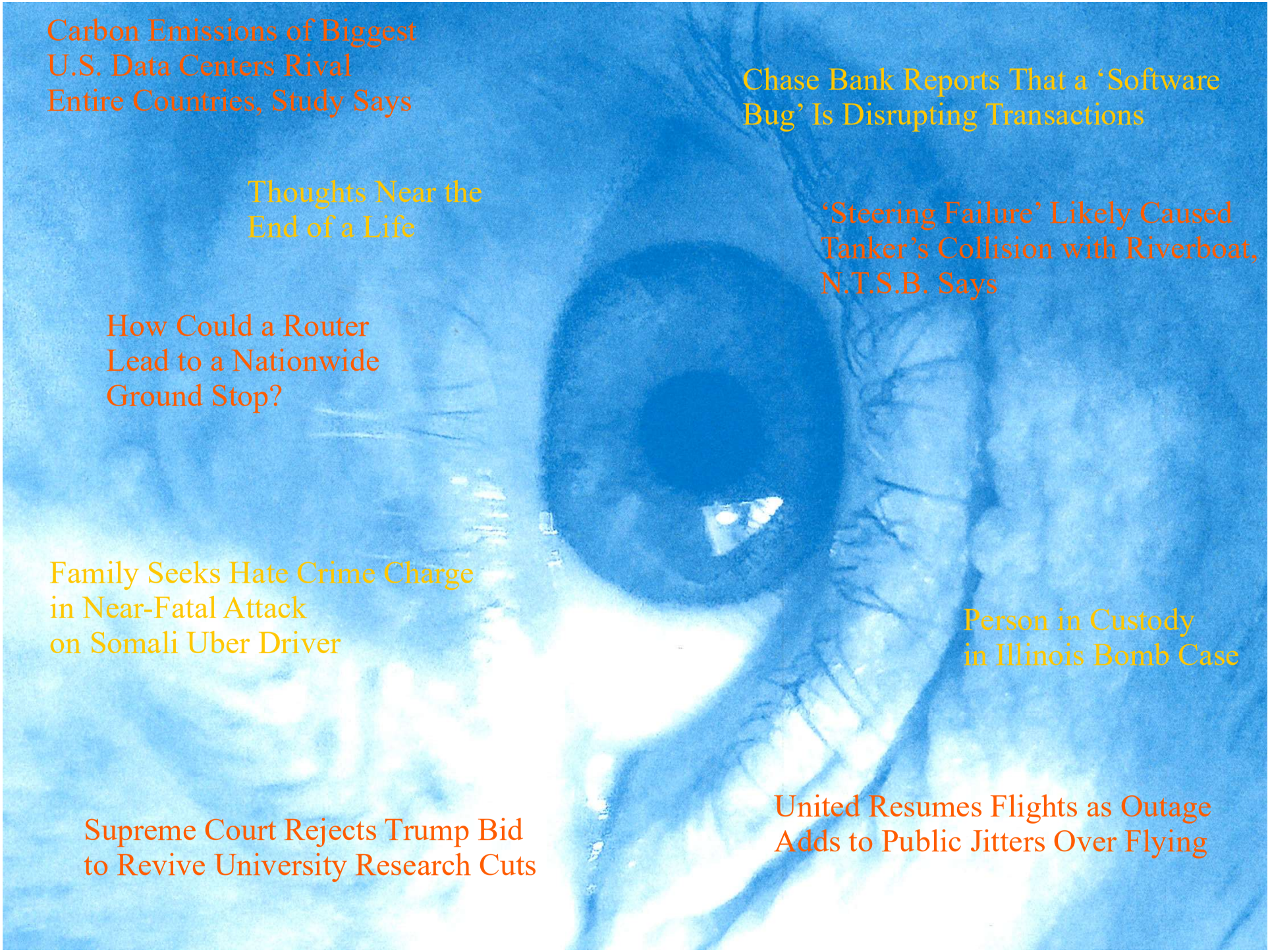
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CALL and RESPONSE: WATCH
FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT

Sunday, November 29, 2026 • 9:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

- *Please turn off all cell phones.*
- *If you are visiting with us today, we extend to you a particular welcome and invite your questions and comments.*
- *Our entire worship service is printed in this worship folder.*
- *Hearing assistance devices are available in the Narthex.*
- *If parents need a quiet space for children ages 5 years and under, we have an unattended Nursery available for use, where audio of the service can be heard.*

In the order of service, the words
that are spoken by a leader are in regular type.
Words spoken by the assembly are in boldface type.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand.

watch

CALL TO CONFESSION

Like a faded, dry leaf that the wind blows away,
our sins dry us up;
faded and brittle, we are carried off
by the wrongs we have done.

Yet God loves us still
and is able to restore and renew us
with the water of life.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
we confess that we become distracted,
even weary, in our discipleship.

We keep busy schedules; we rush about.

Captivated by technology,
seduced by the lure of consumer goods,
we do not remain alert to your divine presence
in our lives, in the church, in the world.

Make us better doorkeepers of our lives,
watching for you attentively.

Awaken us to your surprising
power and glory and peace,
so we do not miss how near you are
to our very own gates.

Be gracious toward us, we pray,
until we are gathered,
from the ends of the earth
to the ends of heaven,
into your embrace.

We pray in the name of Christ,
who was, and is, and is to come.

Amen.

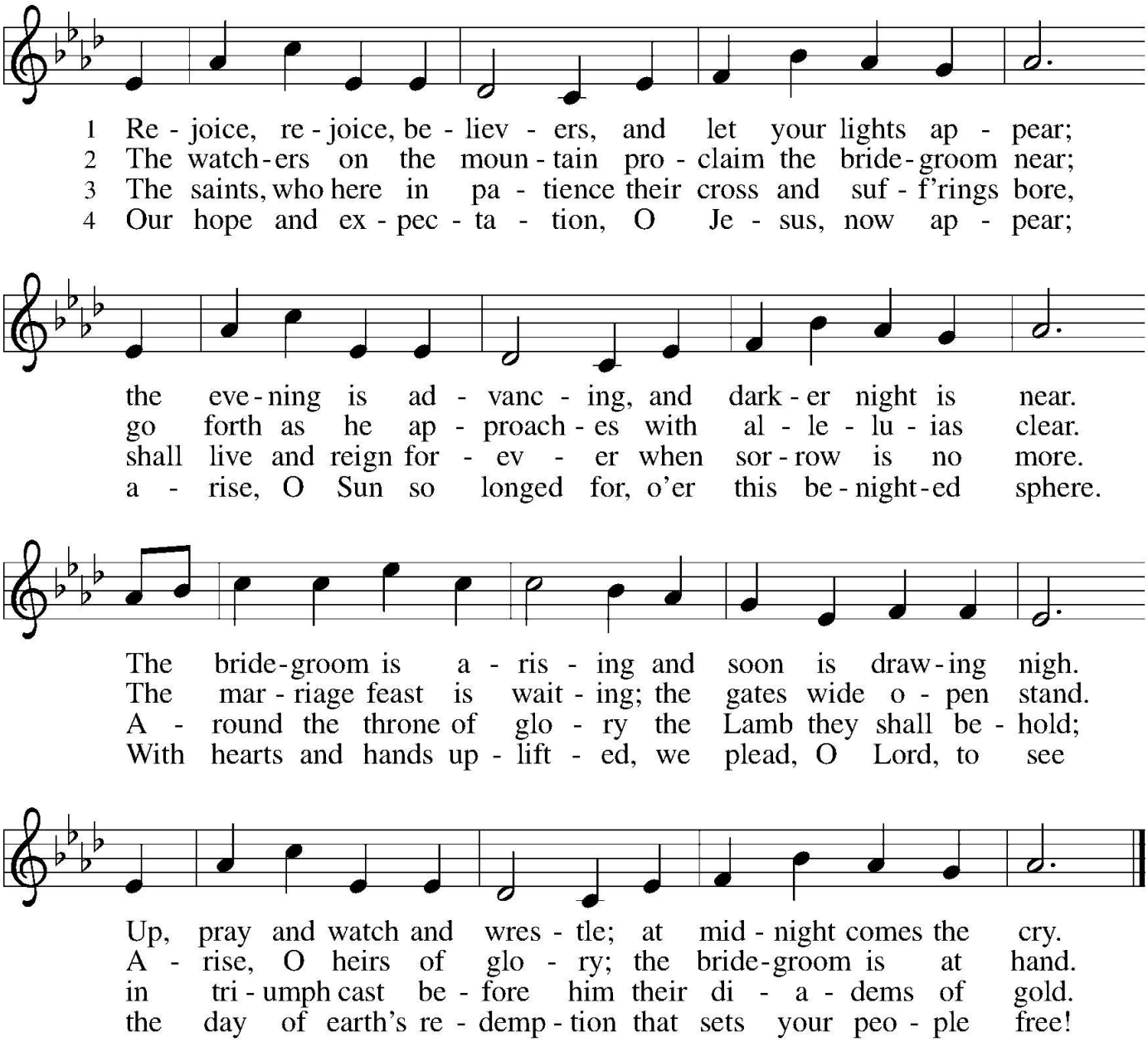
DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The grace of God, given to us in Christ Jesus,
strengthens us to the end
so that we may be blameless
when Christ comes again.

