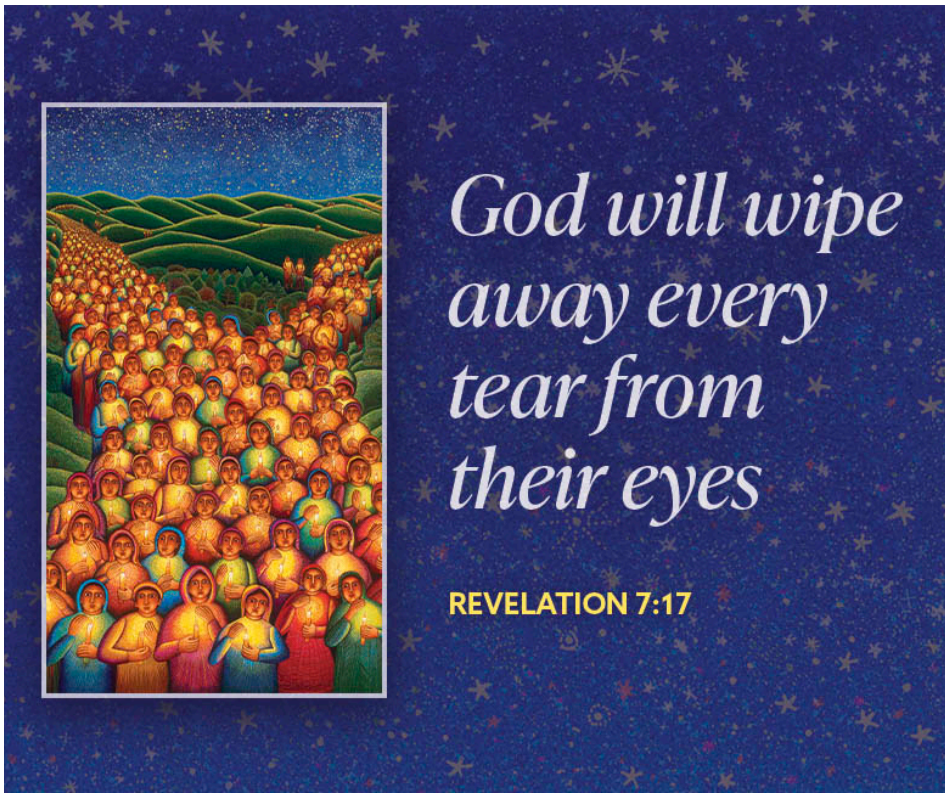
November 1, 2026 - All Saints Sunday

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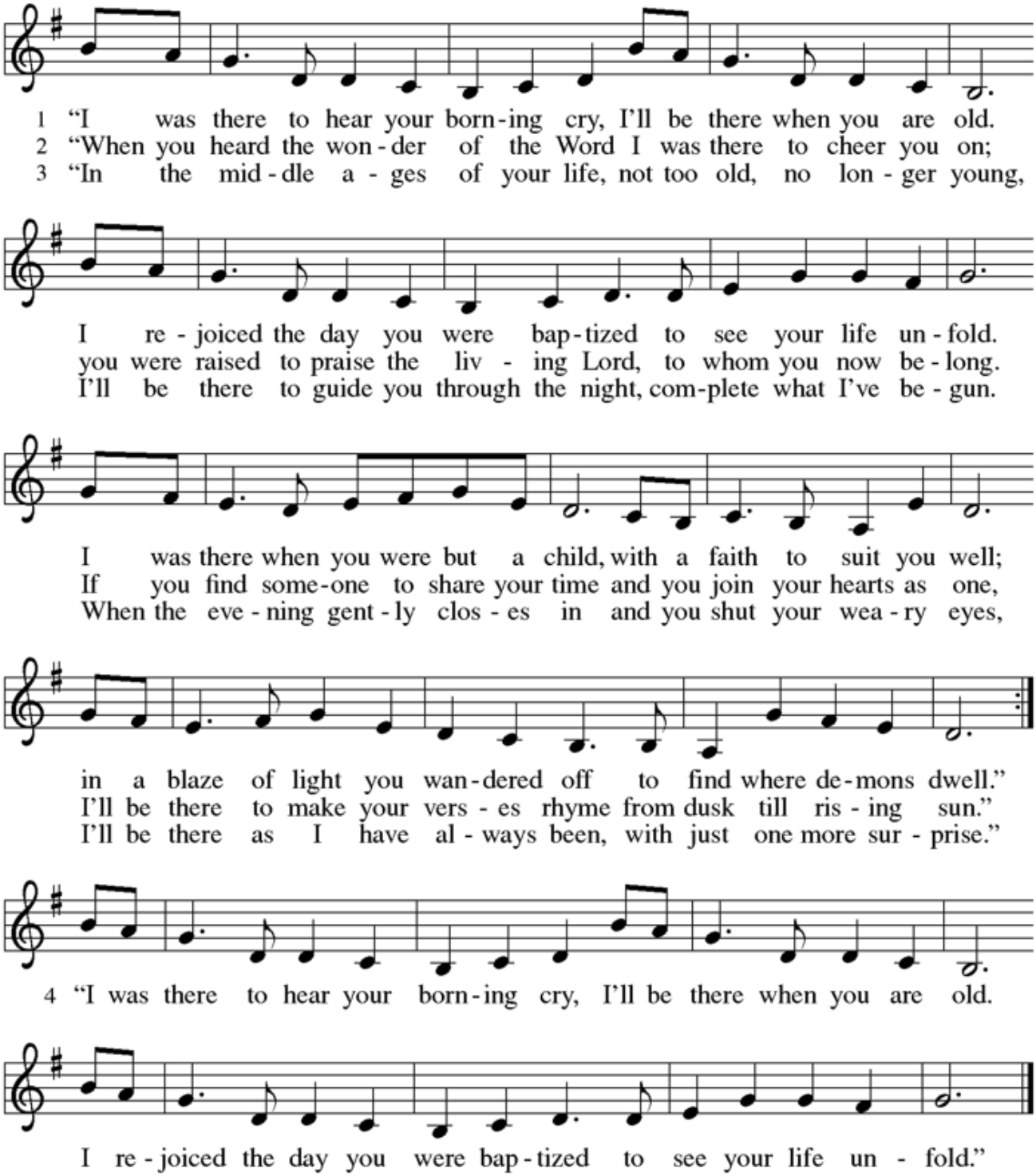
C we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse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

