Nov 8, 2026 - 24th Sunday After Pentecost

University Lutheran Church & Lutheran Campus Ministry

10 AM Worship Service



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Prelude

Welcome *Pastor José Valenzuela*

Please rise… in body, spirit, or both

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the mnister begins.

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

C Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

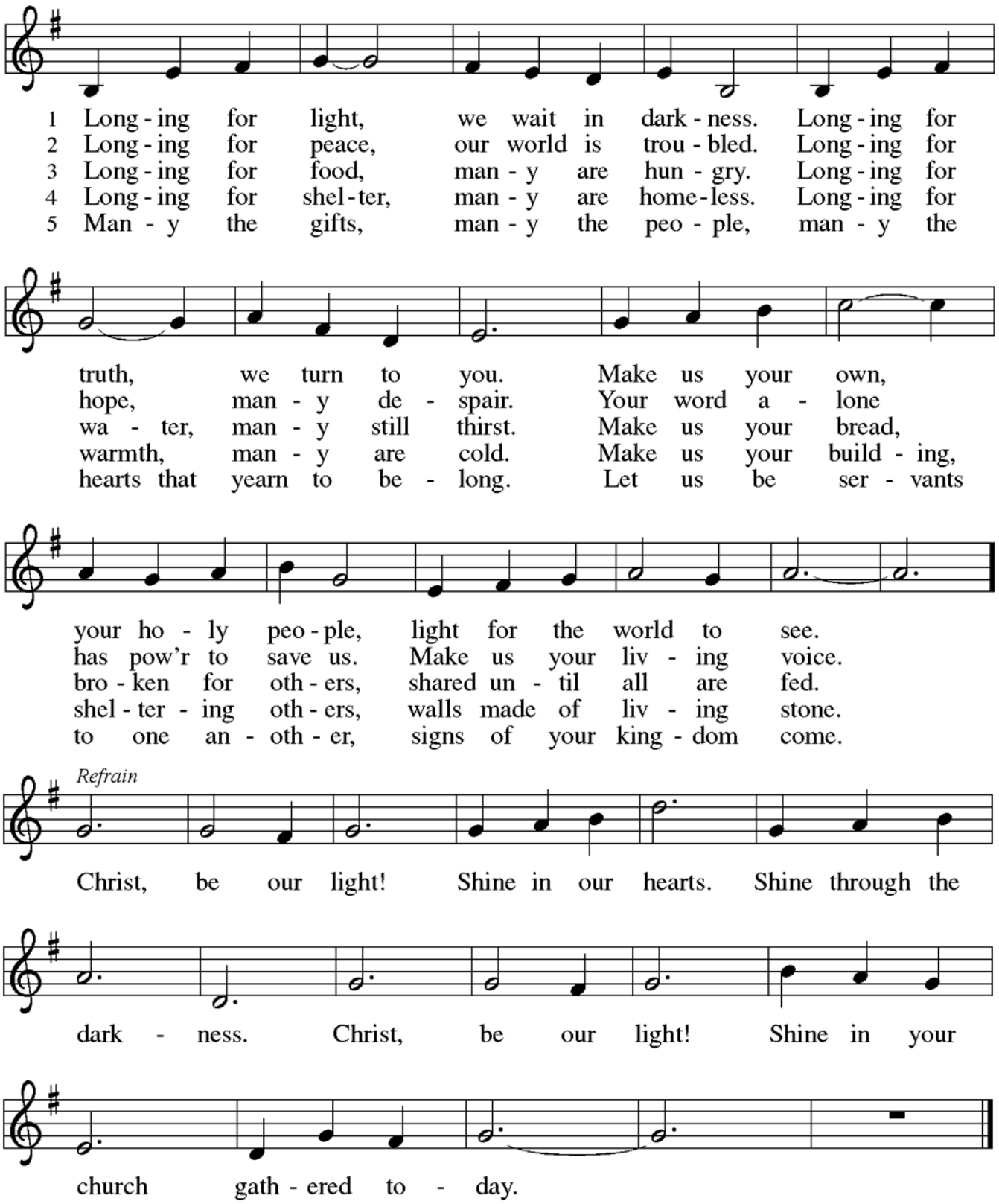
P Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.

C Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Christ, Be Our Light

Verses 1, 2, & 5



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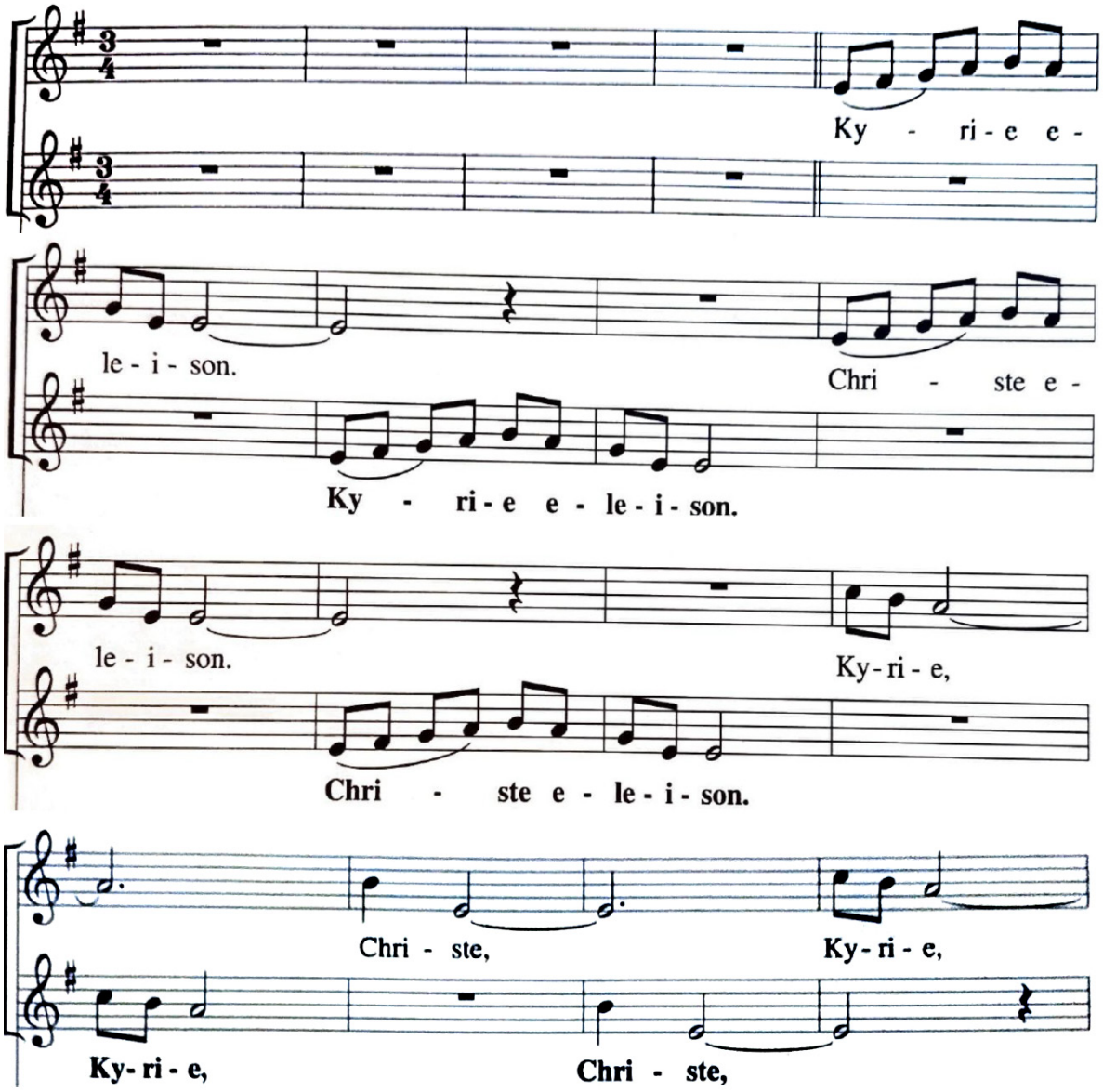
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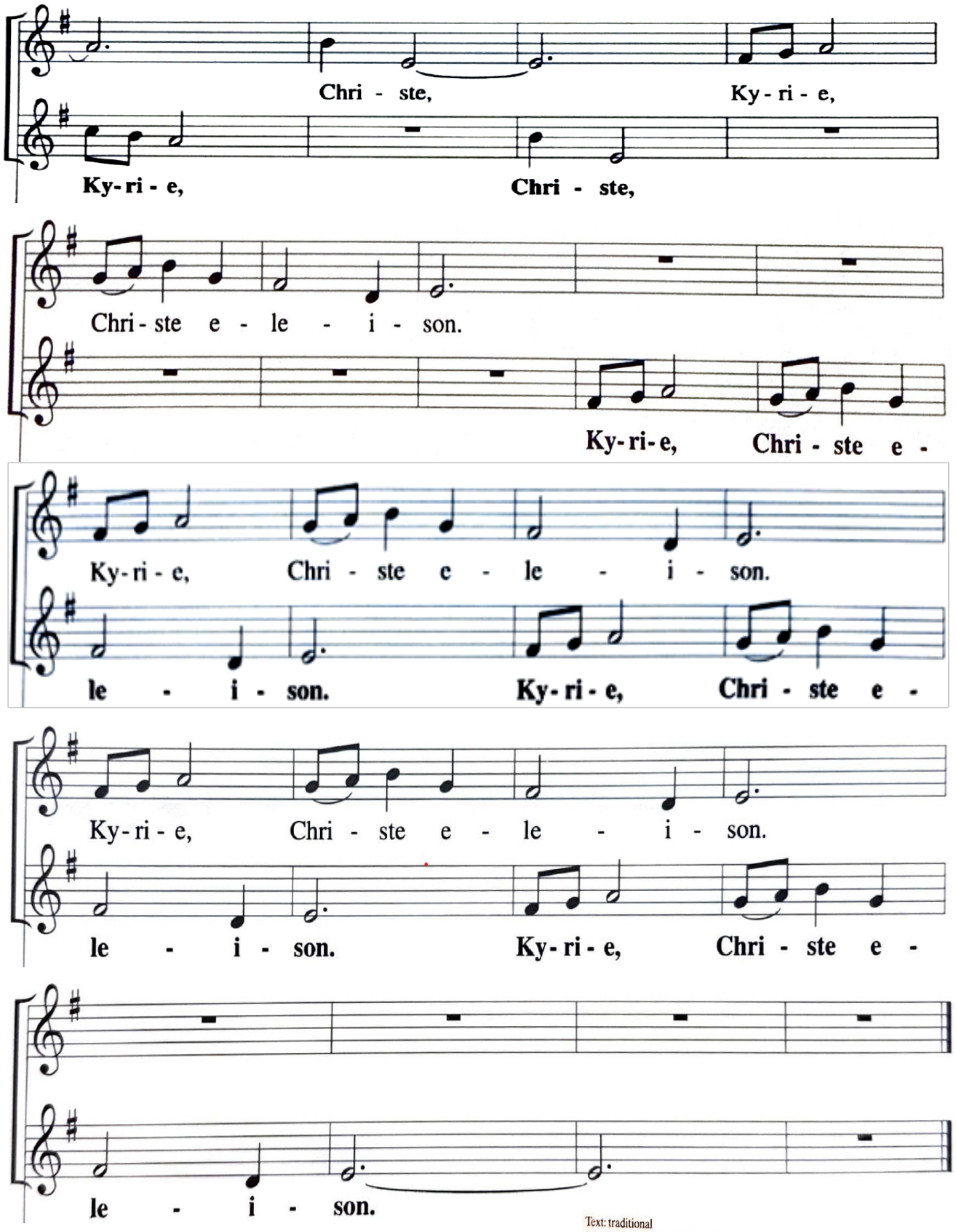
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

