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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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Our Mission Statement:
We are a community of believers in Christ
called to be servants to all people.

Page numbers (p.) are in front half of the hymnal.
Hymn numbers (#) are in back half of the hymnal.
Everyone is invited to join in **bolded responses.**
'+' Please stand as you are able.

+ Gathering +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

+ Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

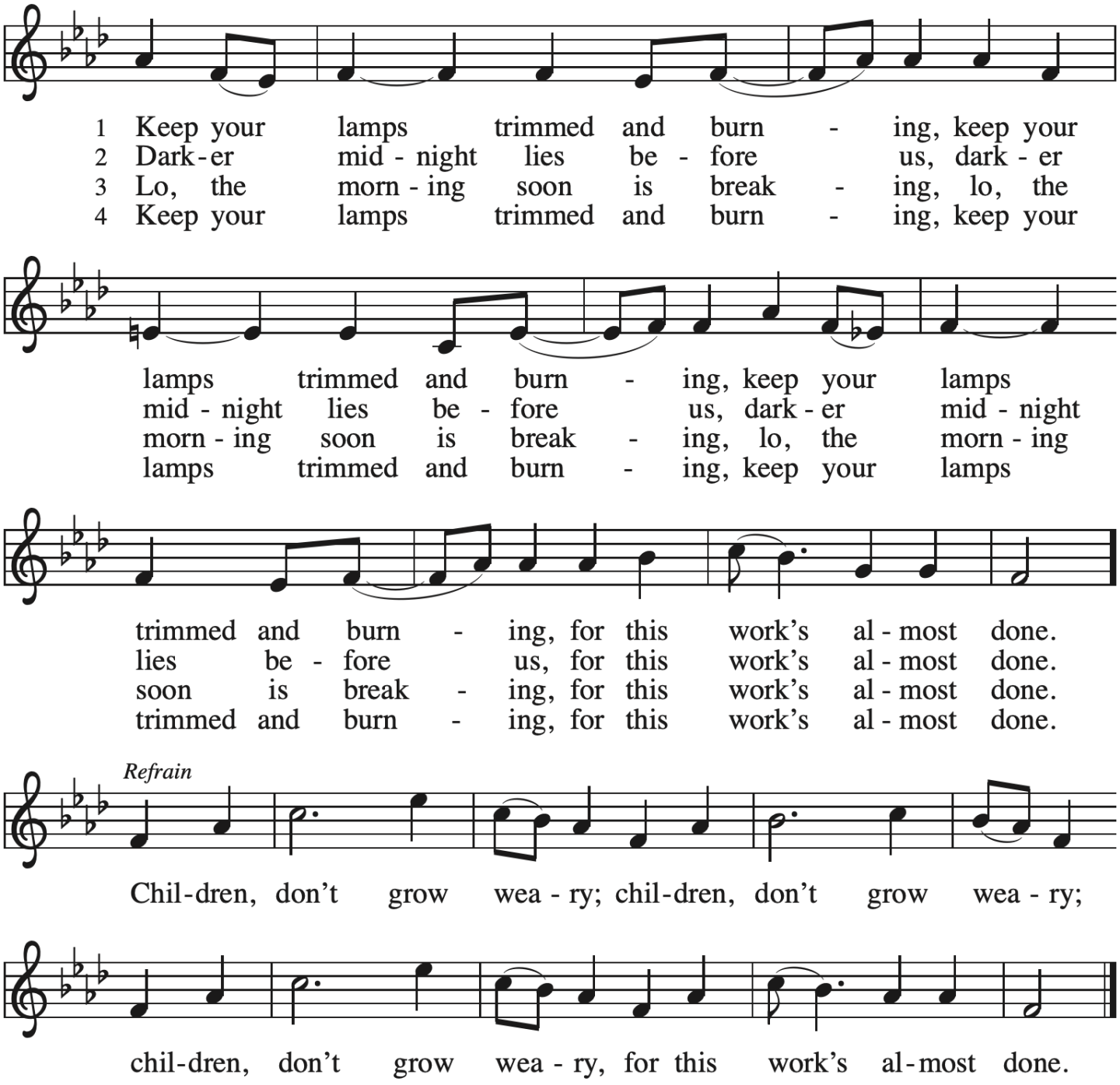
Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God, **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.**

Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you. **Amen.**

+ Gathering Song

+ Gathering Song—ELW #949

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

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+ Greeting ELW p.193

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.