Borning Cry



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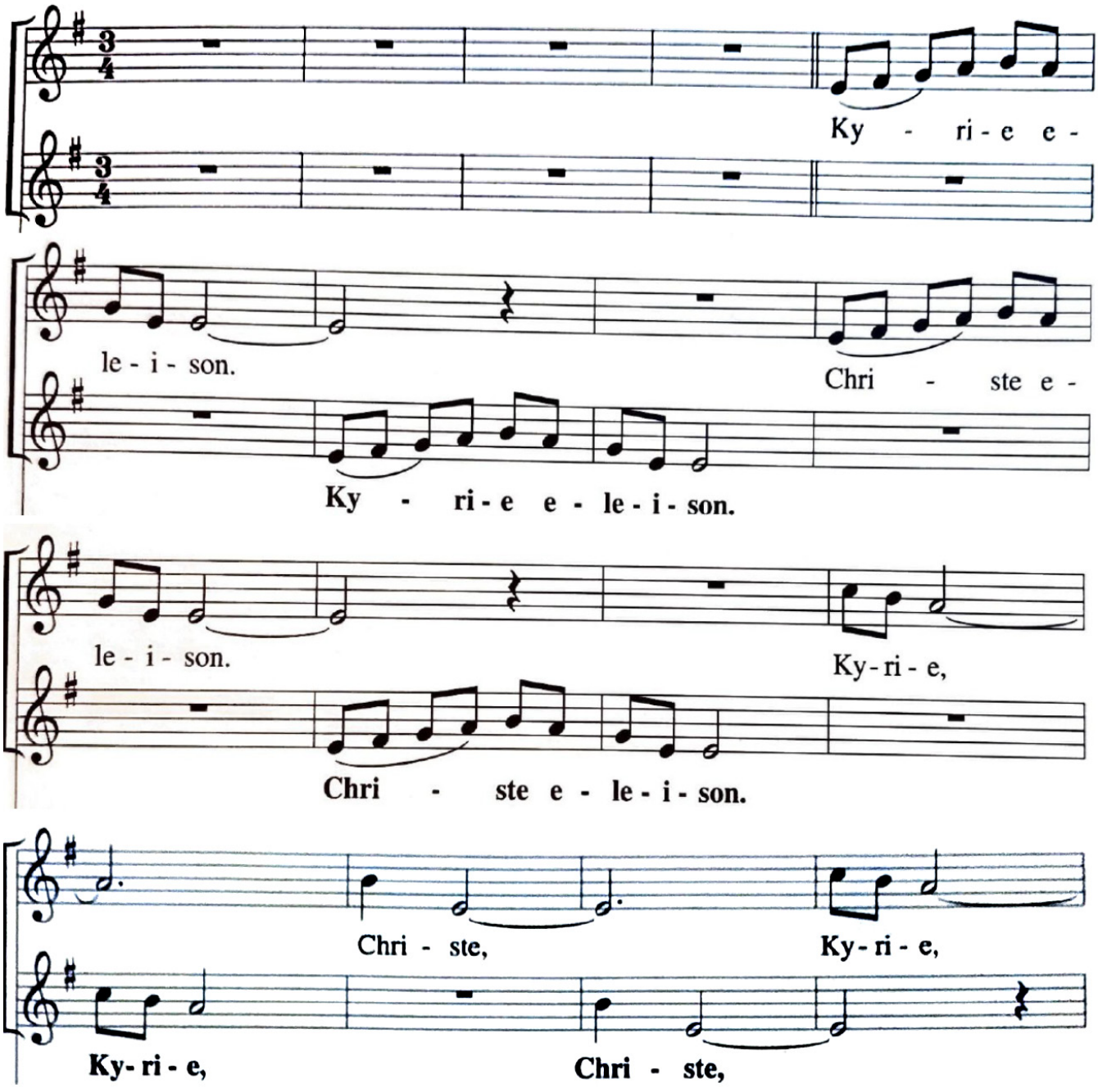
