EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

24th Sunday after Pentecost, November 8, 2026

Traditional Worship

Austin Campus 9:00 AM, Far Hills Campus 10:30 AM* (*Livestreamed)

Gather

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Holy God,
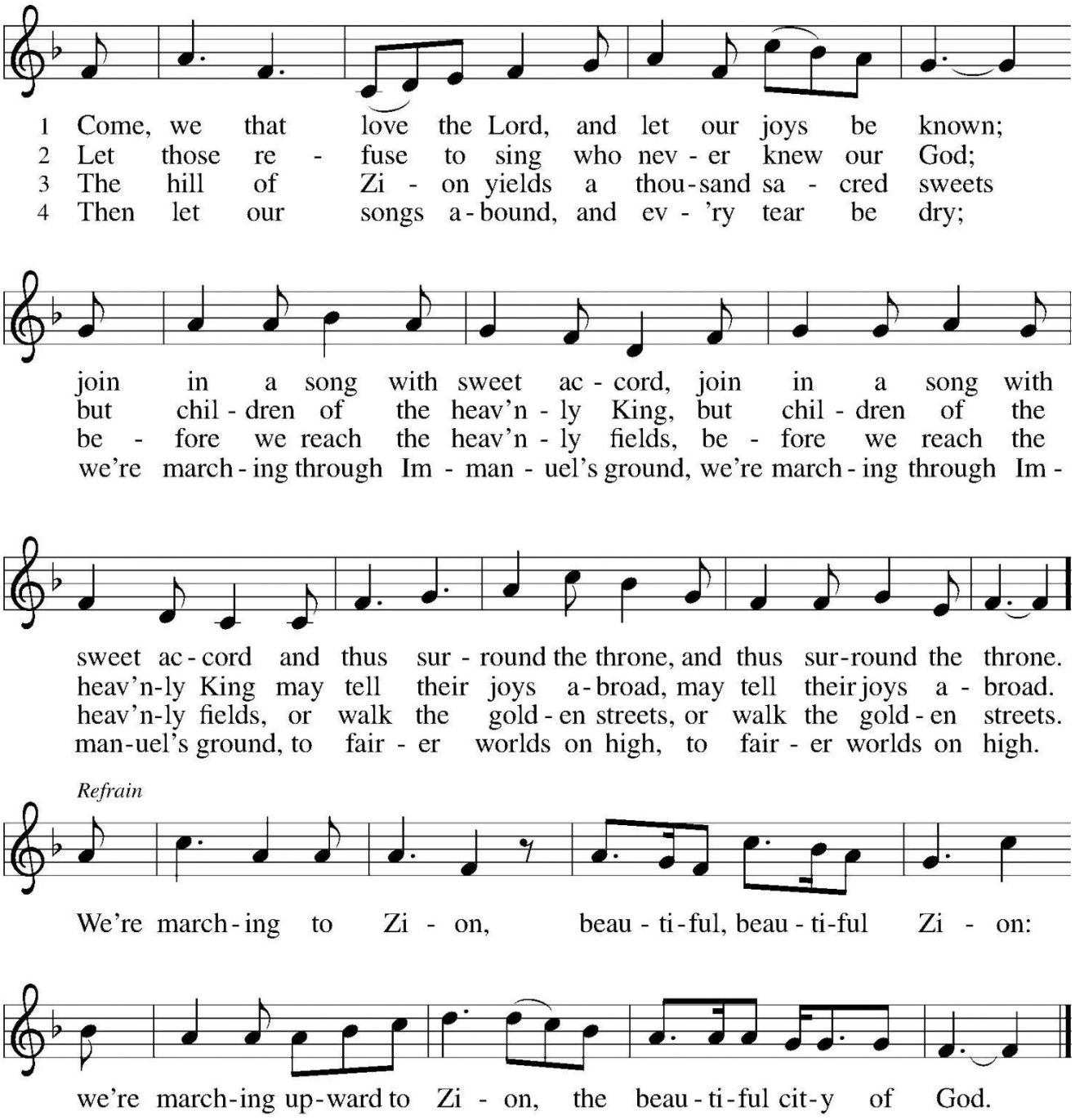
C: We confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OPENING HYMN: *WE ARE MARCHING TO ZION* *#625 v. 1, 4*



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, stanzas; Robert Lowry, 1826–1899, refrain
Music: MARCHING TO ZION, Robert Lowry

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Word

WELCOME THE CHILDREN

FIRST READING: *AMOS 5:18-24*

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
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 offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

A: The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING: *PSALM 70*

A: 1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O LORD, make haste to help me.