+ Prayer of the Day

+Word+

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

First Reading

Psalmody

Second Reading

Prayer of the Day

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

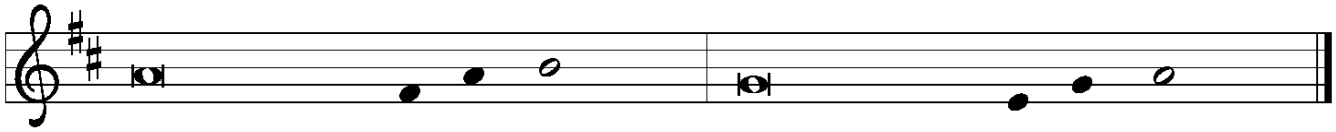
First Reading—Amos 5:18-24

A reading from Amos:

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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 70—ELW #70



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1 Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;
O LORD, make | haste to help me.

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.

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

4 **Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the LORD!"

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick- | ly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, | do not tarry.

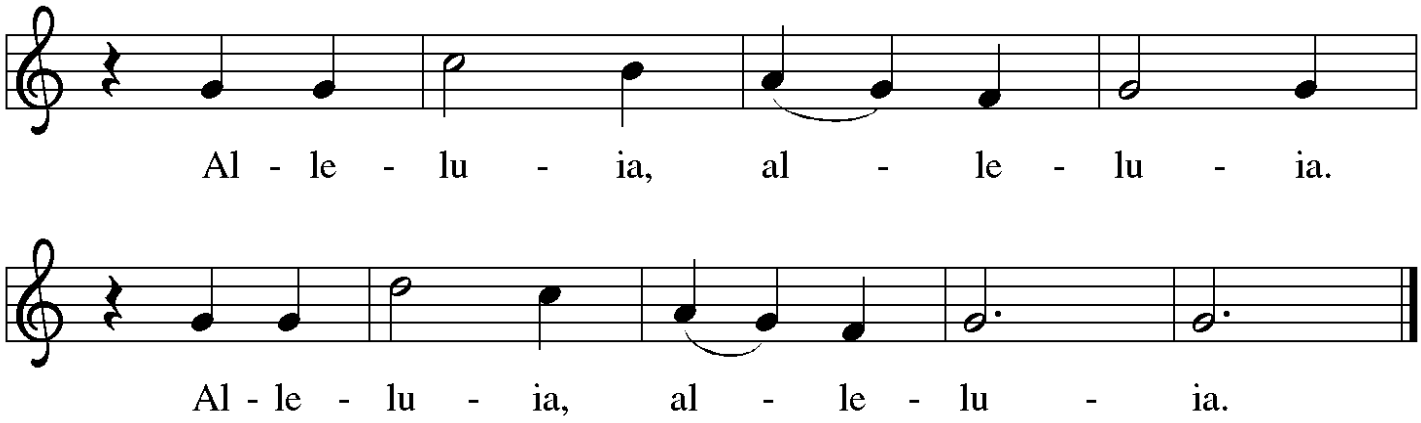
Second Reading—1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from First Thessalonians.

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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