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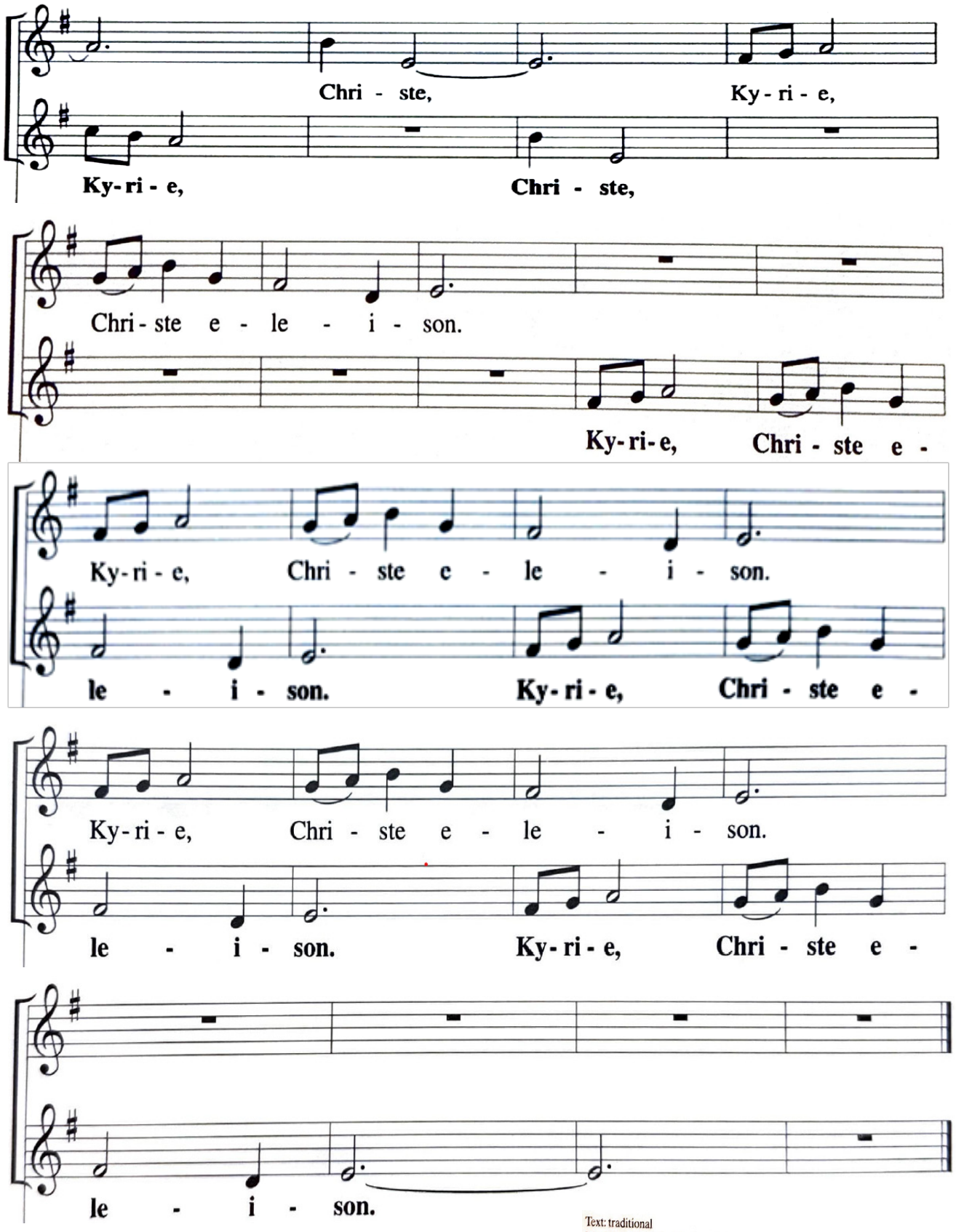
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