Thanks be to God, who is faithful
and has called us into the fellowship of the Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord!

GATHERING HYMN • "REJOICE, REJOICE, BELIEVERS"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 244



GREETING

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

And also with you.

Sit.

CANDLE LIGHTING HYMN • "O COME, O COME EMMANUEL"

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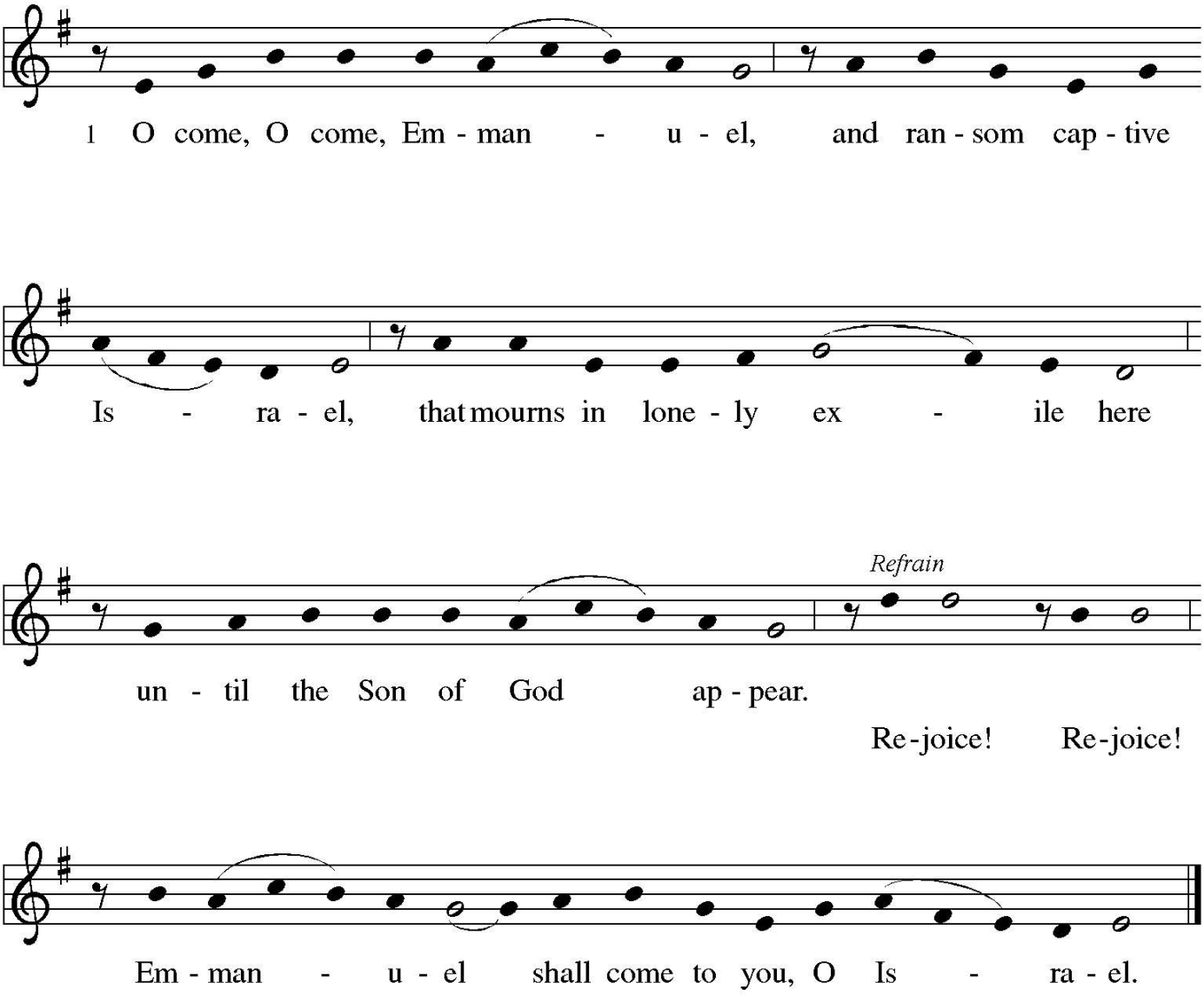

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

① *reader 1* ② *reader 2* ℂ *congregation*

① At every beginning, there is a yearning
for the one who is coming. O Emmanuel,

ℂ **wake us up to your coming.**

② We gather together to expect the unexpected
and imagine the unimaginable. O Emmanuel,

ℂ **wake us up to your coming.**

① We wait for the day when God will recycle tanks into tractors
and transform minefields into soccer fields. O Emmanuel,

ℂ **wake us up to your coming.**

② We stay awake by telling stories that offer a glimmer of a future
and agitate dormant hope within us. O Emmanuel,

ℂ **wake us up to your coming.**

① Jesus, we welcome your presence now with the lighting of this candle,
whose flame brings warmth to winter
and fills this place with the glow of hope. O Emmanuel,

ℂ **Amen.**

Light one candle on the Advent wreath.

The congregation sings verse 3 of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."

O come, O come, O Lord of might,
as to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times you gave the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of power unexpected,
we want you to tear open the heavens and come down;
to make mountains quake, water boil, and stars to fall
until all nations tremble at your presence!

But you,
you will not perform according to our wants and whims.

Instead you come like the sound of sheer silence: Thin. Quiet.

Instead you are born amongst us as an infant.