Kyrie

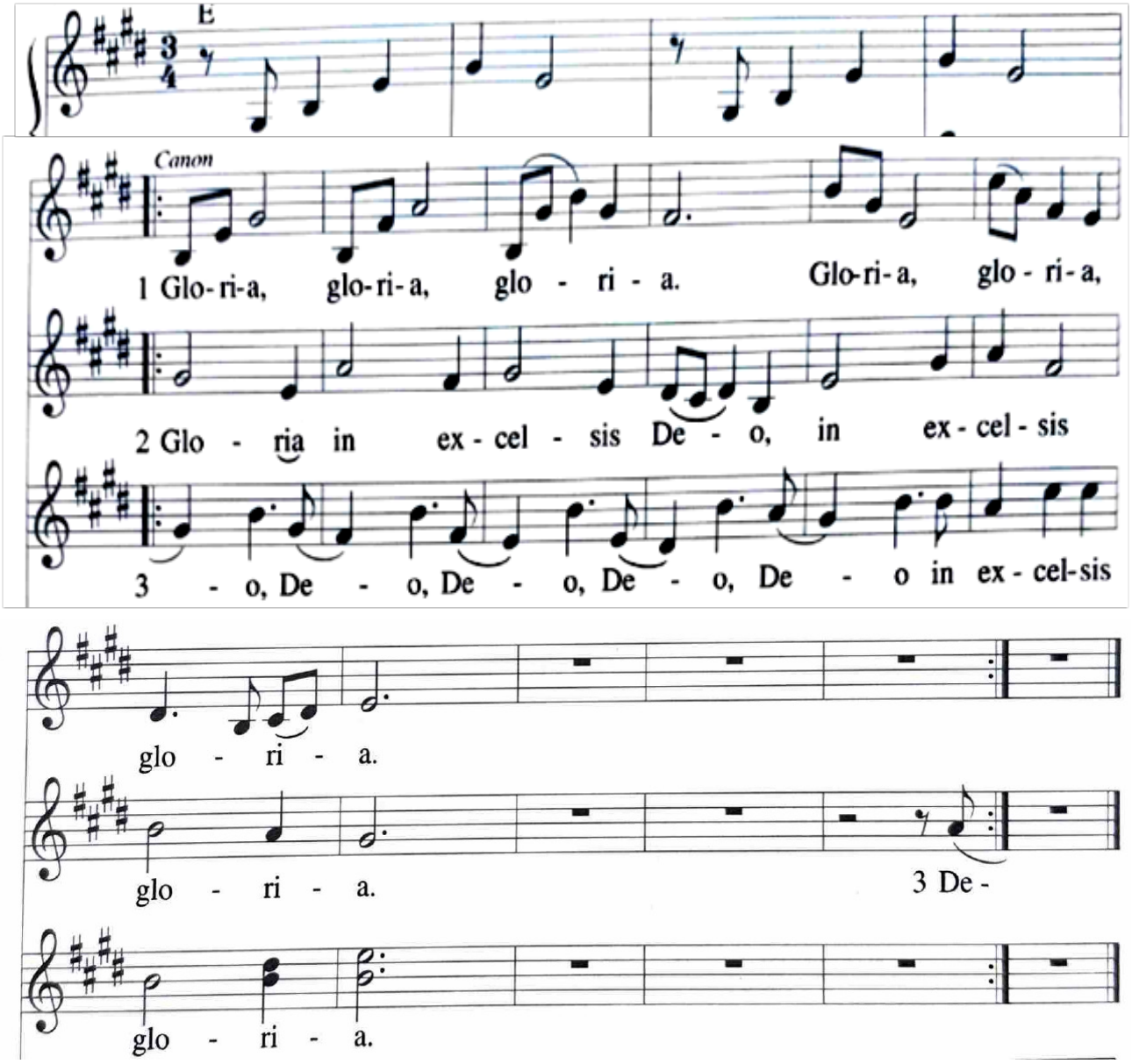
Vocal Lead top staff; Congregation bottom staff.





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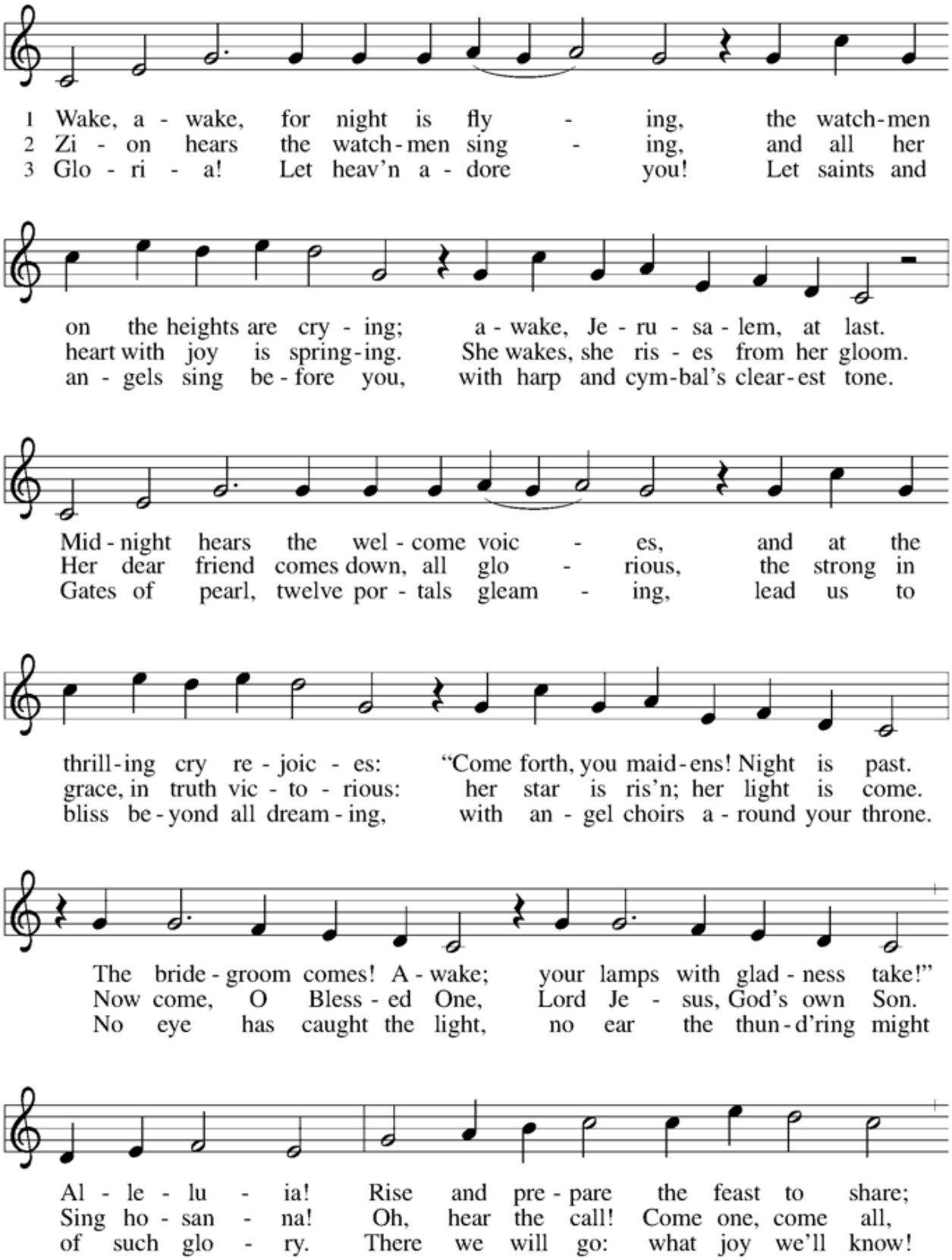
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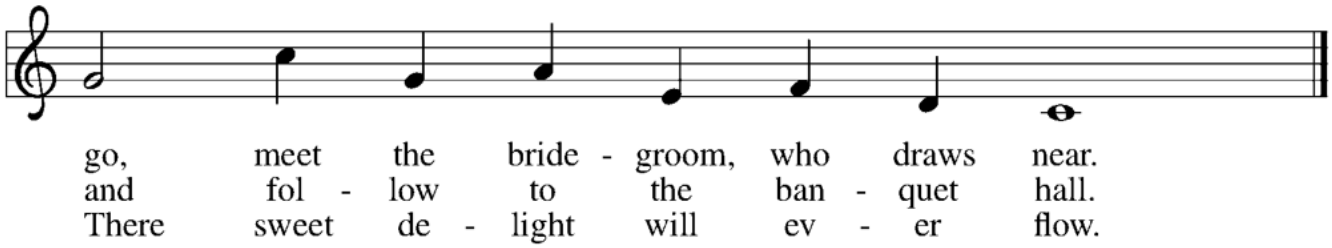