Kyrie

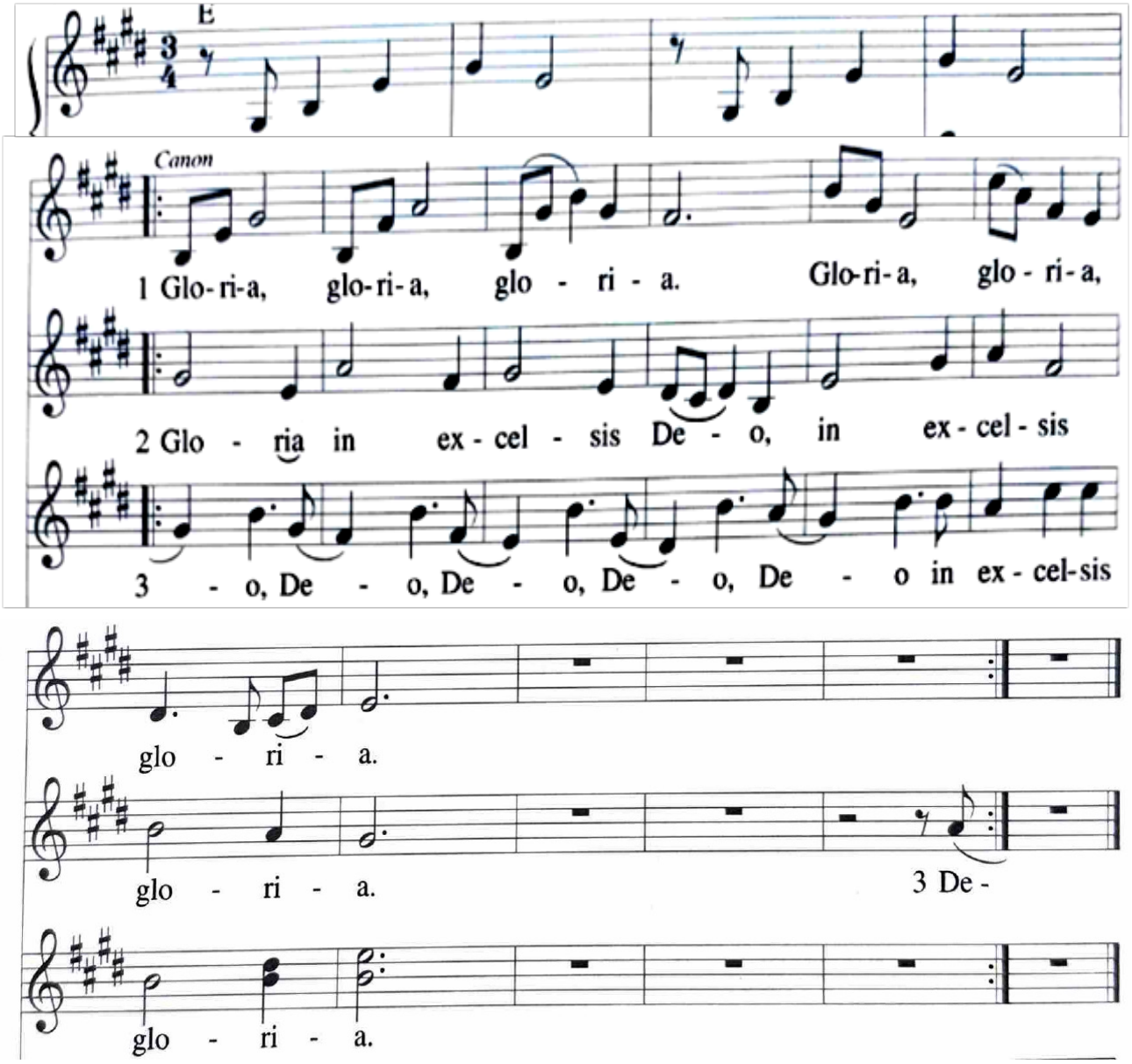
Vocal Lead top staff; Congregation bottom staff.