+ Gospel Acclamation ELW p.198



+ Gospel Reading

Young at Heart Message & Sermon

+ Song of the Day

Gospel Reading— Matthew 25:1-13

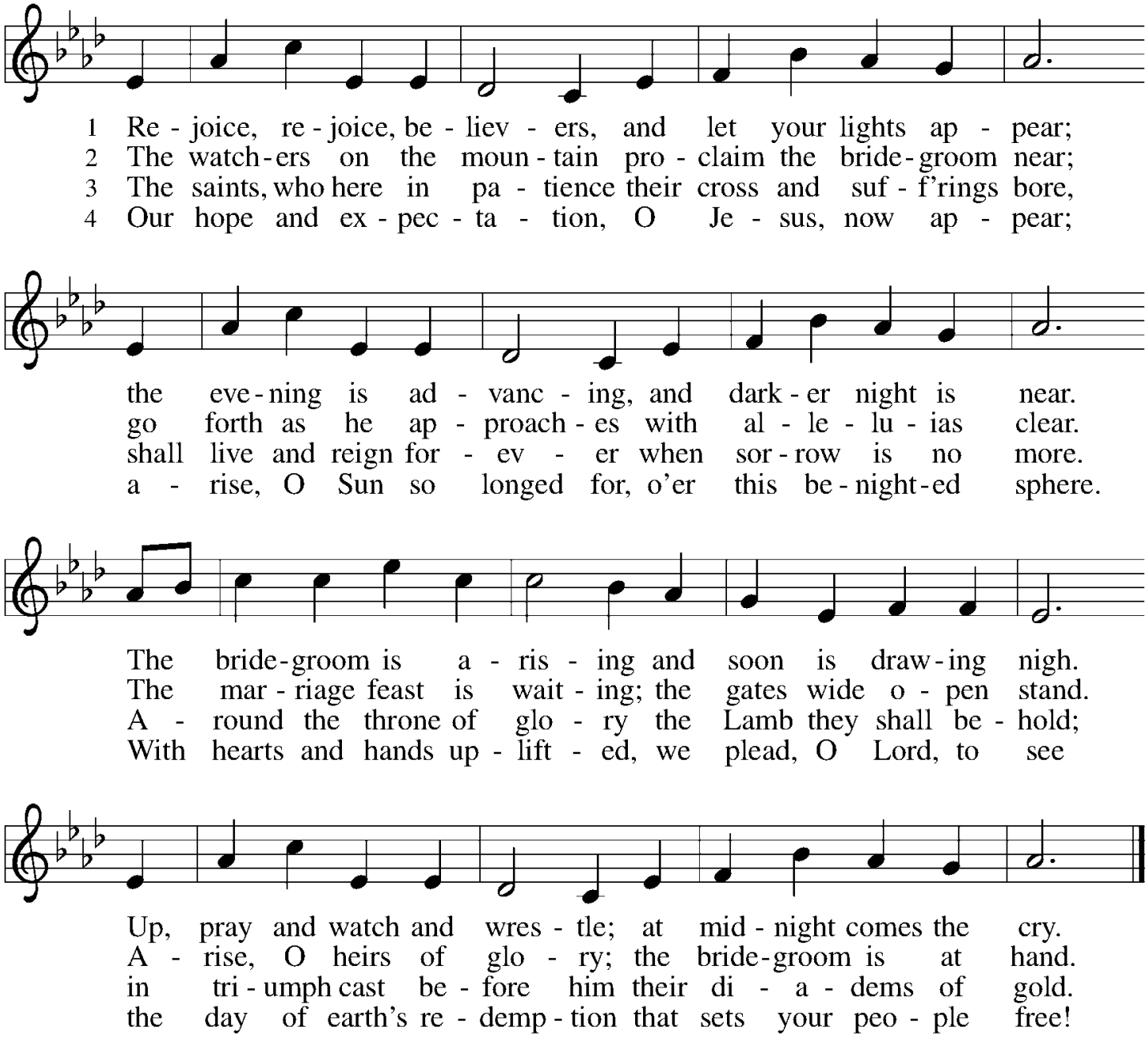
The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 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."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Preacher—The Rev. Leslie D. Weber

+ Song of the Day—ELW #244

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

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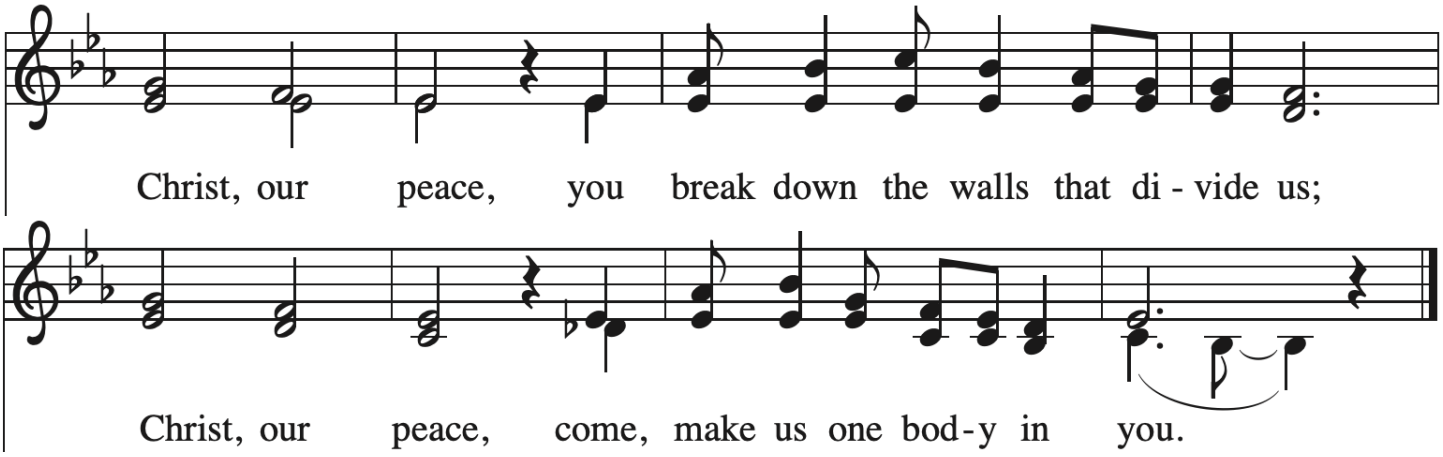
+ Apostles' Creed ELW p.105