Prayer of the Day

P 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.**

Hymn of Praise Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying





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Please be seated.

First Reading

Amos 5:18-24
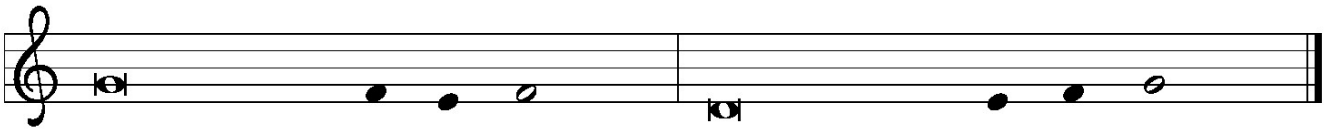
18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
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.

Psalm

Psalm 70

The psalm will be sung responsively.



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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.

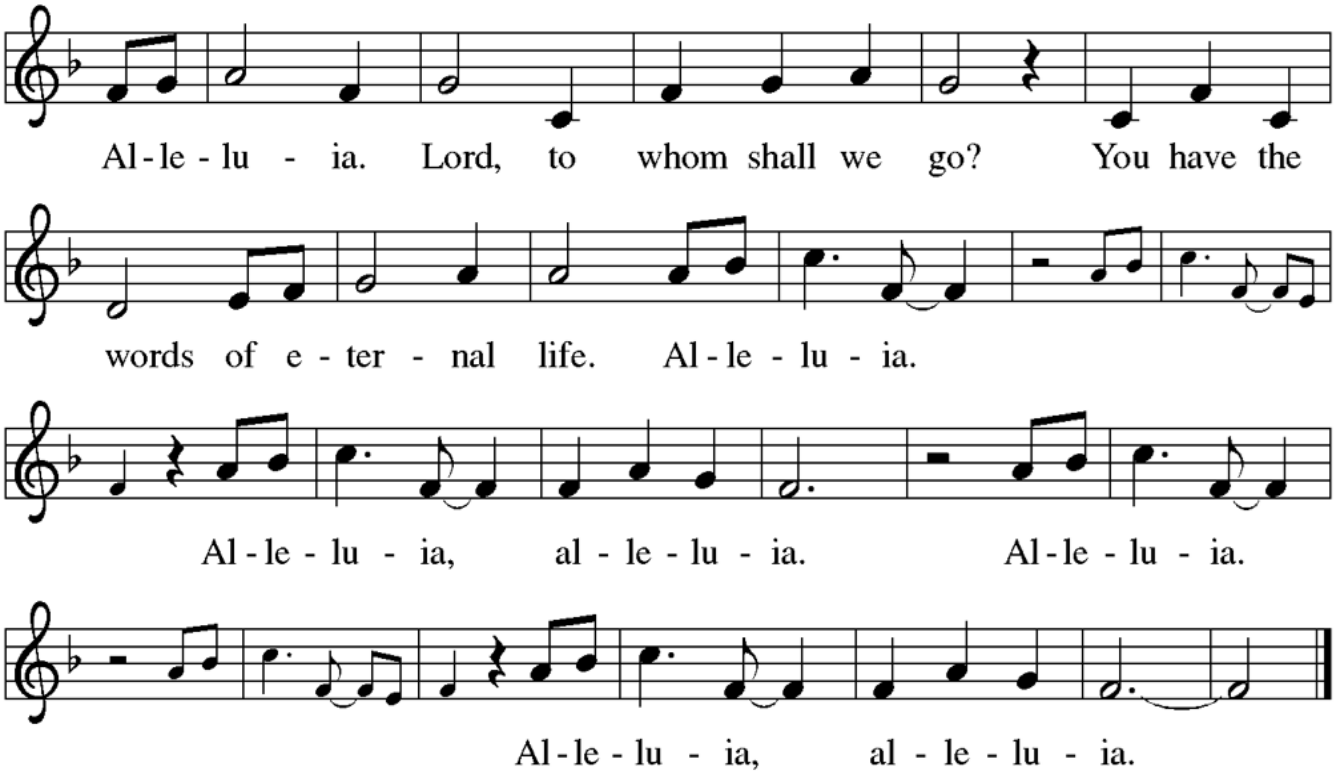
Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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 & 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.