Instead you show us how love
is made perfect in weakness.

So we will stay alert,
or at least we will try,
because we are your people
and there is no other God besides you.

Amen.

READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Isaiah 64:1-9

1 O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
2 as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
3 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence.
4 From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
5 You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
6 We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
7 There is no one who calls on your name
or attempts to take hold of you,
for you have hidden your face from us
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
8 Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
9 Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand.

ACCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

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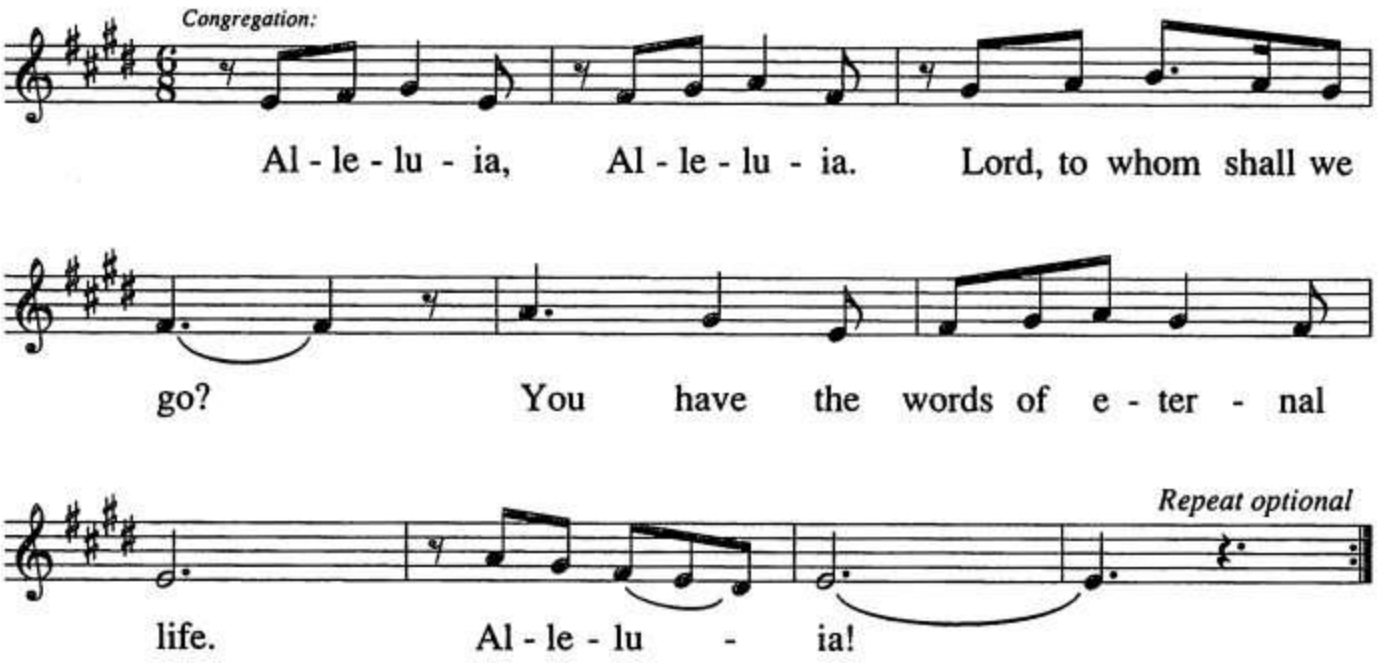

GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 13:24-37

[Jesus said:]
24 “In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
25 and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

26 “Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. 27 Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

28 “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

32 “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. 34 It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. 35 Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, 36 or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. 37 And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

The gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

SERMON NOTES

Stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY • "THE KINGS SHALL COME"

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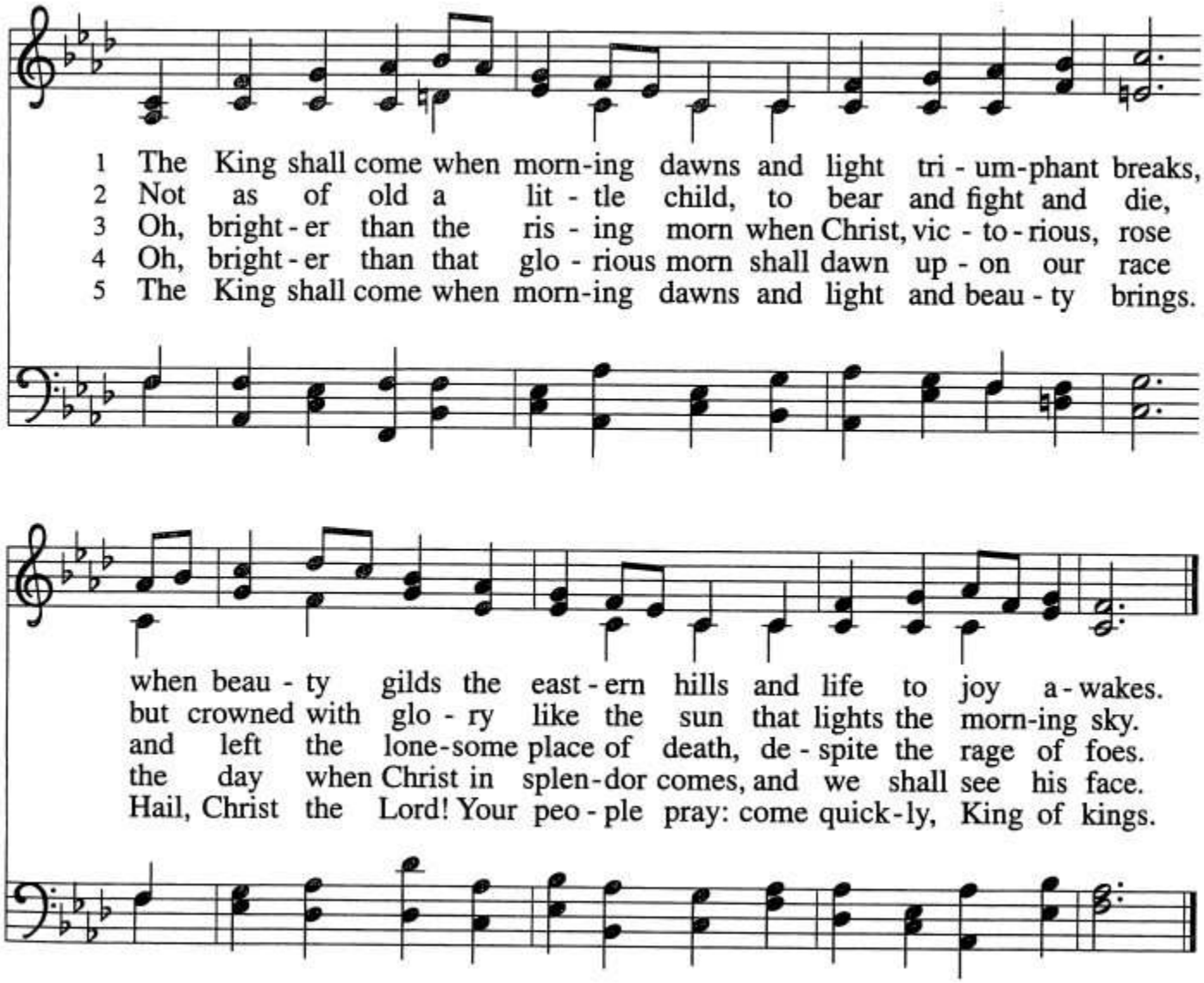

CREED

Together, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of 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

In hope and expectation,
we bring to God our prayers
for the church, the world, and all in need.

