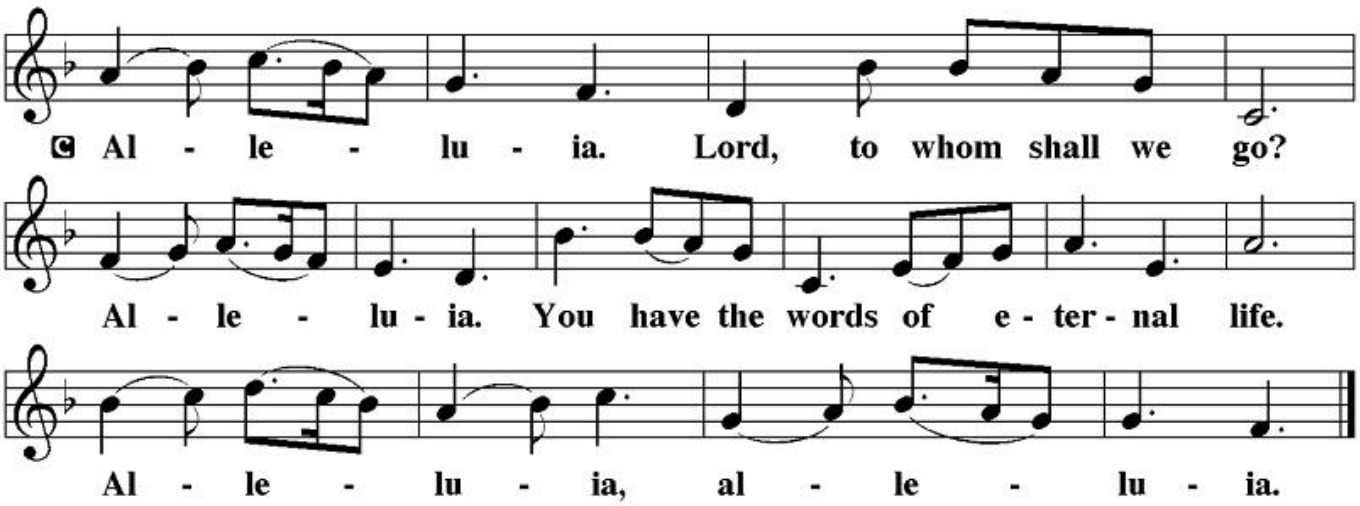
SECOND READING 2 Peter 1:16-21

16 We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." 18 We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

19 So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. 20 First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, 21 because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON- Sarah Evans

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION WOV p.31



GOSPEL READING Matthew 17:1-9
The holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. 2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. 3 Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 4 Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." 5 While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen

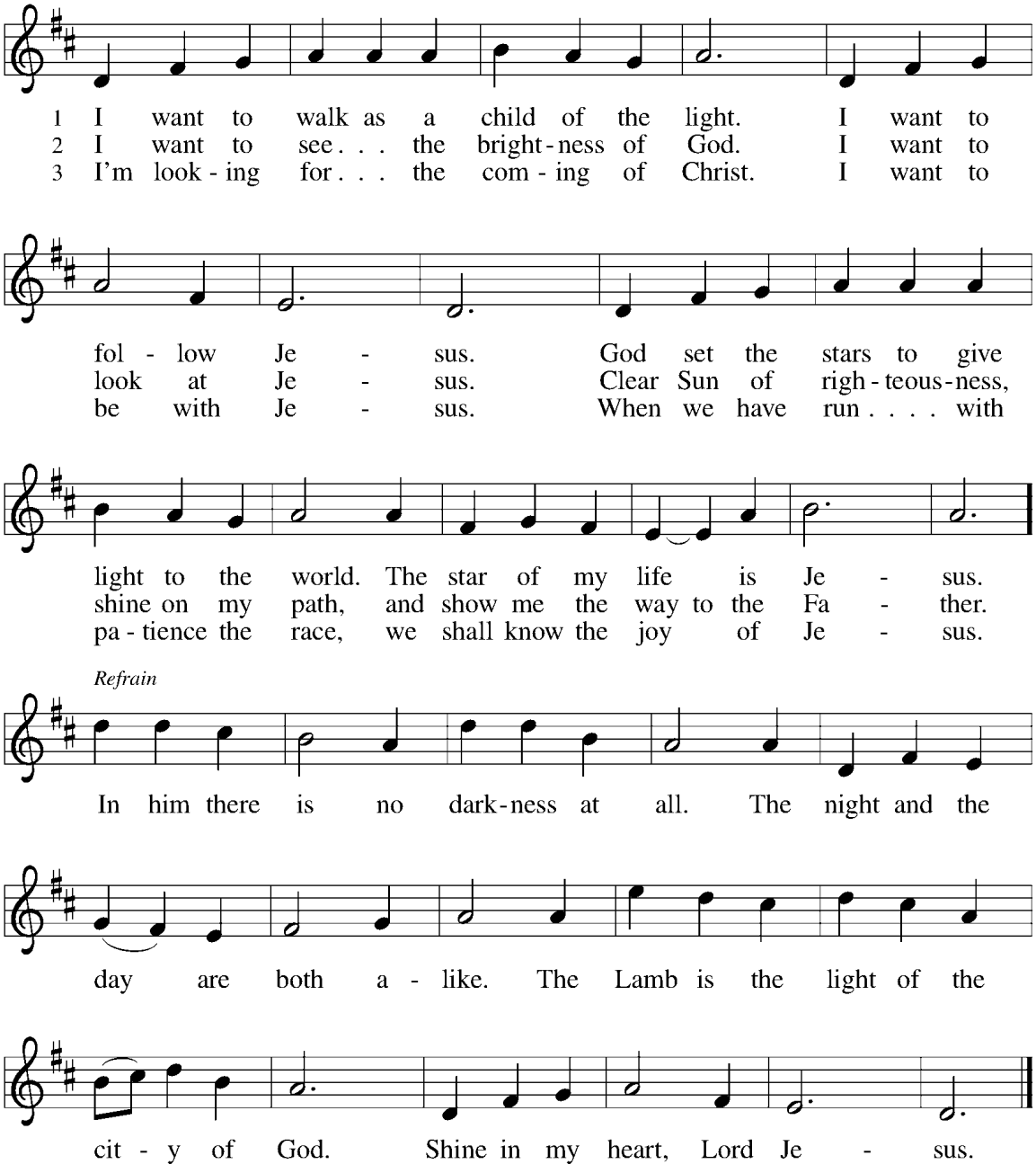
to him!” 6 When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. 7 But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” 8 And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

This is the Gospel of our Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

+ HYMN OF THE DAY ***I Want To Walk as a Child Of God*** **WOV 649**



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Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson
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Apostles' Creed
With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

+ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home, responding to each petition with, "**hear our prayer**."

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.
Amen.

+ SHARING OF THE PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you always,
And also with you.

‡ MEAL ‡

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERING

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MUSICAL OFFERING O Wonderous Sight, O Vision Fair Jason W. Krug

Zion Bell Choir

+ OFFERING PRAYER

God of majesty,
no eye has seen, no ear has heard
what you have prepared for those who love you,
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.
Use what we have gathered
to feed us with the reign of God come near,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