Please rise, in body, spirit, or both.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

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

C 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."

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

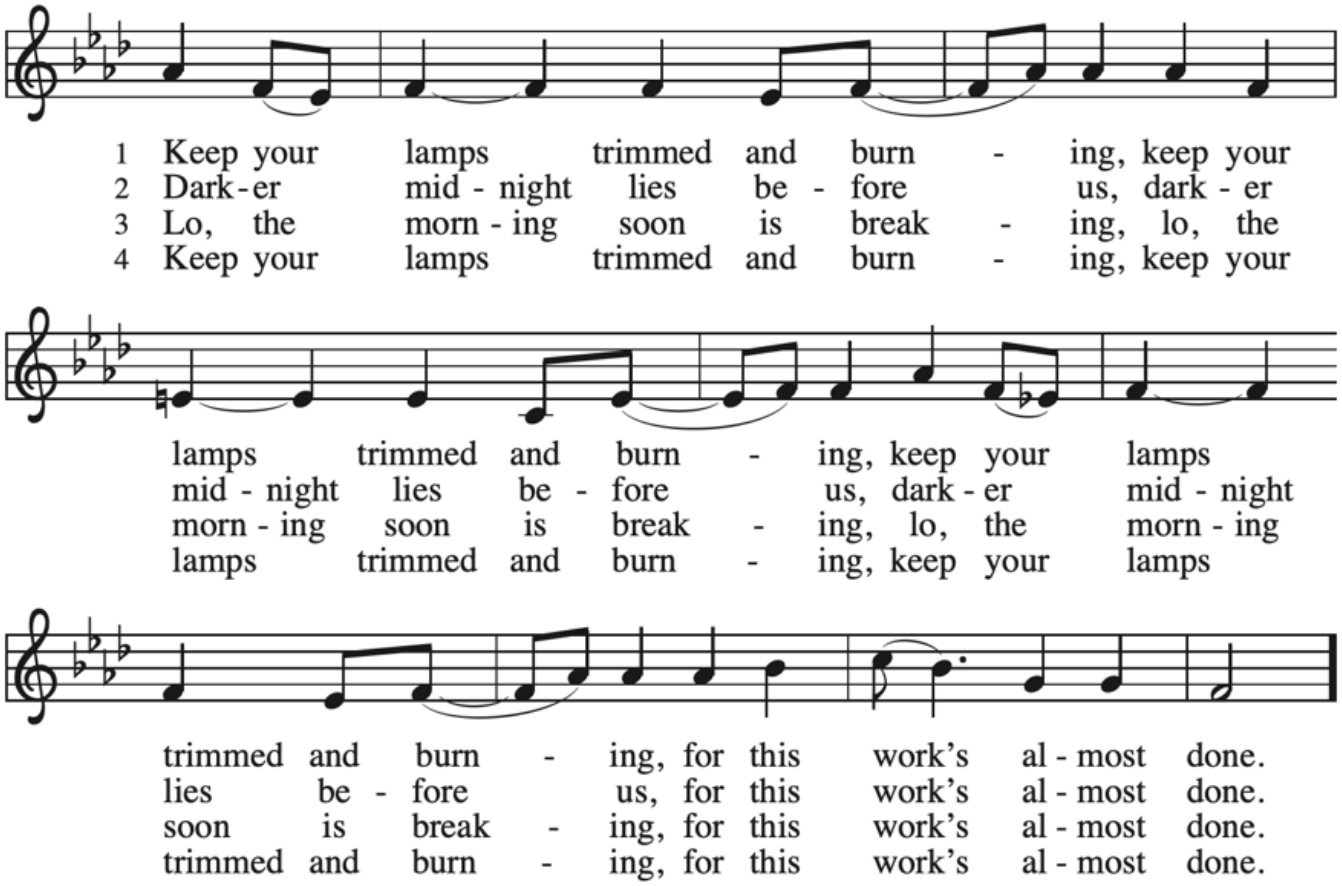
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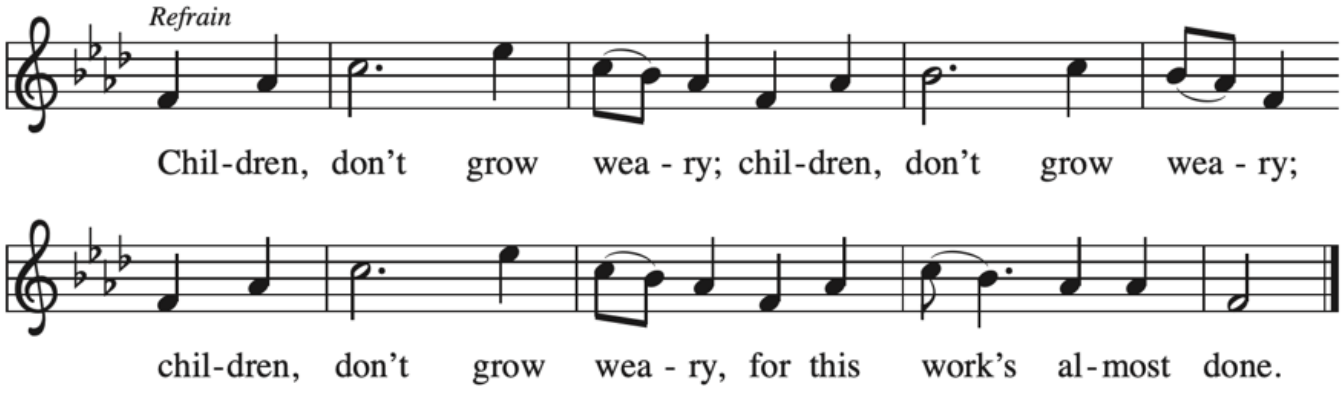
Pastor José Valenzuela

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.
Please rise in body, or spirit, or both when the Hymn of the Day begins.