At the conclusion of each petition:

God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

We entrust these and the prayers
of our hearts to you, most holy God,
in the name of Christ Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Sit.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God has enriched us in every way—
in speech, knowledge, and spiritual gifts.

From the fellowship of Jesus Christ,
we are sent out
to share with thanksgiving
what we have received.

You can participate in the Offering electronically by scanning the QR code and filling out the online form.

OFFERING

God's love and grace shines through you! Thank you!

Even with September and October's offering falling short, we remain on track to give away over $100,000 in benevolence this year. As we approach our $78,000 December offering target, I invite you to respond to God's grace as we LOVE with an open heart, GROW with a curious mind, and SHARE with a generous spirit.

Please pray about making a special year-end gift to MVLC as we LOVE, GROW, and SHARE together.

MVLC Choir; with Joan Kohler, flute.
"Advent Promise" by Ruth Elaine Schram.

Stand.

OFFERING SONG • "AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT"

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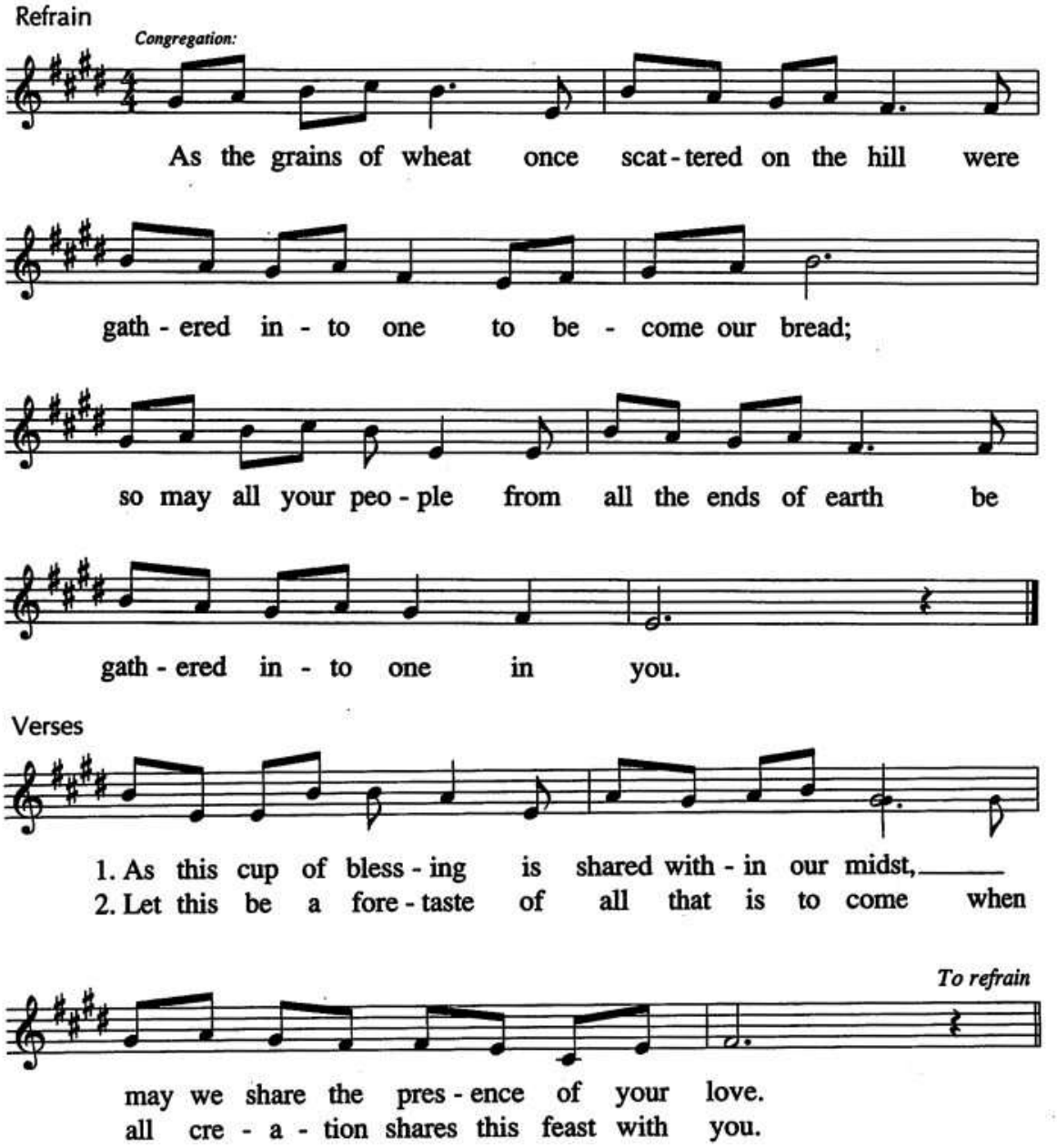

OFFERING PRAYER

Holy Creator, we are the clay and you are the potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

Receive these gifts, and shape them and our lives for your purpose,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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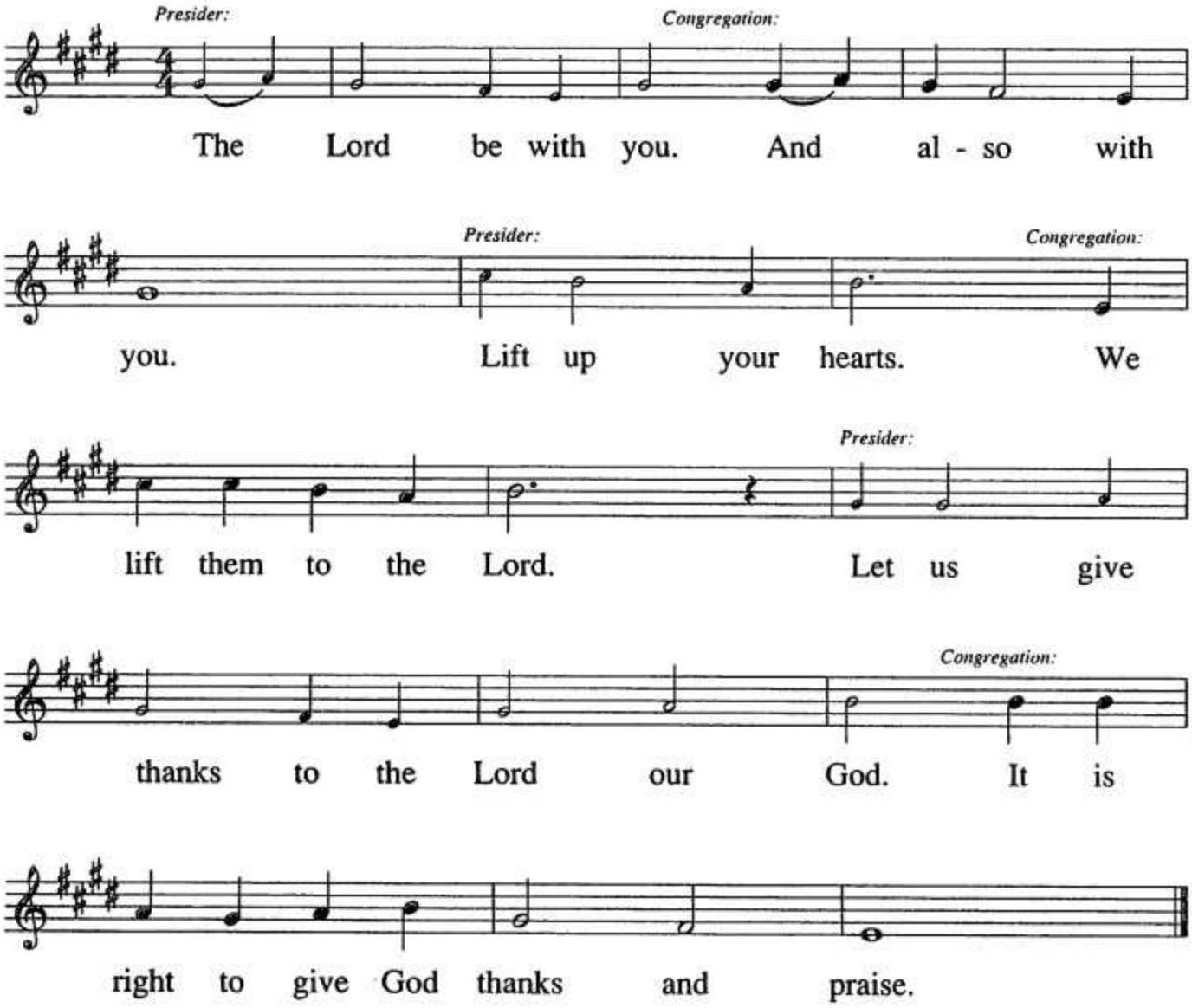