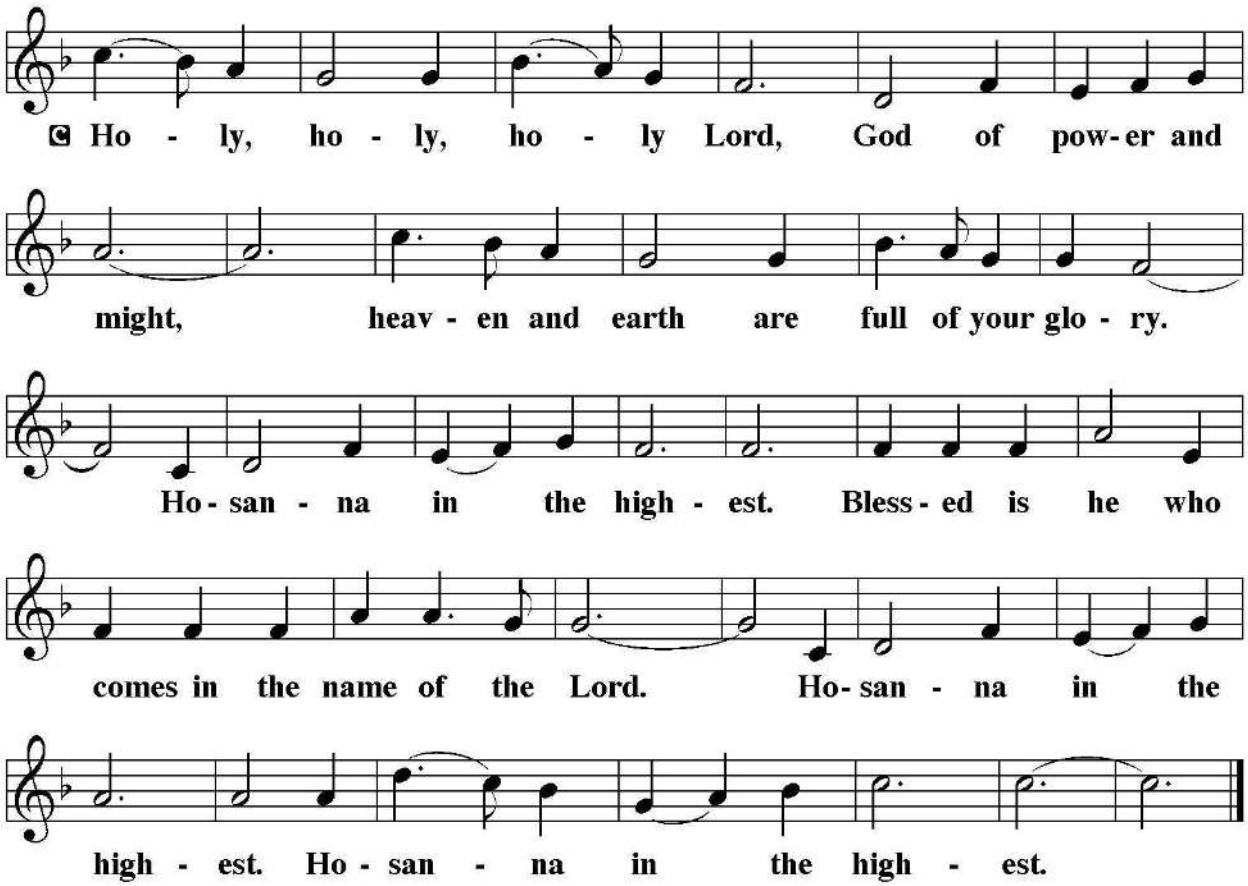
+ DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God**.**
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

+ PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy… we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

+ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY **WOV p.36**



+ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+ THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language or version of your heart:

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.

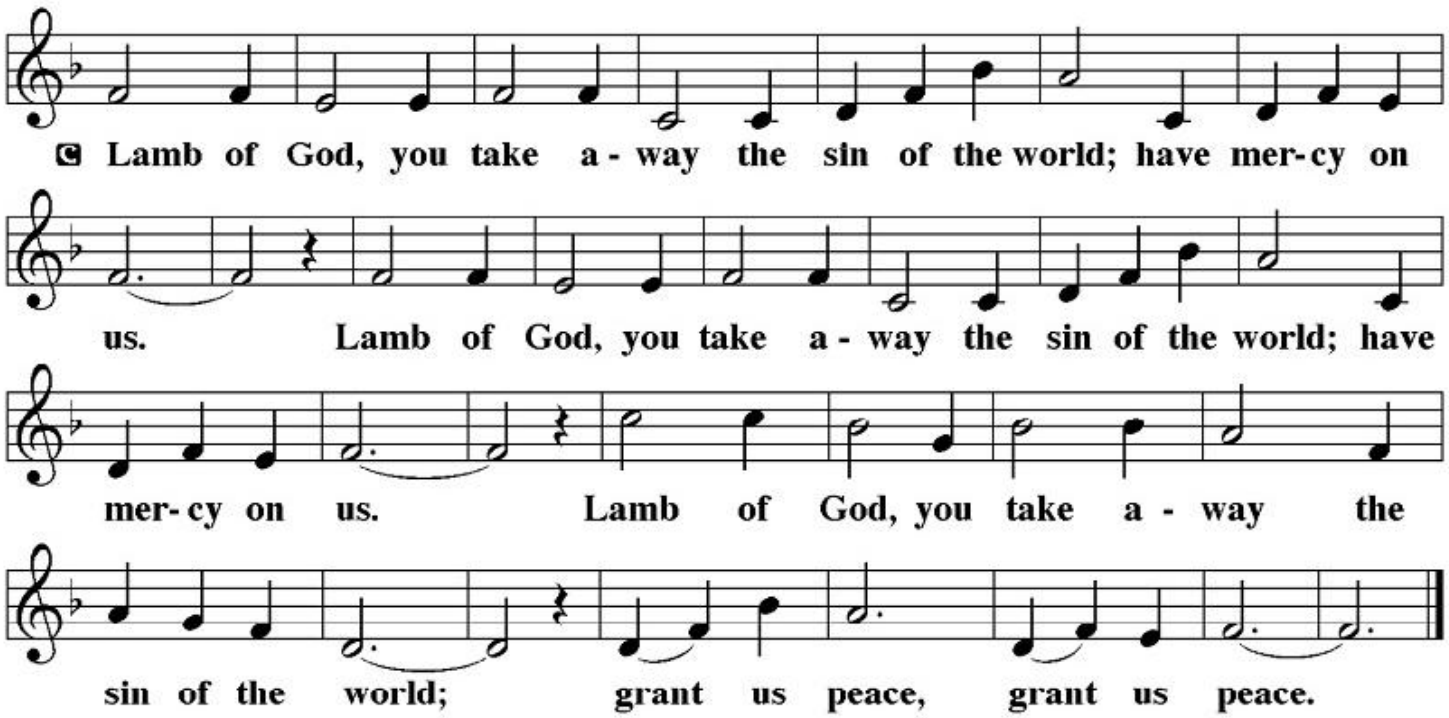
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table; taste and see.