C: 2 Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded; let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

A: [3] Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back because of their shame.

C: [4] Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the LORD!"
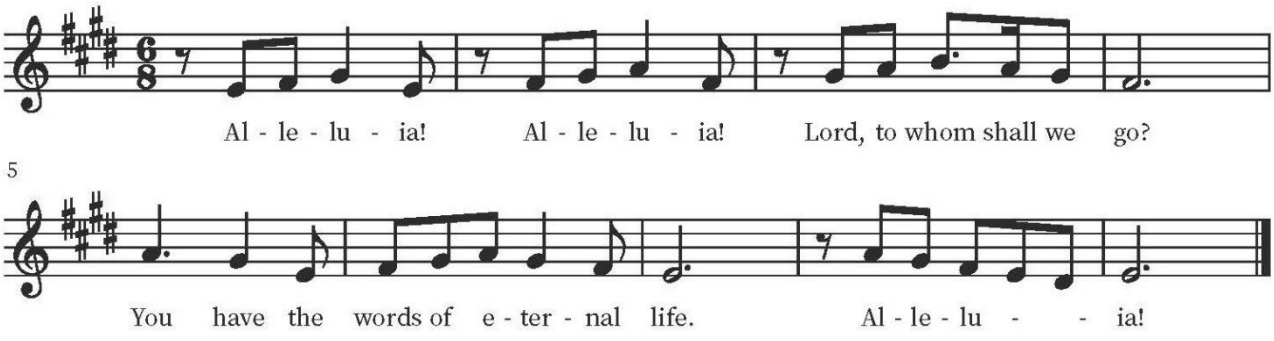
A: [5] But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God. You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

SECOND READING: *1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18*

[13] We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so 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 died. [15] For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. [16] For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. [18] Therefore encourage one another with these words.