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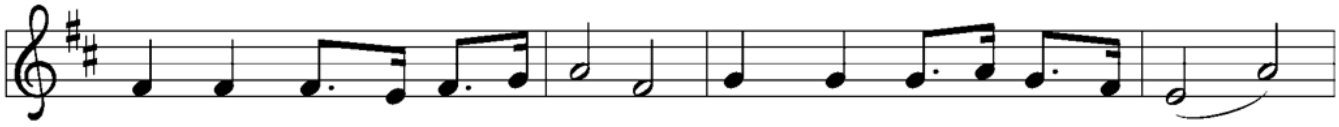


Prayer of the Day

P Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**
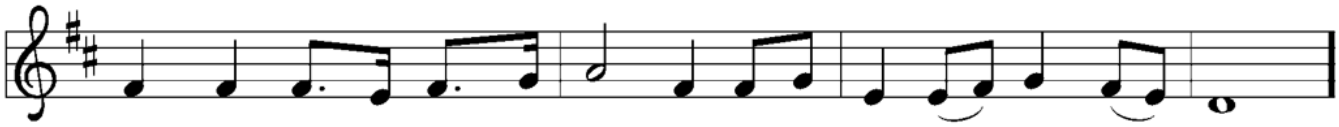
Hymn of Praise

Shall We Gather at the River

Verses 1, 2, & 4
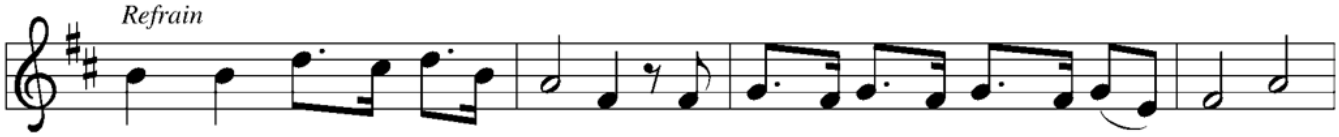


1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv - er, soon our pil-grim-age will cease;
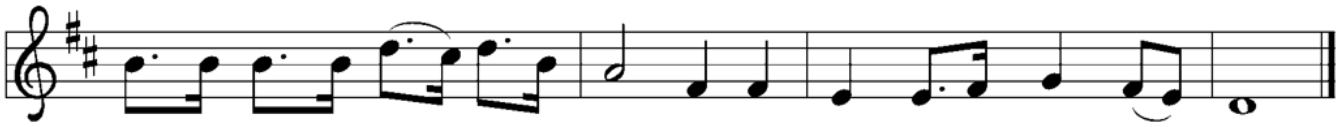


with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow-ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro-vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti-ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899
Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

Please be seated.

First Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could
count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages,
standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with
palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to
the Lamb!"

11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders
and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the
throne and worshiped God, 12 singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

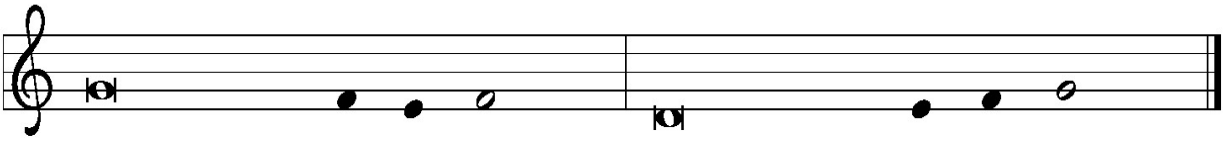
13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these,
robed in white, and where have they come from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir,
you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who
have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and
made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
16 They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Psalm

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

The psalm will be sung responsively.