It is our duty and delight
that we should everywhere and always
offer thanks and praise to you, O God,
through Jesus Christ whose coming
the prophets and John the Baptist
announced with great joy,
and so, with the church on earth,
all creation, and the host of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS • "HOLY"

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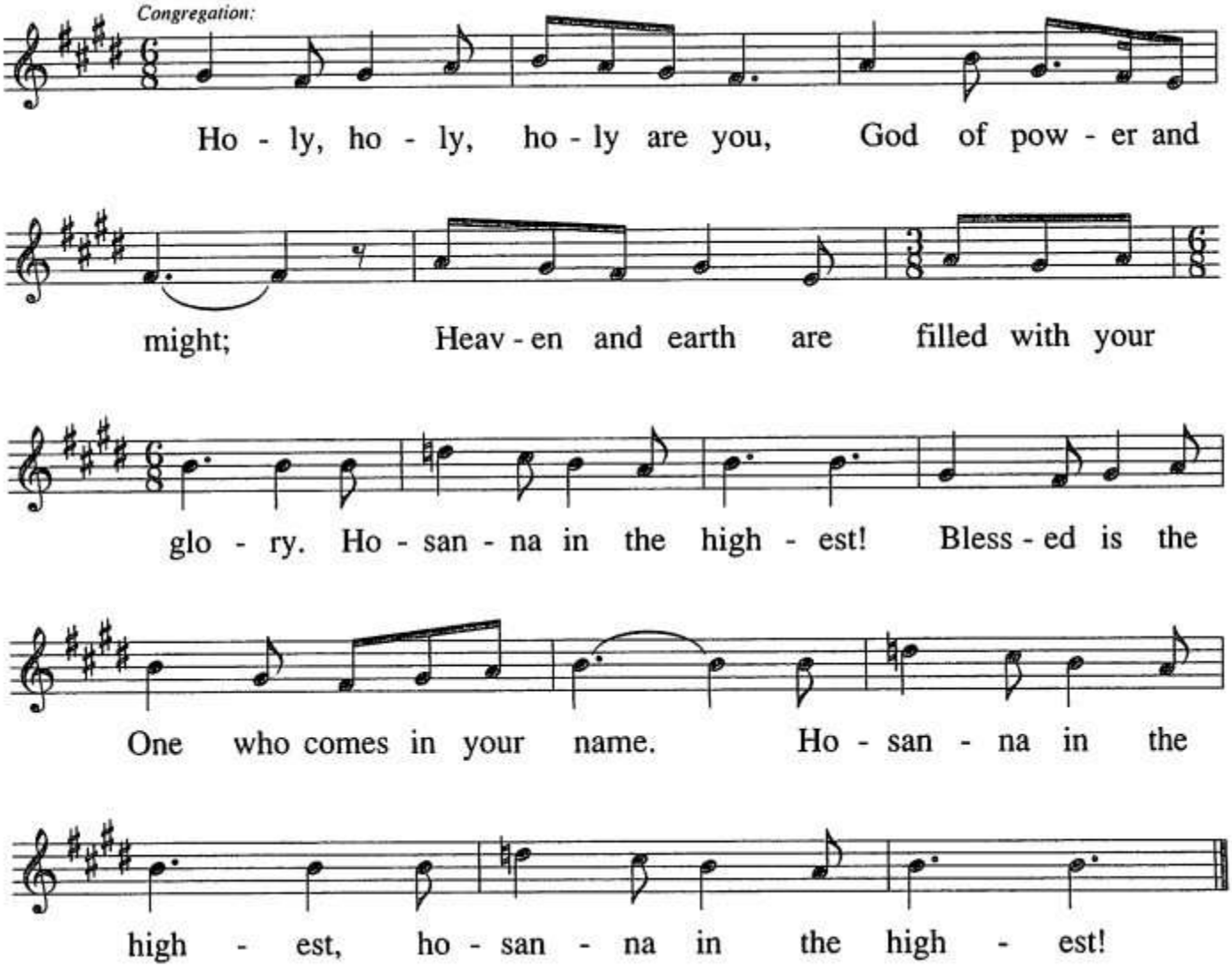

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom
and teach us to pray:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION

The glory of the Lord is revealed!

Come and taste God's presence.

Sit.

DISTRIBUTION

At Mountain View Lutheran Church
we practice an open communion table.

The bread and wine of this table
do not belong to any church or any pastor;
they belong to Jesus Christ.

Jesus openly shares his life with you now
because he loves you and welcomes you.

And we pray that this open table
will open our hands, hearts, and home tables
to more and more,
so that the world might experience
the openness of God's love and welcome.

If you need an alcohol-free element or a gluten-free element, then please let your server know.

If you are unable to come forward for communion, then please let an usher know and you will be served where you are seated.