A: The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION*



P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.
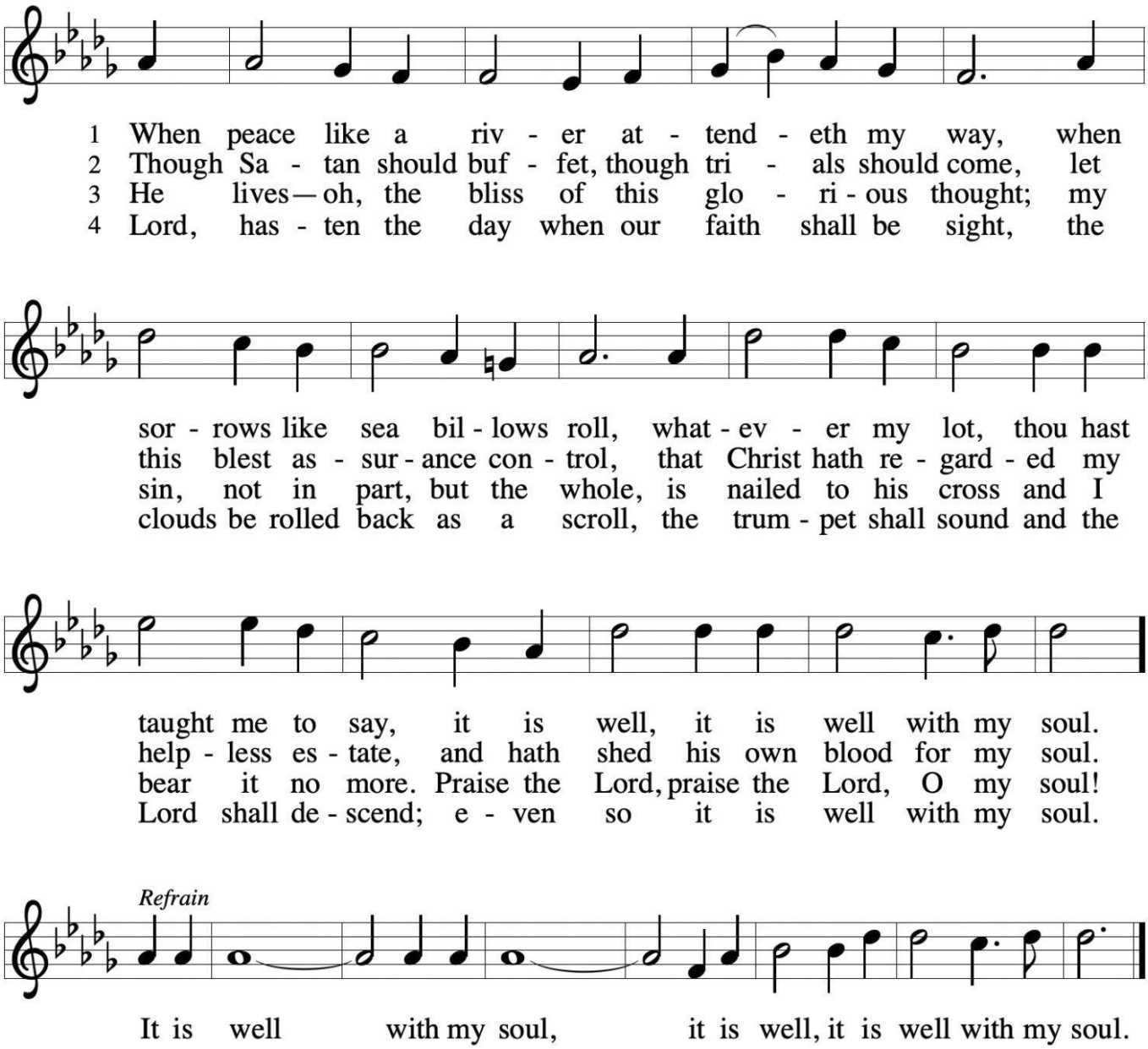
GOSPEL READING: *MATTHEW 25:1-13*

[1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took
their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were
foolish, and five were wise. [3] 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, all of them became drowsy and slept.
[6] But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom!
Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those young women got up and
trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of
your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise replied, 'No! there
will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers
and buy some for yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the
bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the
wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the other young
women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied,
'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you
know neither the day nor the hour."

P: The gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER* *#785 v. 1, 2, 4*



Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888
Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876