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1 I will bless the LORD | at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be | in my mouth.
2 I will glory | in the LORD;
let the lowly hear | and rejoice.
3 Proclaim with me the greatness | of the LORD;
let us exalt God's | name together.
4 I sought the LORD, who | answered me
and delivered me from | all my terrors.
5 Look upon the LORD | and be radiant,
and let not your faces | be ashamed.
6 I called in my affliction, and | the LORD heard me
and saved me from | all my troubles.
7 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear the LORD
and de- | livers them.
8 Taste and see that the | LORD is good;
happy are they who take ref- | uge in God!
9 Fear the LORD, you saints | of the LORD,
for those who fear the | LORD lack nothing.
10 The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing | that is good.
22 O LORD, you redeem the life | of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished.

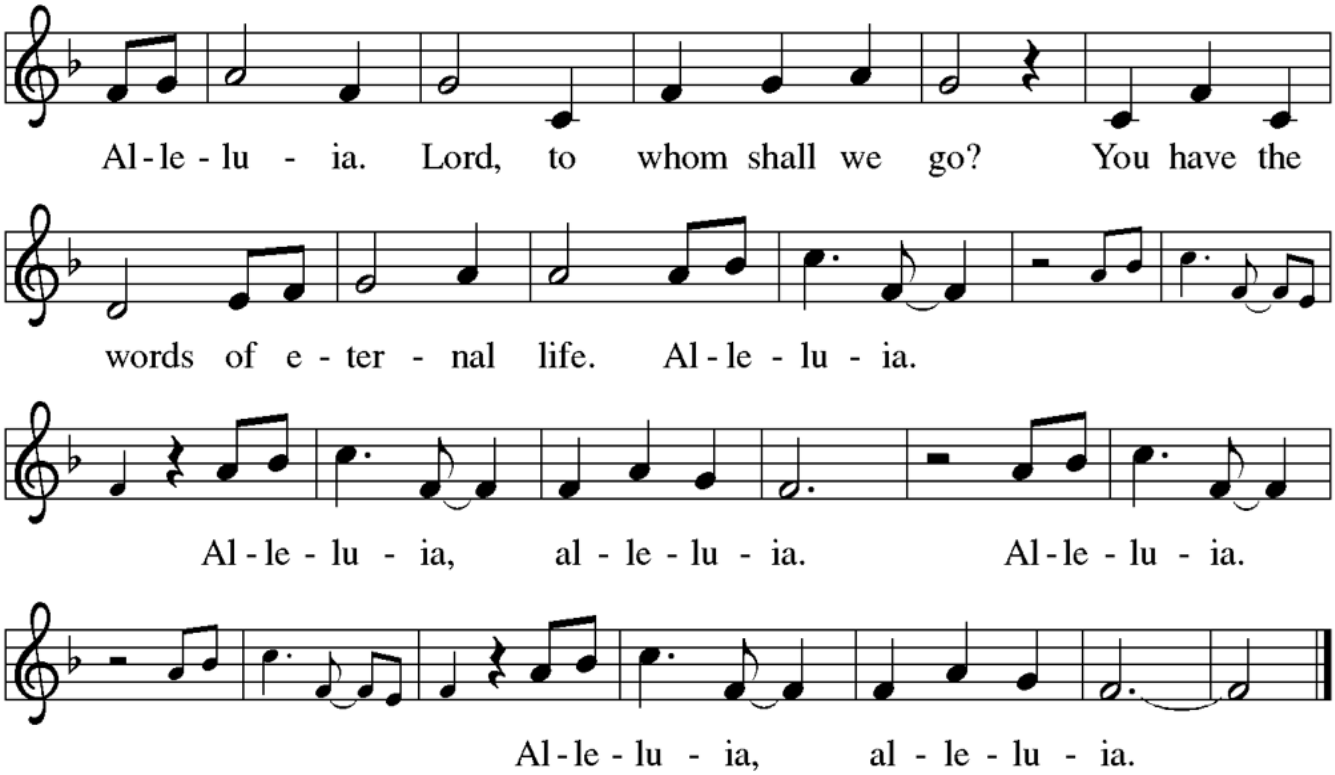
Second Reading

1 John 3:1-3

1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called
children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does
not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's
children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do
know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see
him as he is. 3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves,
just as he is pure.