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. Amen.

+ Prayers of Intercession—ACS #1037 "Christ, Our Peace"



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+ Prayers of Intercession

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

You illumine the church with the hope of your new day. Prepare our hearts and minds for the inbreaking of your kingdom, that we might awaken to your transforming love at work all around us. ***sung response***

You create and sustain the earth's natural rhythms so that all life might thrive. Show us the wisdom and wonder of nature's balance; make us careful stewards of our common home. ***sung response***

You make justice roll down in all places and among all nations. Encourage all who protect vulnerable communities and help rebuild in the aftermath of conflict. Uphold veterans and those who care for them. ***sung response***

You hasten to heal our wounds and make whole what is broken. Comfort individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing uncertain treatment options, especially those listed on our prayer list and those we name now aloud or silently *(pause for names)*. ***sung response***

You welcome those who have come before us in faith into the joys of heaven. Sustain us by your grace and guide us into the promise of everlasting life. ***sung response***

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **Amen.**

+ Peace

+Meal+

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

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+ Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

A brief silence.

Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

+ Great Thanksgiving

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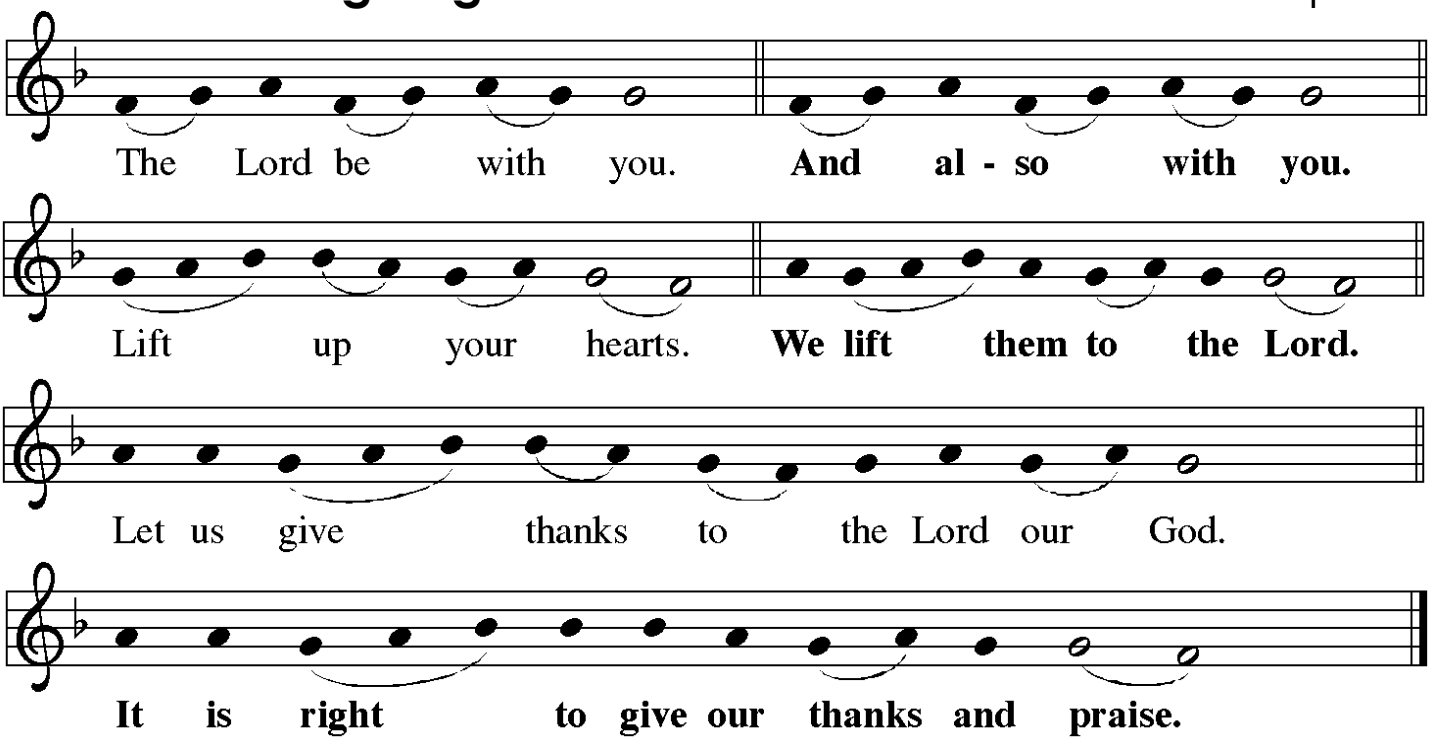