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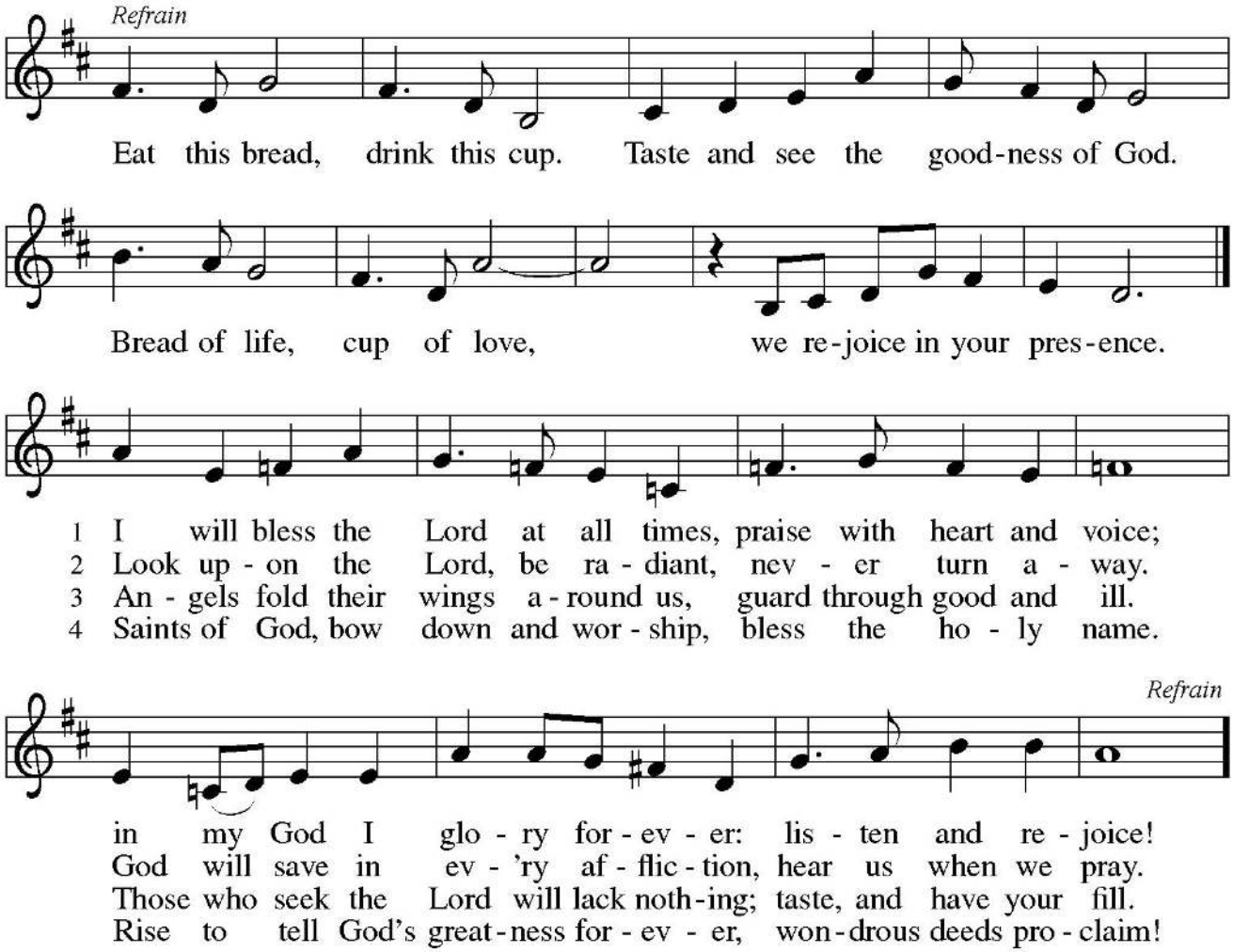
Please come forward for communion as directed. We will serve communion continuously. If you are unable or would prefer not to come forward, please inform one of the ushers and communion will be brought to where you are seated. If you do not wish to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward with arms crossed to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available in the separate small dish. Please let the presiding minister know if you would like a gluten-free wafer. The grape juice is located in the center ring of the communion tray. All who believe in Christ as Lord and Savior, young and old, are welcome at this feast.