Please rise, in body, spirit, or both.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the fifth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after
he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 And he began to speak and
taught them, saying:

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for
they will be filled.

7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of
God.

10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of
righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and
utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and
be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they
persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ.
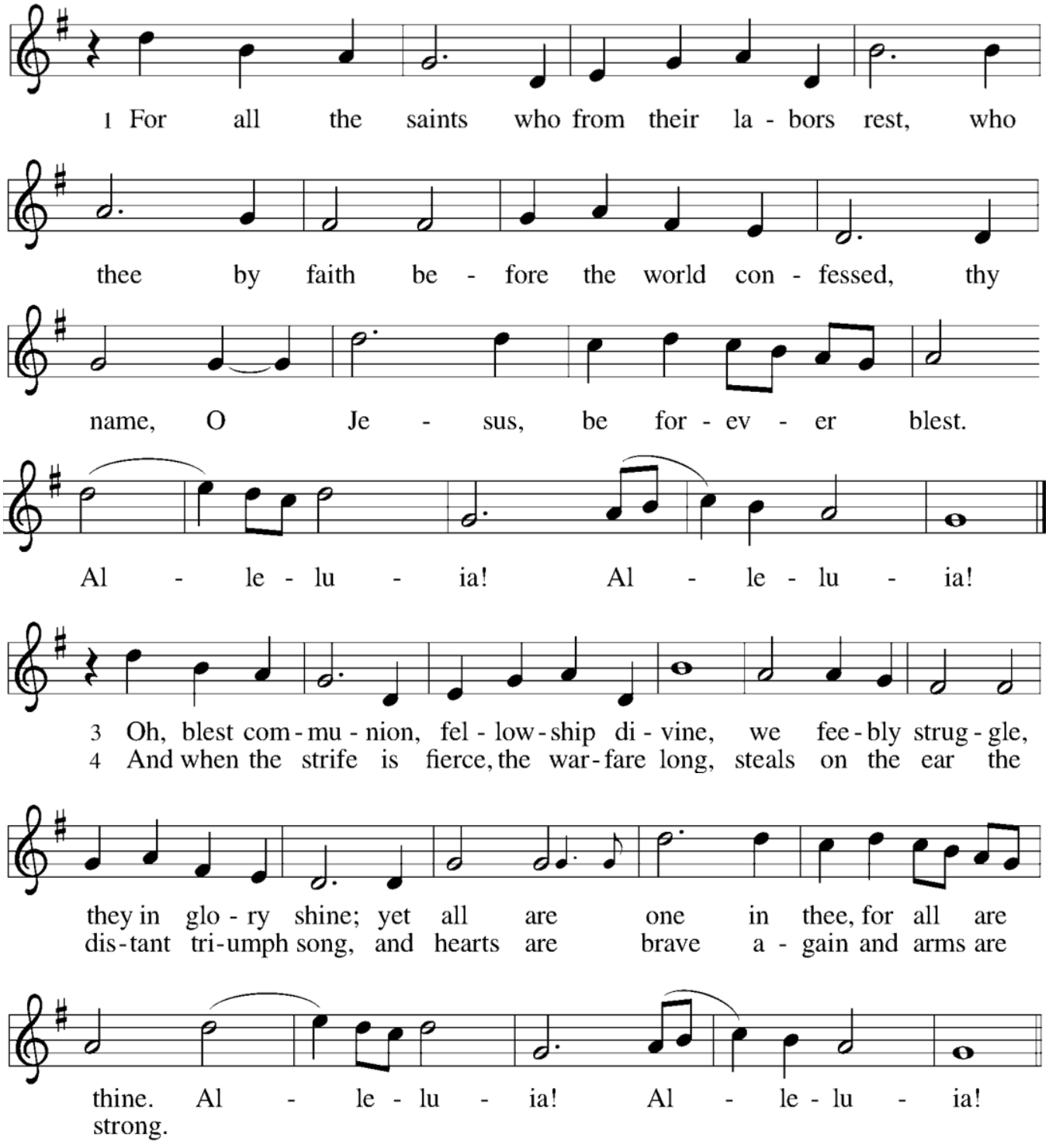
Please be seated.

Sermon *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

For All the Saints



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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.