Hymn of the Day

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed & Burning





Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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 Intercession

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

A brief silence. After each portion of the prayers, the Pastor says:

P God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

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

C Amen.

The Exchange of Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always. **C And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

Special Music

Gayatri Mantra

Traditional Hindu mantra

Elizabeth Tomboulian, piano

Meal

Please rise, in body, or spirit, or both.

Offering

We invite all followers of Jesus to give an offering for the mission of the church through our website at ulctempe.org or by placing it in the offering box near the entrance of the Sanctuary.

Offering Prayer

C 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.

The Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

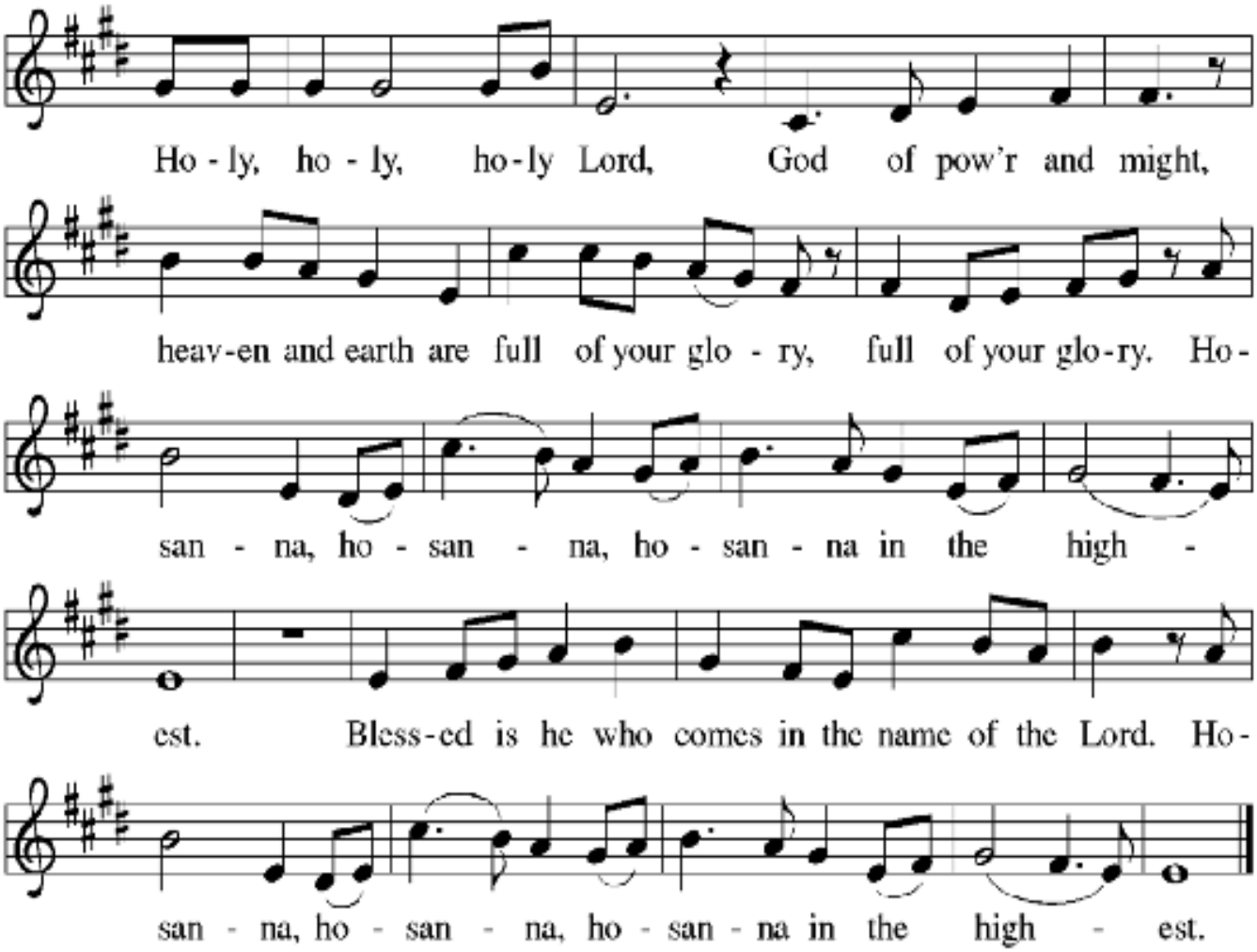
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty & our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Thanksgiving at the Table

P Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

P With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.

C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us.
Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