APOSTLES' CREED

A: Together with the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C: 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. Amen.
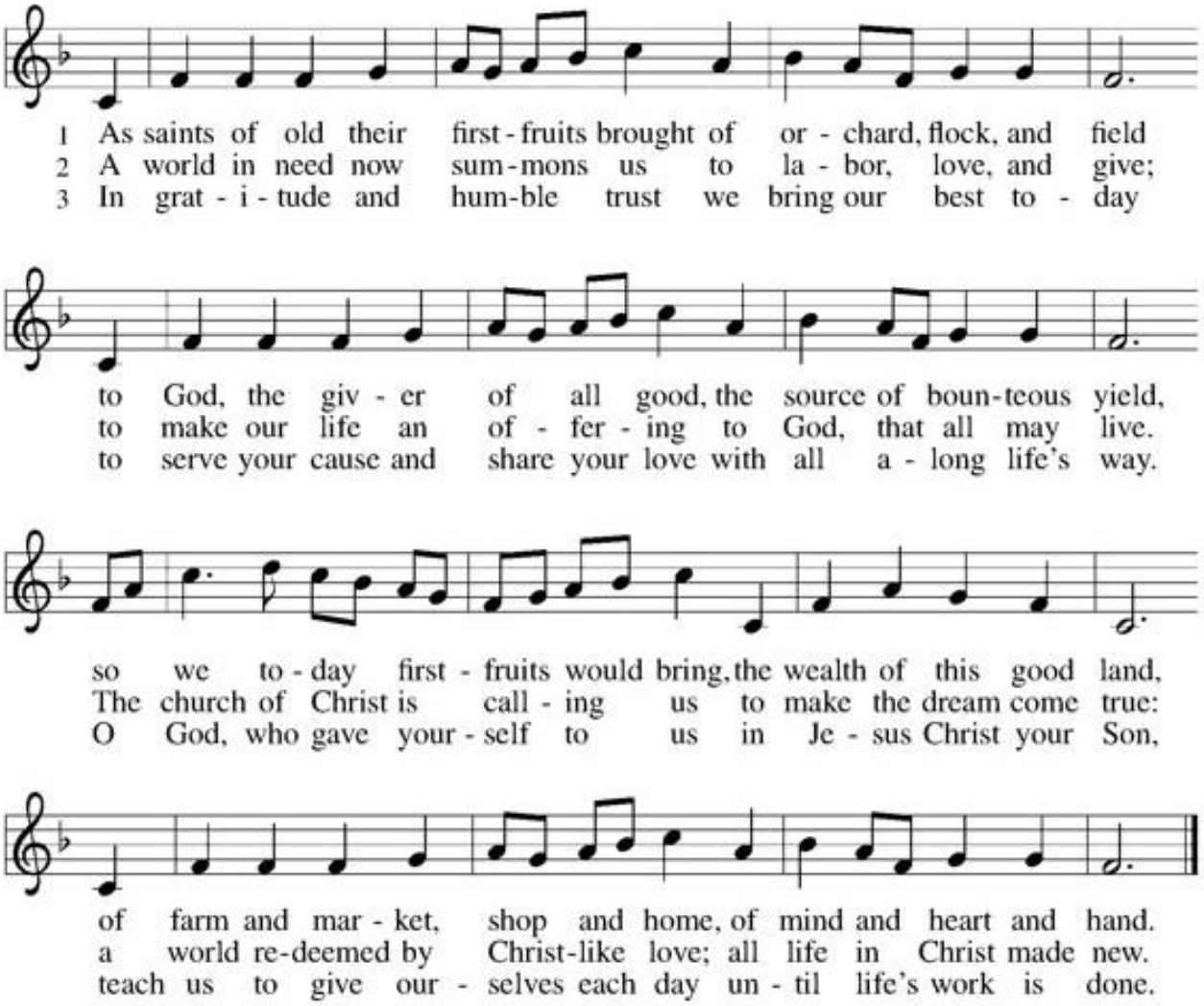
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Meal

OFFERING:

(10:30) *MY LORD, WHAT A MORNIN' ARR. HOWARD HELVEY* *EPIPHANY CHORALE*

OFFERTORY: *AS SAINTS OF OLD* *#695 v. 2*



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Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk tune
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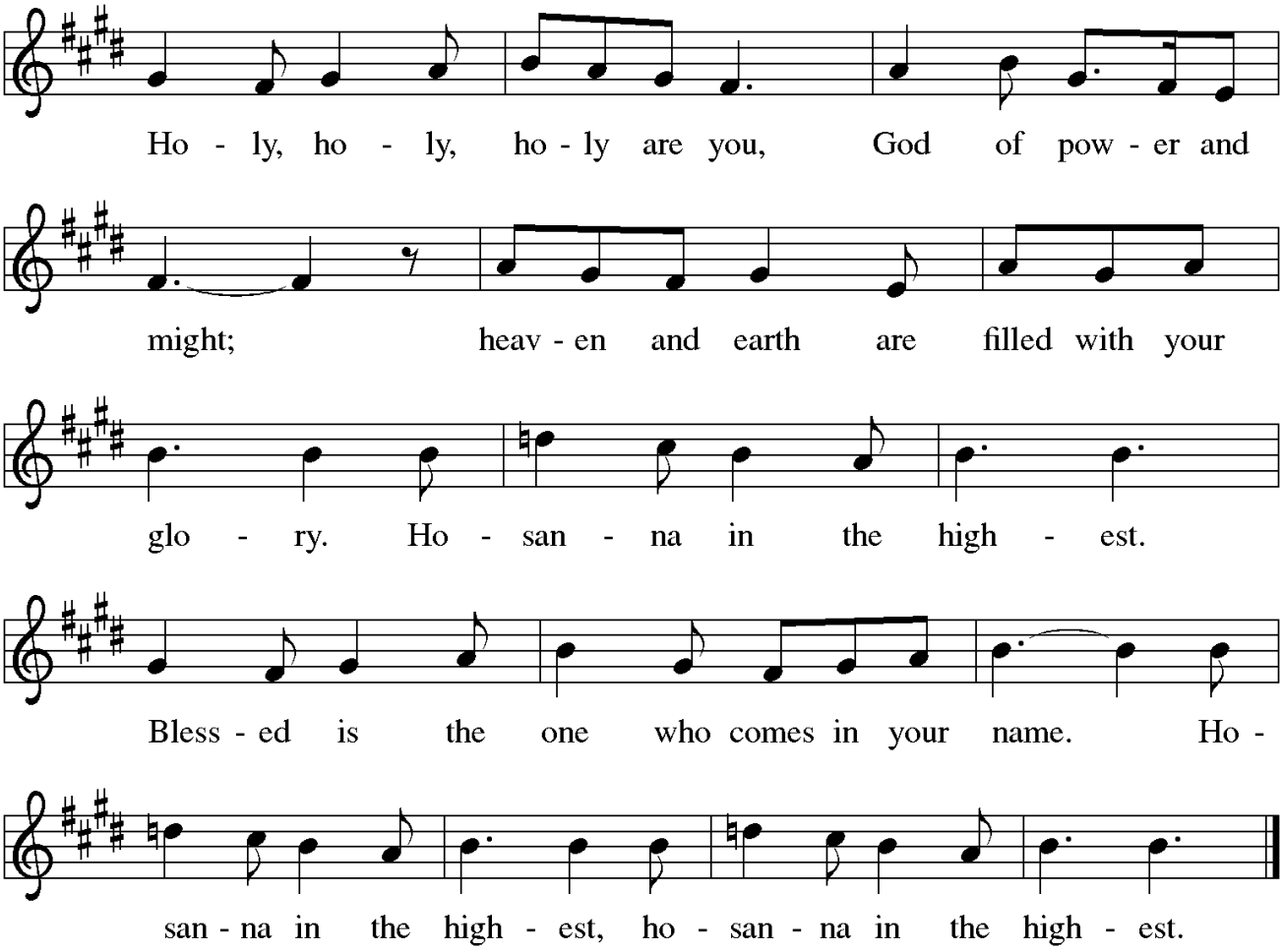
OFFERING PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: *ELW 10*

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 our thanks and praise.

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

SANCTUS: *NOW THE FEAST OF CELEBRATION*



Thanksgiving at the Table

P: God of our weary years…For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

P: Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection… And let the church say, Amen!

C: Amen!

P: Send your Holy Spirit…And let the church say, Amen!

C: Amen!