+ Proper Preface

+ Sanctus

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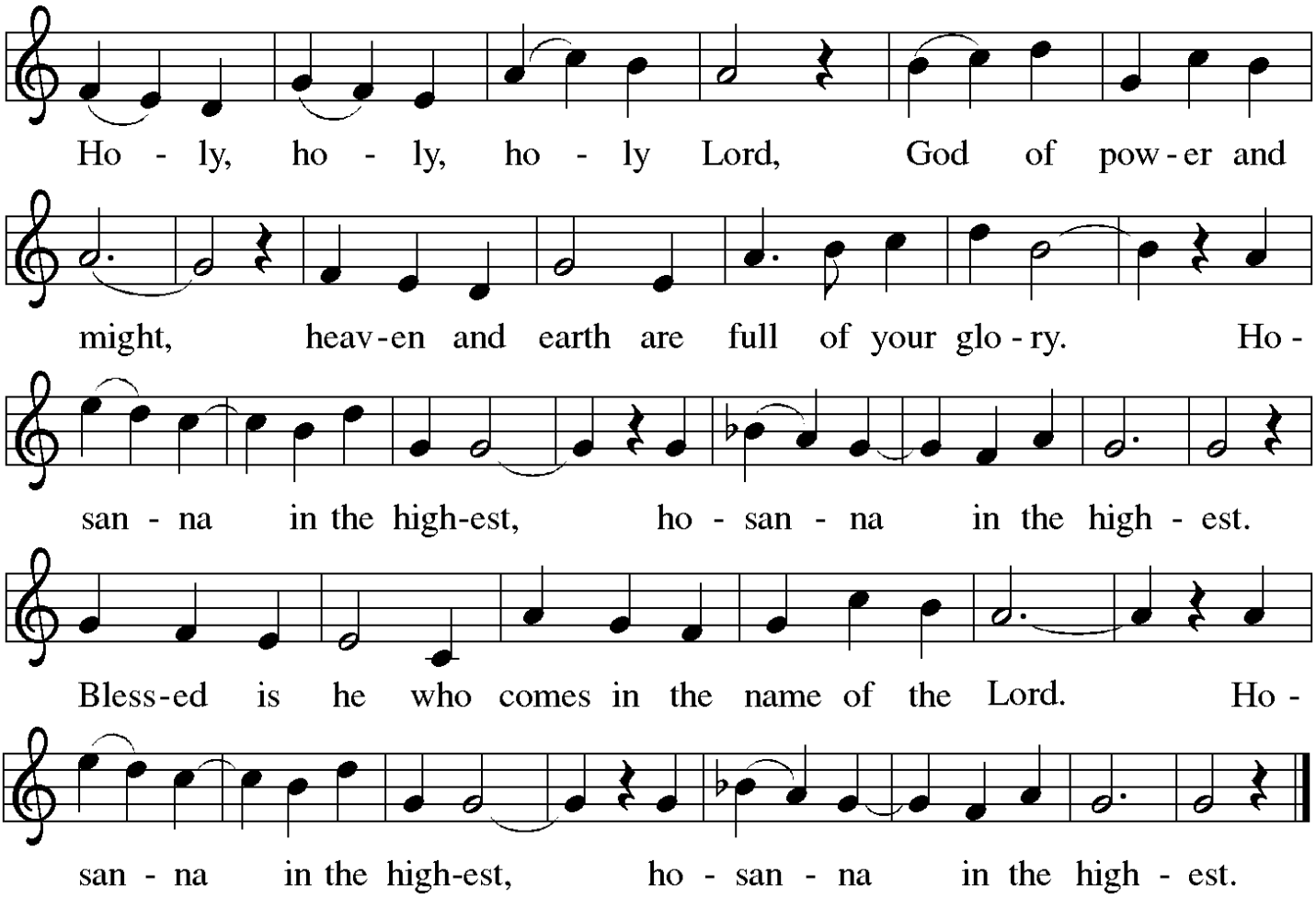


+ Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:
surrounded by evil and bordered by death we appeal to you, our Sovereign, our Wisdom, and our Judge.