LAMB OF GOD **WOV p. 39**

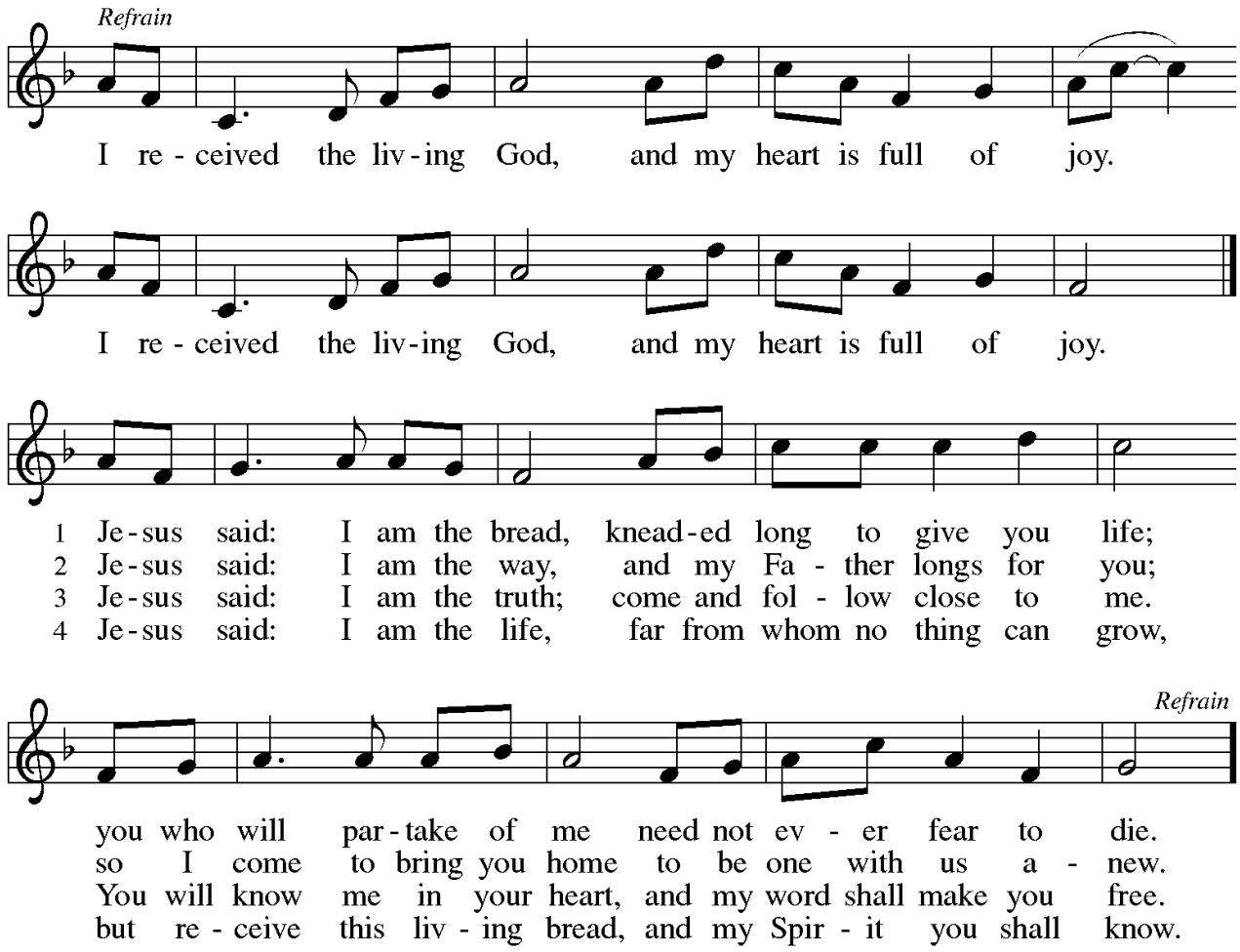


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Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup **WOV 706**

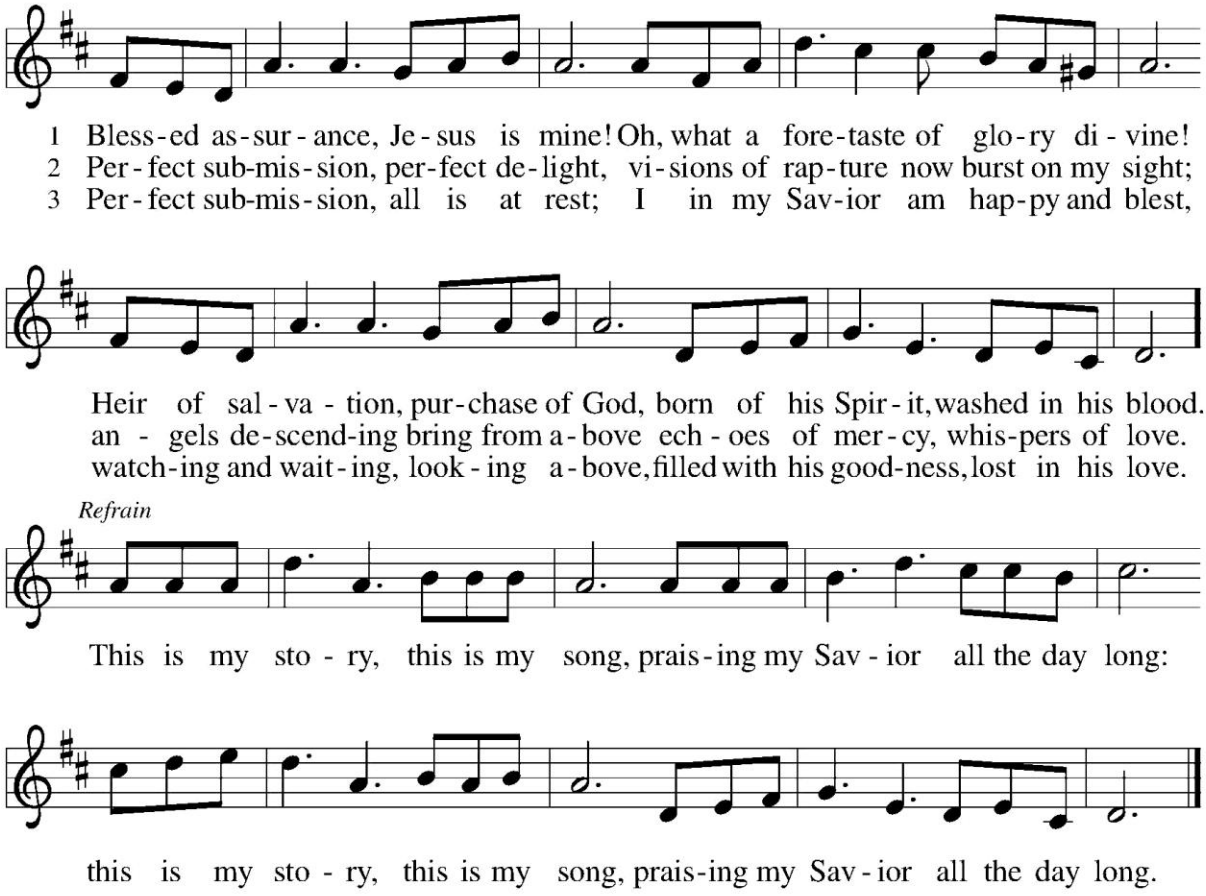


I Received the Living God WOV 700



Text: Anonymous
Music: LIVING GOD, Anonymous

Blessed Assurance **WOV 699**



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

+ POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may this body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace, ☩ now and forever. **Amen**

+ POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Radiant God,
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In the sacrament of his body and blood
you have drawn us to your heart.
Send us from this table with delight,
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

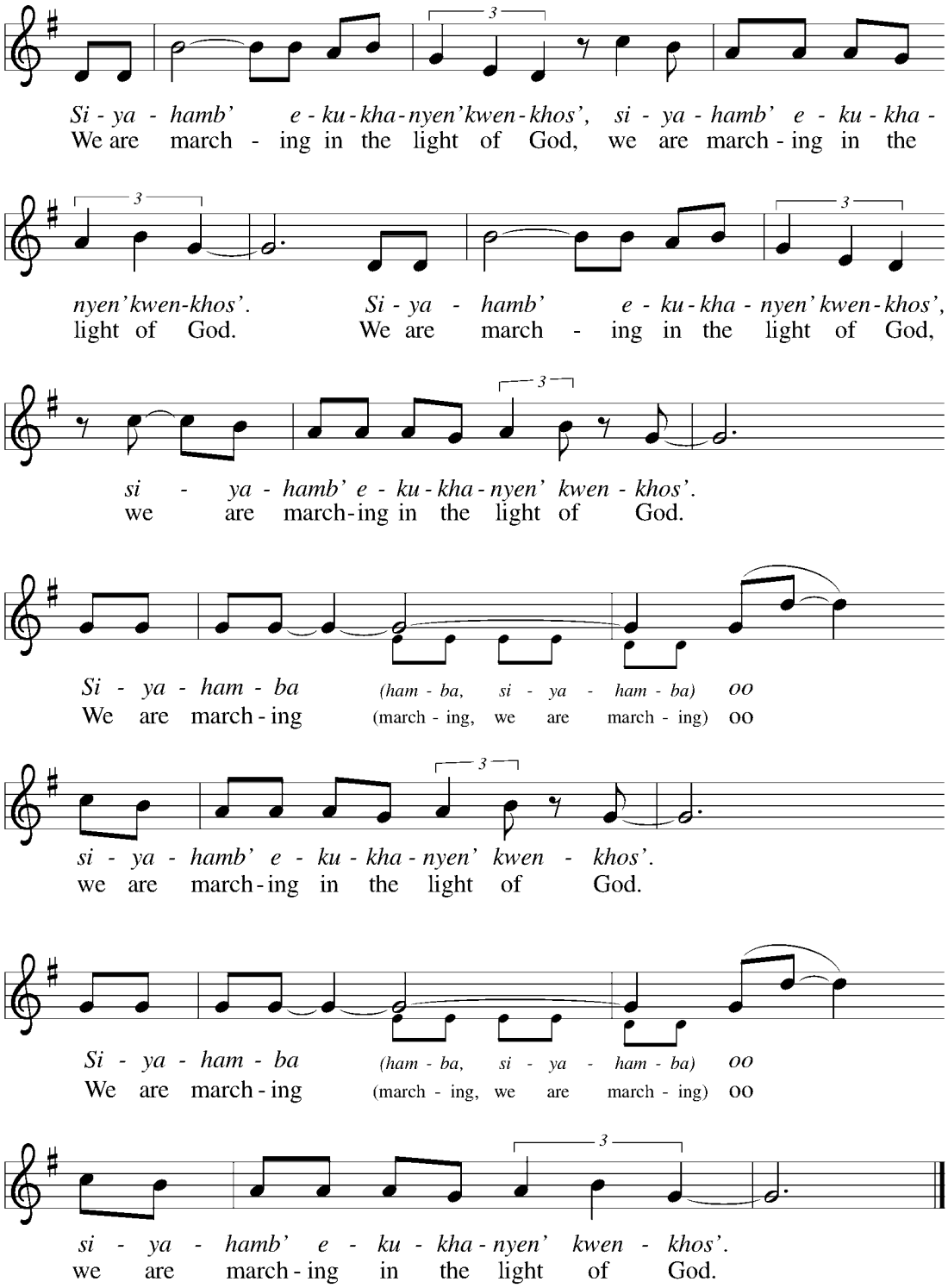
‡ SENDING ‡

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BLESSING

May the triune God,
who has put a new song in your mouth
and tuned your heart for praise
☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ***We Are Marching In the Light Of God*** **WOV 650**



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE **Susan Robinson**

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