P: Join our prayers…all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever!
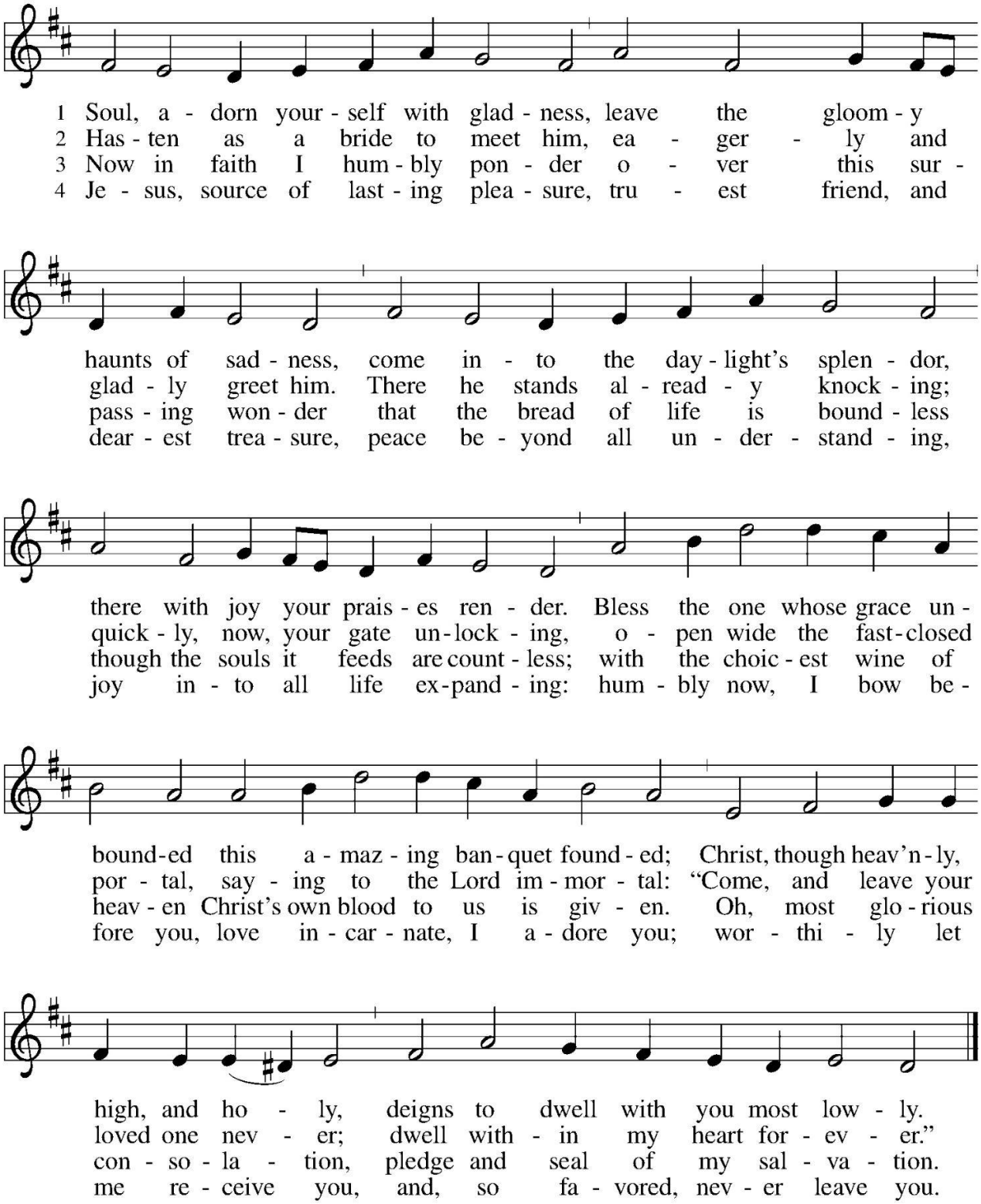
C: Amen!