We praise you for Christ, who proclaimed your reign of peace and promised an end to injustice and harm.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, the sacrifice of his life and death and the victory of his resurrection, we await with all the saints his loving redemption of our suffering world.

Send your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine and on all who share in the body and blood of your Son: teach us your mercy and justice, and make all things new in Christ.

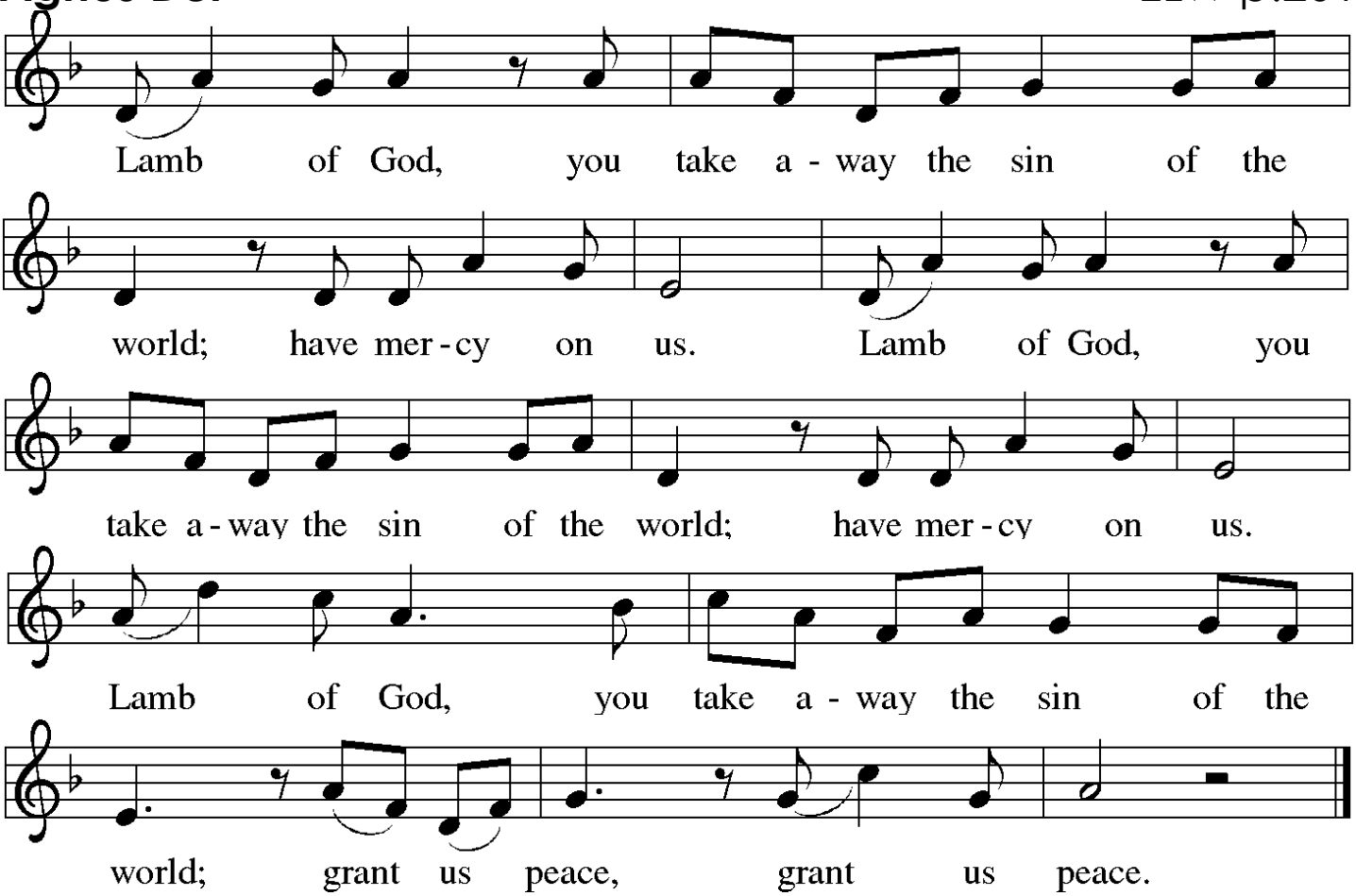
Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, both now and forever.
Amen.