C **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 & forever. Amen.**

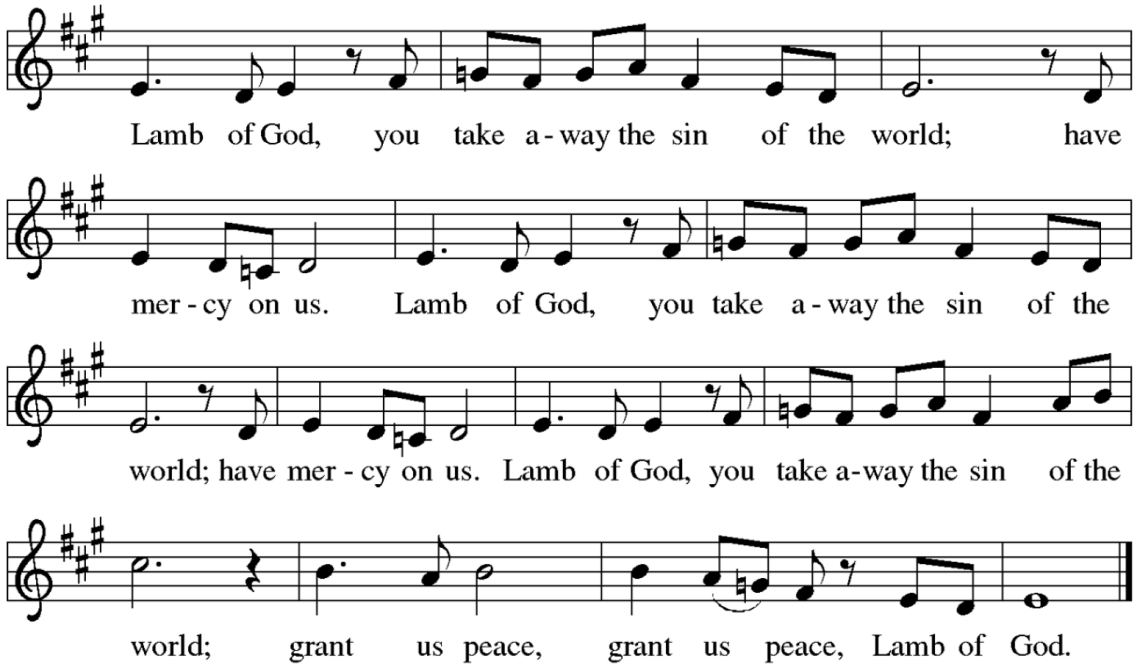
Invitation to Communion

P In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

Please be seated.

We invite to the Table of the Lord all followers of Jesus. Lutherans affirm that around this table through bread and wine Christ Jesus is present with us. We offer communion with individual cups for wine or white grape juice. Gluten-free wafers also available.
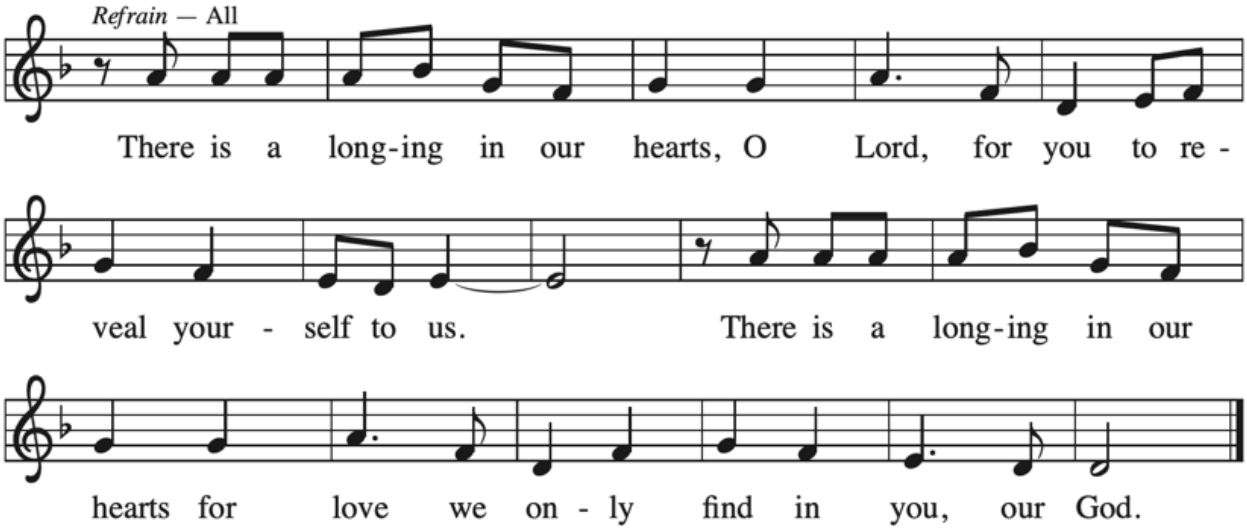
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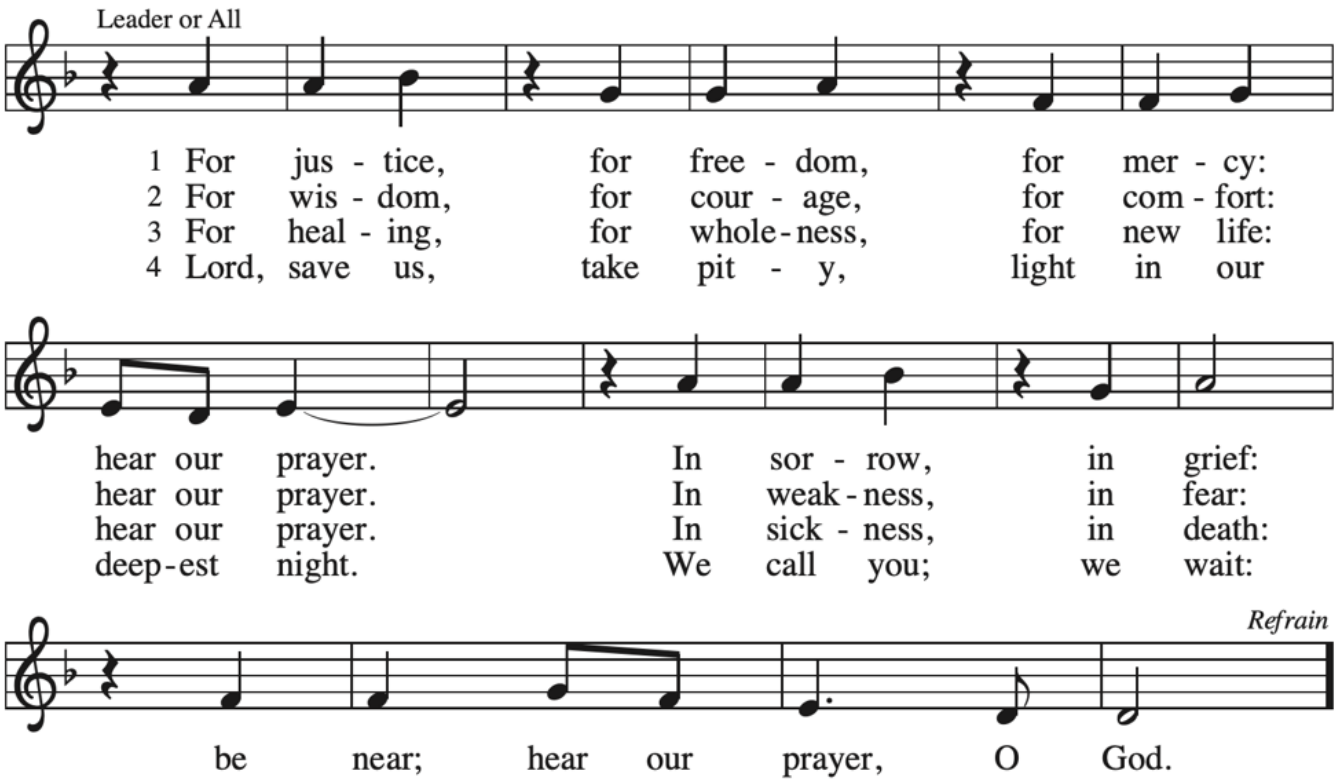