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Distribution of Communion

COMMUNION HYMN: *SOUL, ADORN YOURSELF WITH GLADNESS* #488



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Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662
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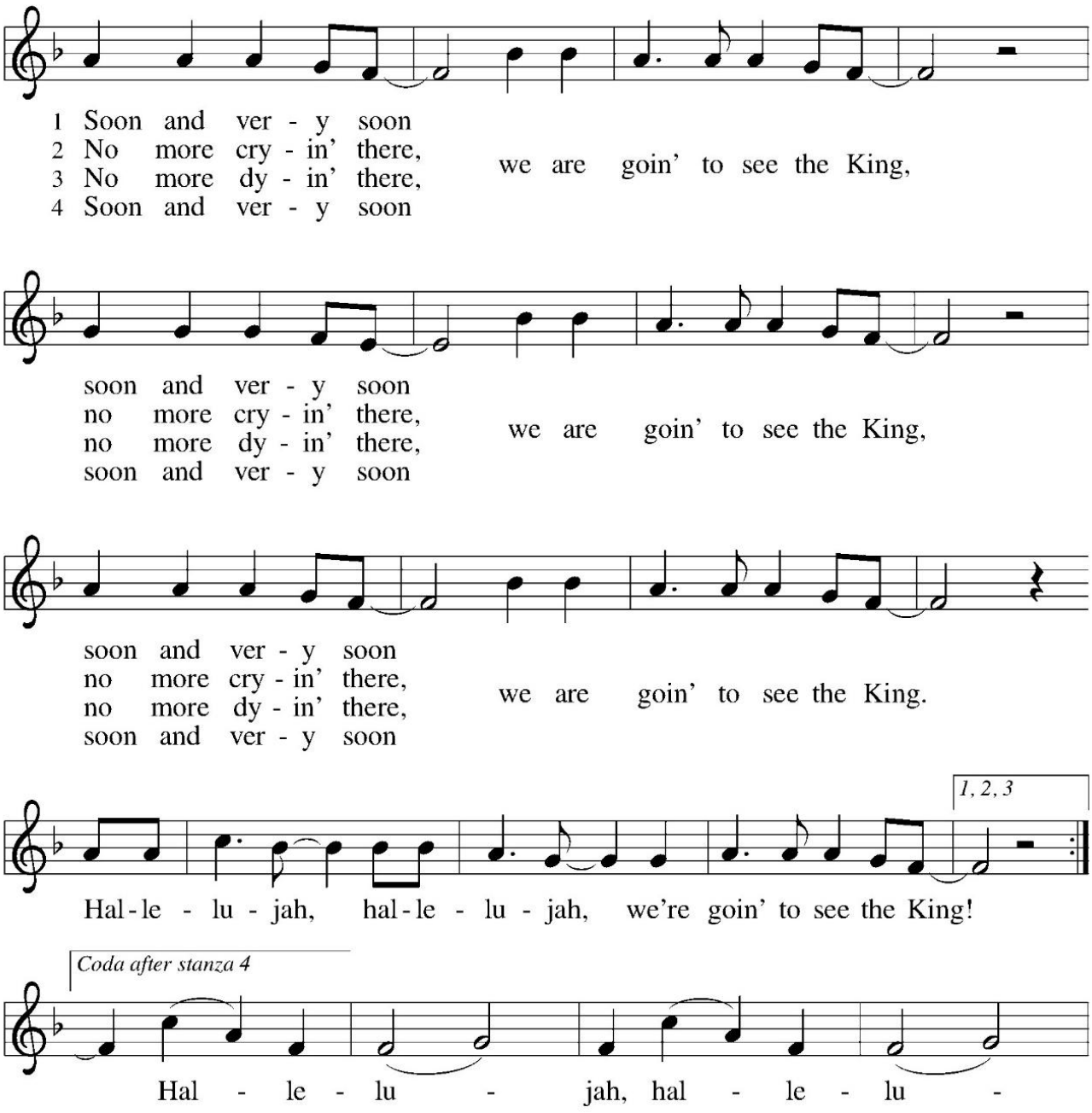
BLESSING FOR VETERANS

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: *SOON AND VERY SOON* *#439*



SENDING

A: Go in peace. Flourish with creation.
C: Thanks be to God.

Serving in Worship

Austin Campus 9:00 AM

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Corey Wagonfield
Lay Reader:	Marcia Drake
Pianist:	John Benjamin
Sound, Usher, A/V:	Jennifer Henderson

Far Hills Campus 10:30 AM

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Julie Reuning-Scherer
Assisting Minister:	Linda Snyder
Organist:	John Benjamin
Sound:	Ed Wasser
Slides:	Alex Wasser
Stream Team:	Landon Henderson, Alex Wasser
Ushers:	Todd and Adam Armstrong
Communion:	Brittany Cusick, Kim Knechtly, Marlaina Proehl, Sam Richard

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