LAMB OF GOD

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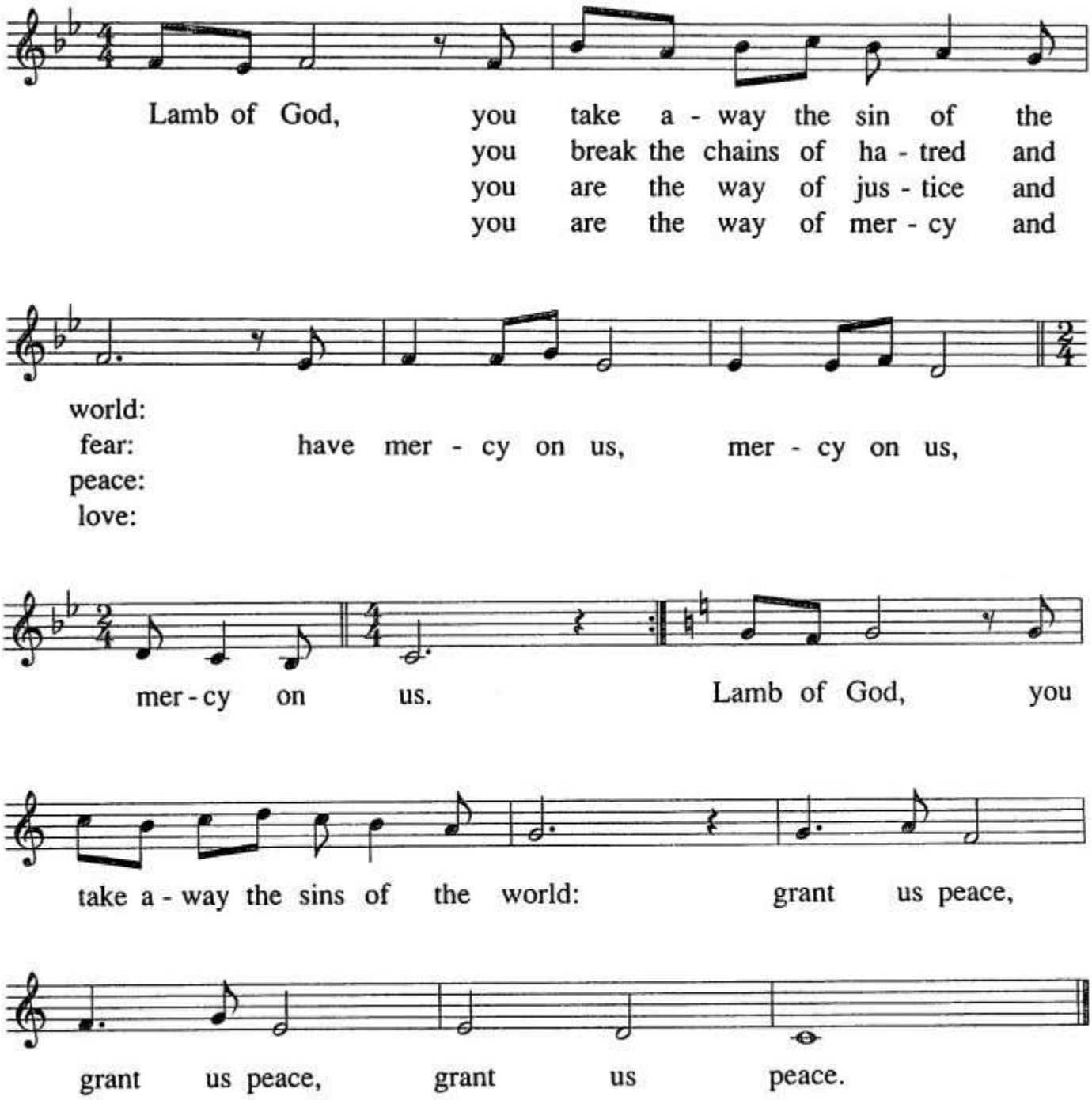
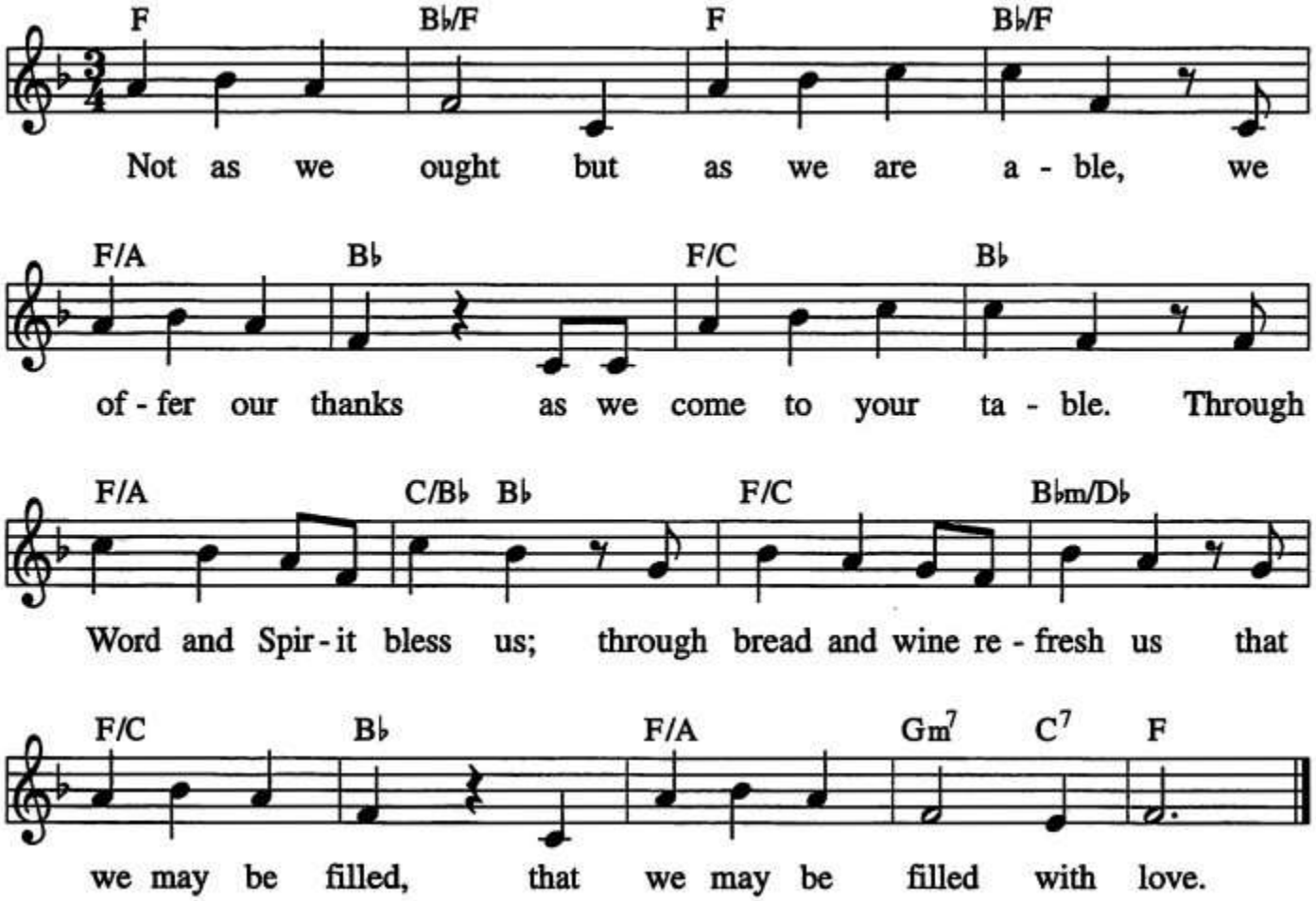


COMMUNION HYMN • "THAT WE MAY BE FILLED"

Worship & Praise 134



COMMUNION HYMN • "SEED, SCATTERED AND SOWN"