+ Lord's Prayer *(trespasses)* ELW p.201

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

Agnus Dei ELW p.201



Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace

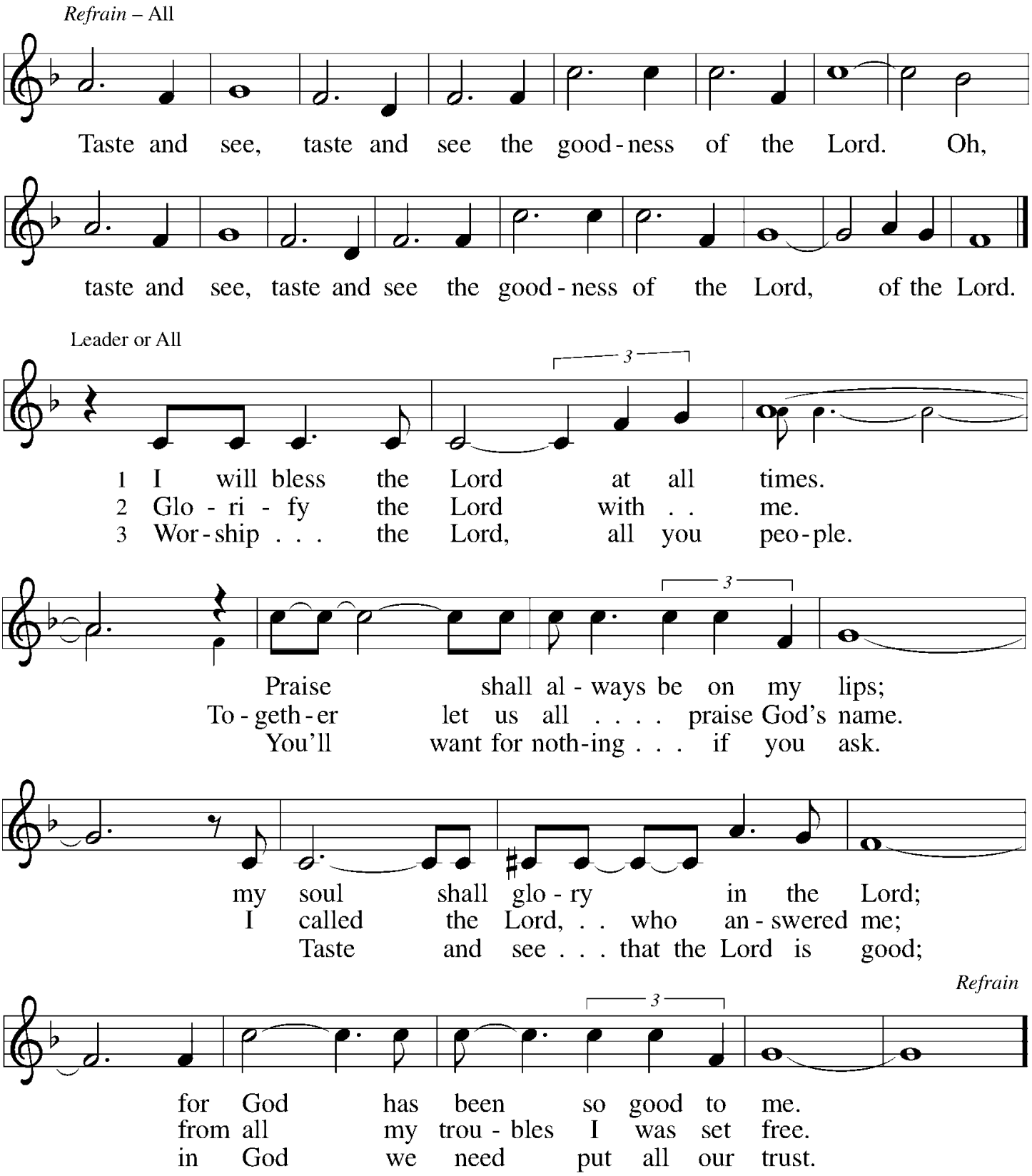
When we're gathered around the table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.

Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

If you prefer to stay in the pew, there are prepackaged kits (wine, juice, and gluten free options) available at the sanctuary doors. If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may kneel or stand at the rail with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.

Distribution Song

Distribution Song—ELW #493 "Taste and See"

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+ Table Blessing

Please rise as you are able.
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

+ Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.
Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. Amen.

+ Sending +

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

+ Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✢ give you peace.
Amen.

Announcements

+ Sending Song

+ Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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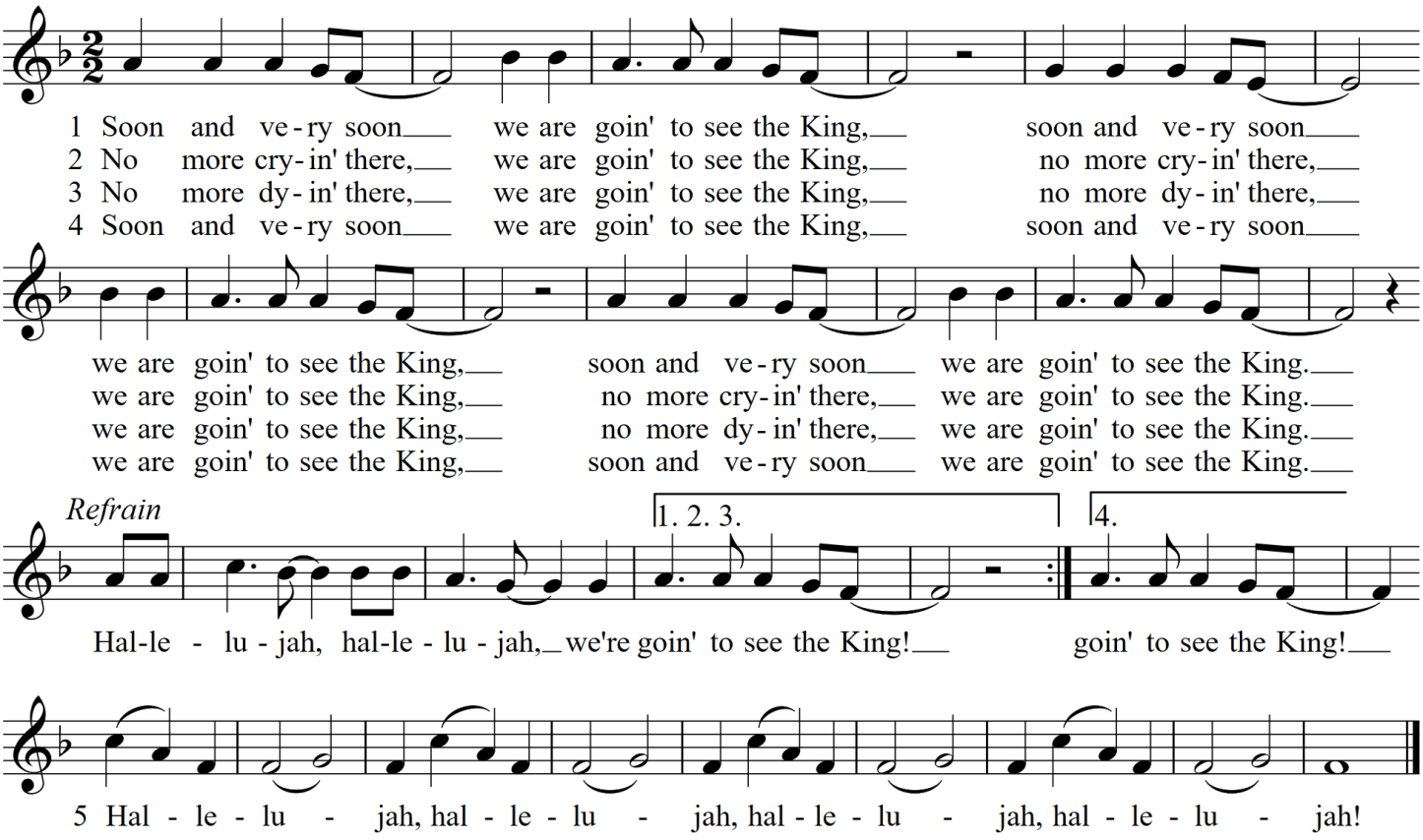
+ Sending Song—ELW #439

Soon and Very Soon



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