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Communion Hymn There Is a Longing in Our Hearts

Verses 1-3





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Post-Communion Prayer

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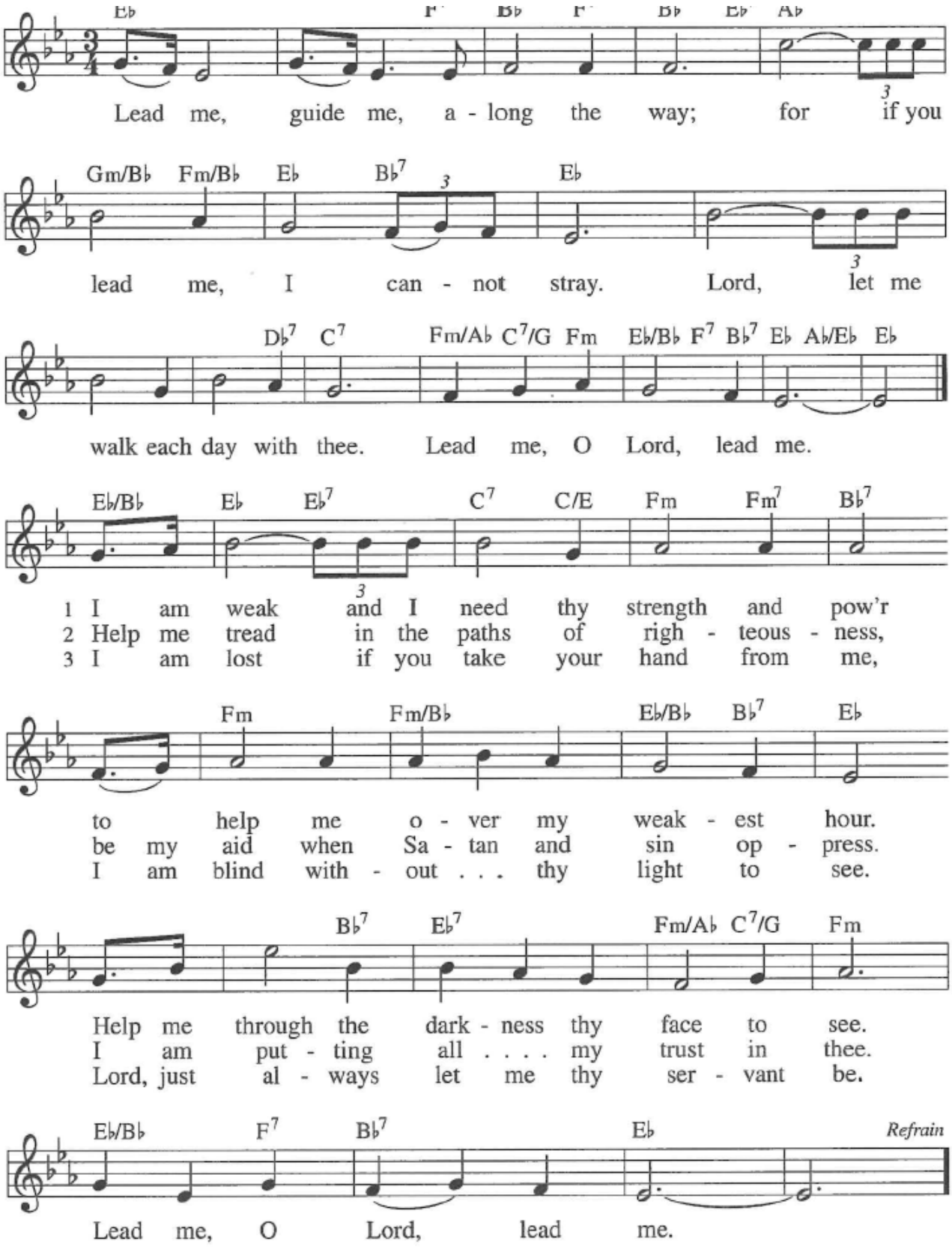
Announcements

Benediction

P The holy Trinity, Father, ☩Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

C Amen.

Sending Hymn Lead Me, Guide Me



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Sending

P Go in peace. Encourage one another.

C Thanks be to God.

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Today in Worship

Pastor	Rev. José Valenzuela
Music Director	Elizabeth Tomboulian
Vocal Lead	April Boyden
Altar Care	Kristin Tollefson
Greeter	Gail Fisher
Reader	Lori Zurcher
Communion Assistants	Terry Anderson
	Erin Crawford
Livestream	Alexander Webber
Coffee & Refreshments	Katherine Stevens

Offering

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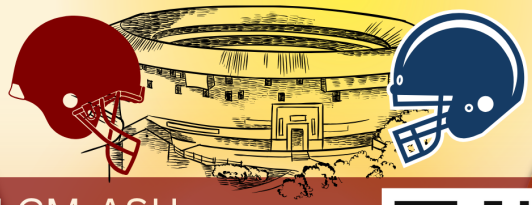
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ULC Prayer List

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Kristin	Viv	Katy
Layna's Family	David & Linda	Diane & Lori J
Will	Larry	Roseanna
Ana	Brian	Faye
Chris	Lulu	Jason & Daughters
Adam & Family	Rhys	Ruth
Spencer	Dorothy & Katherine	Sarah & Family
Al	Ken, Julia, & Dwight	Shawn
Hilliary	Madlyn	Amanda

Duel in the Desert Watch Party

ASU VS. UofA



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When? Sat, Nov 28, 2026
Kickoff time TBA

RSVP: ulctempe.org/breeze-donate-now/

Cost: $25/person (Food & soft drinks too!)

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