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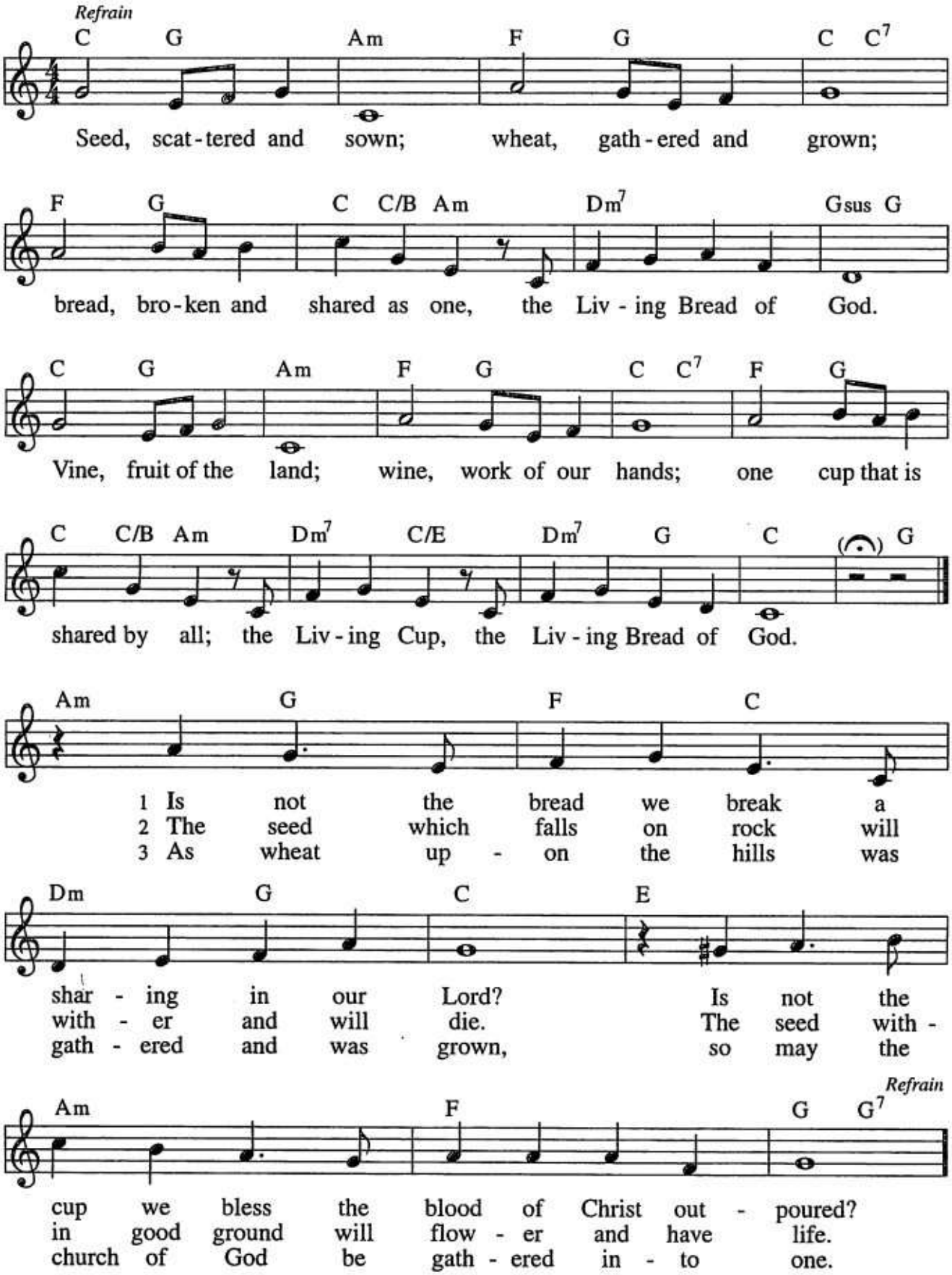
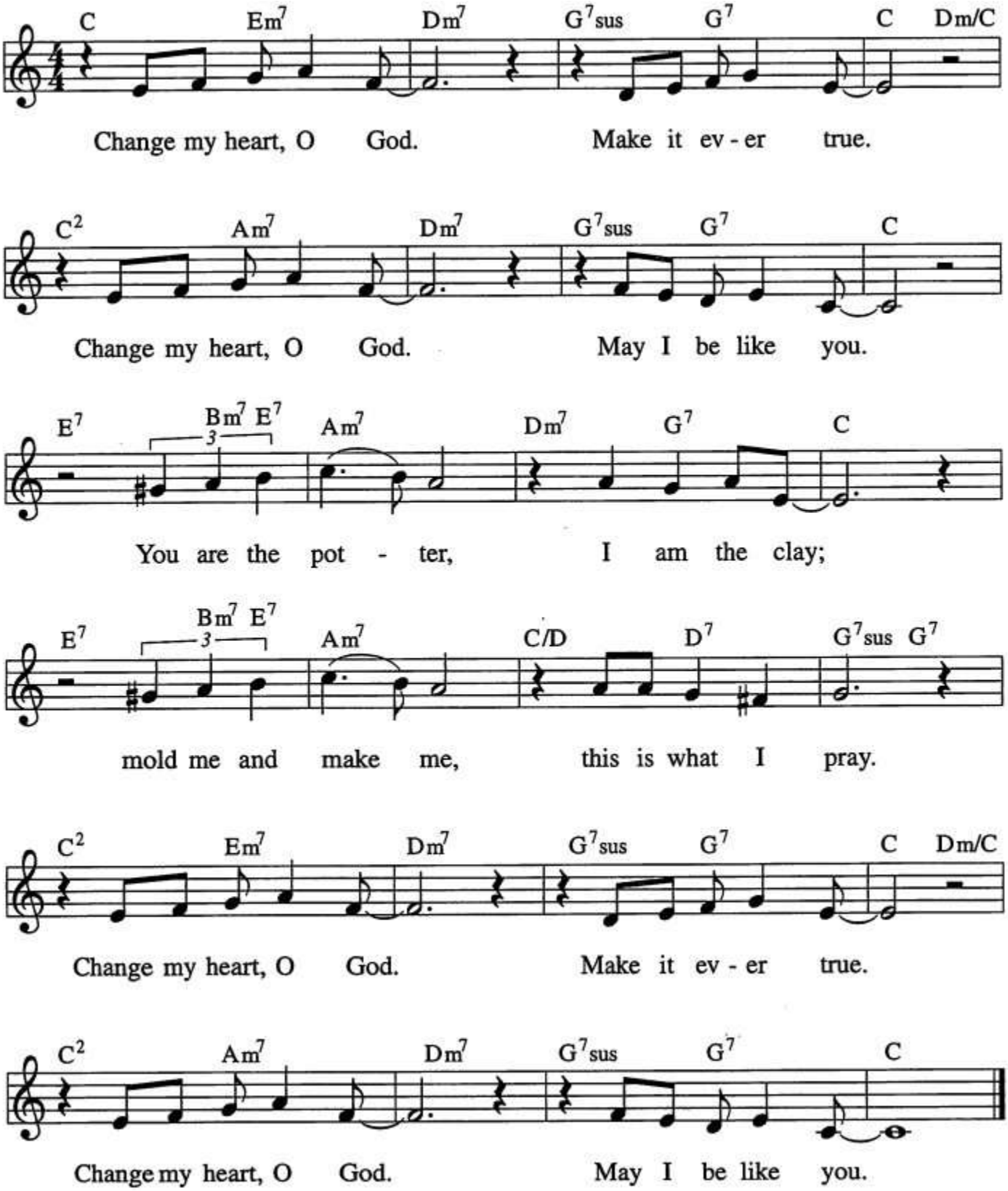


COMMUNION HYMN • "CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD"

Worship & Praise 28



Stand.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you
always in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Providing God,

**you feed your flock like a shepherd
and gather your people in your arms.**

**We praise you for the care and sustenance
you give at this meal and always.**

**As we leave your table, carry us near your heart,
and send us with confidence in the way
of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

Amen.

DEACON SENDING

Deacons are called to “make Christ and his redemptive love known by word and example.” Such love is expressed in the extension of Holy Communion to those who are homebound or hospitalized.

Gracious God,

as Mary set out to visit Elizabeth
before she gave birth to her son,
bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament
with our siblings in Christ who are sick or homebound.

In your love and care,
nourish those to whom we bring this communion,
that through the body and blood of your Son
we may all know the hope of your promised coming
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

May God strengthen us to the end;
Christ draw near to our very gates;
and the Holy Spirit awaken our spirits;
until, with eager longing,
we greet the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN • "SOON AND VERY SOON"

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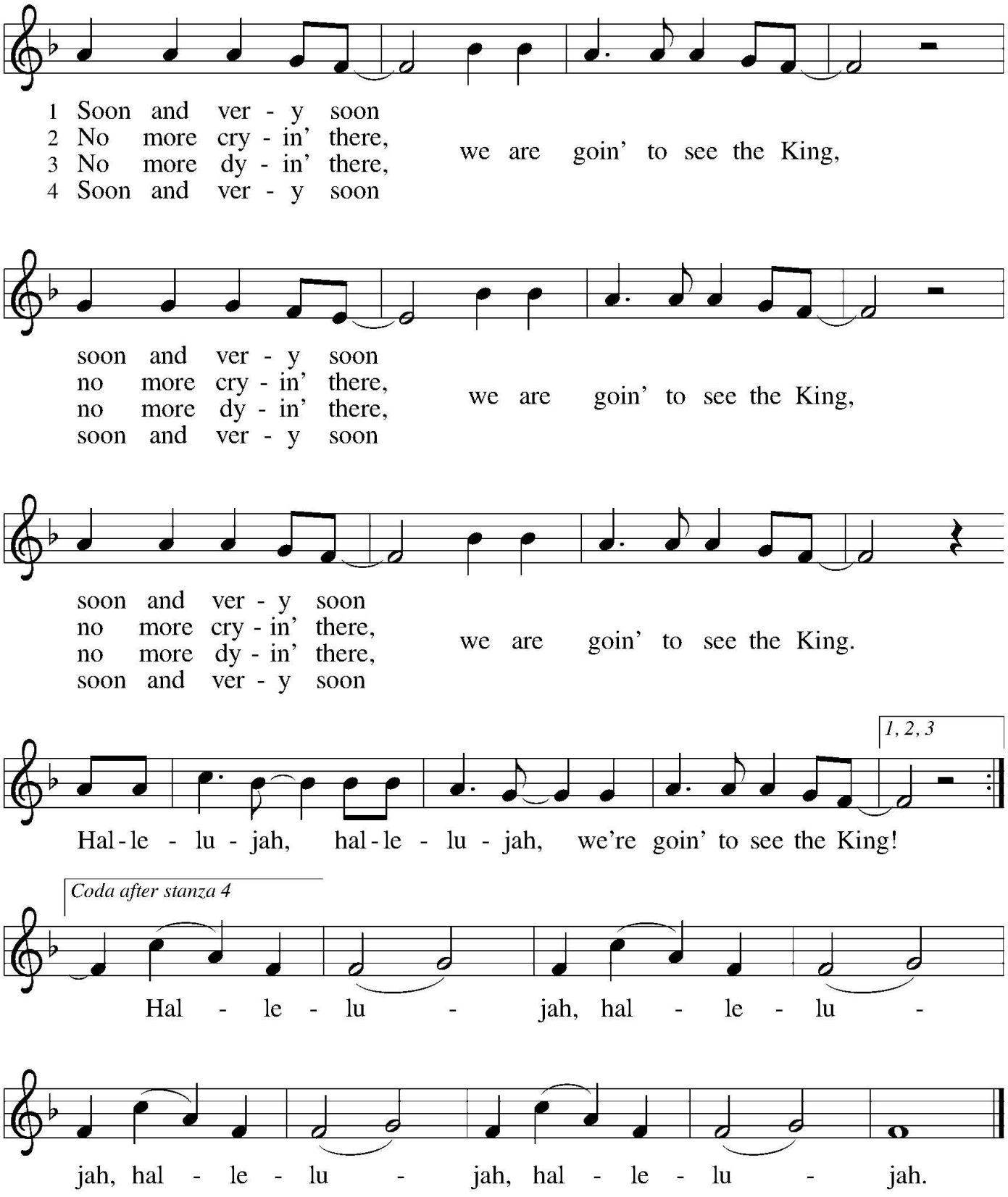

SENDING

Go in peace. Encourage one another.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Parents Night Out



Includes: Games, Crafts, Dinner, Snacks & a Movie!

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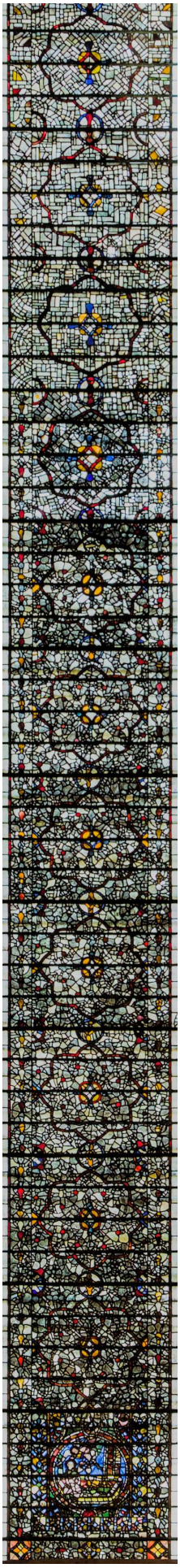

Season of Advent at MVLC

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 29, 2026
9:30 a.m. = worship in the Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. = ADVENTure #1 • Tacoma Seafarers gift boxes

Advent Midweek no. 1

Wednesday, December 2, 2026
5:30 p.m. = soup & bread dinner in the Life Together Hall
6:30 p.m. = Holden Evening Prayer in the Sanctuary

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 6, 2026
9:30 a.m. = worship in the Sanctuary
MOD Pizza of Milton for lunch? Use MODGIVES25 when ordering.
1:00 p.m. = ADVENTure #2 • Christmas Caroling at Mill Ridge

Advent Midweek no. 2

Wednesday, December 9, 2026
5:30 p.m. = soup & bread dinner in the Life Together Hall
6:30 p.m. = Holden Evening Prayer in the Sanctuary

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 13, 2026
9:30 a.m. = worship in the Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. = ADVENTure #3 • MVCC Power Packs for Kids

Advent Midweek no. 3

Wednesday, December 16, 2026
5:30 p.m. = soup & bread dinner in the Life Together Hall
6:30 p.m. = Holden Evening Prayer in the Sanctuary

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 20, 2026
9:30 a.m. = worship in the Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. = ADVENTure #4 • Christmas Cookie Decorating