Remembering Those Who Have Died

P Blessed be the God & Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation, who comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

A reading from John: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die." (John 11:25-26)

O God, we remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you on earth, who now rest from their labors, especially:

Bob Michael
Carl Anderson
Angie Snyder
Layna Taylor
Dick McCune
Walt Snyder
Art Becker



Keep us in union with all your saints, and bring us with them to the joyous feast of heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The congregation is invited to light a candle in memory of someone who has died.

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

O Praise Him

Traditional hymn selections by Jacob Hilliker, 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.

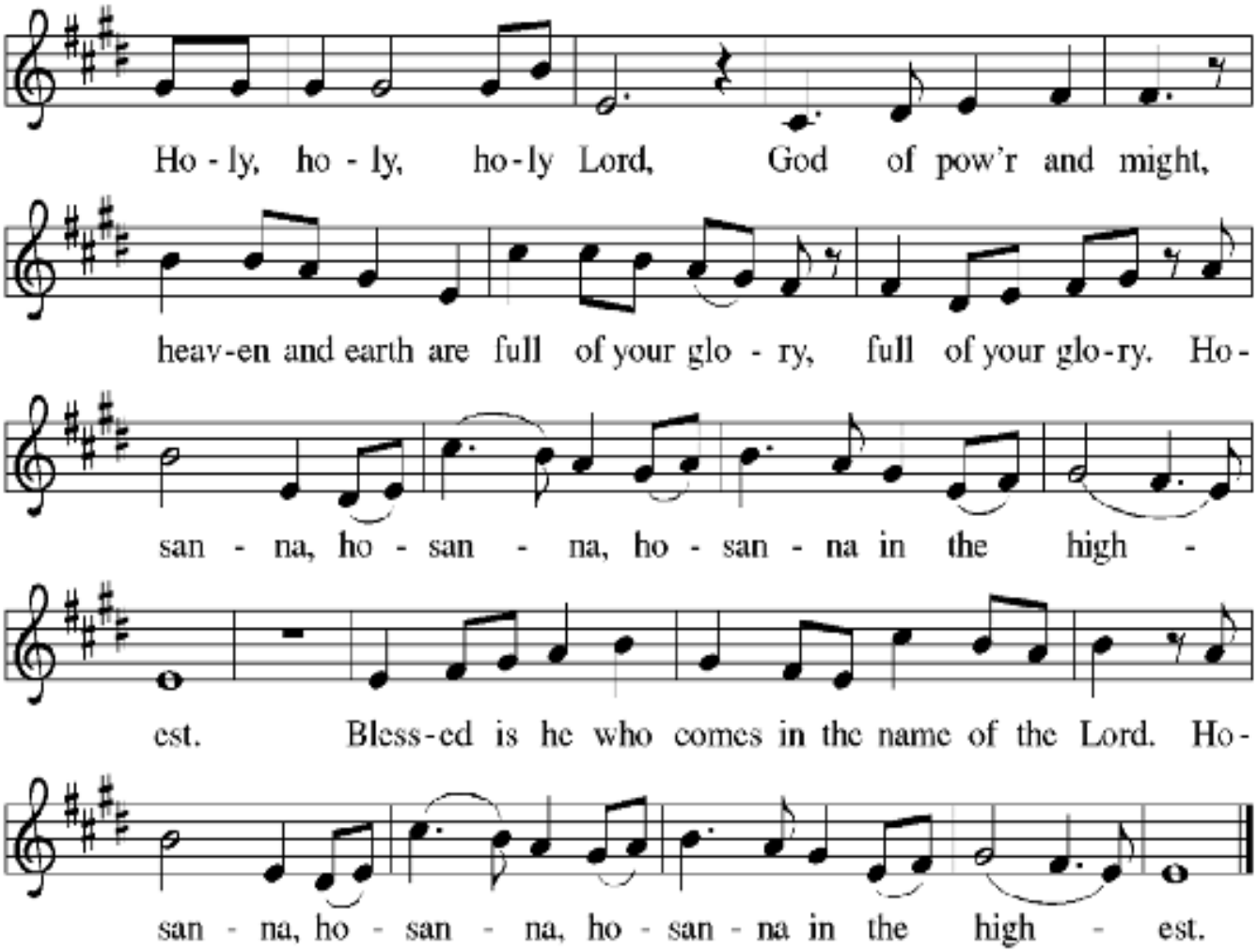
C We lift them to the Lord.

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.

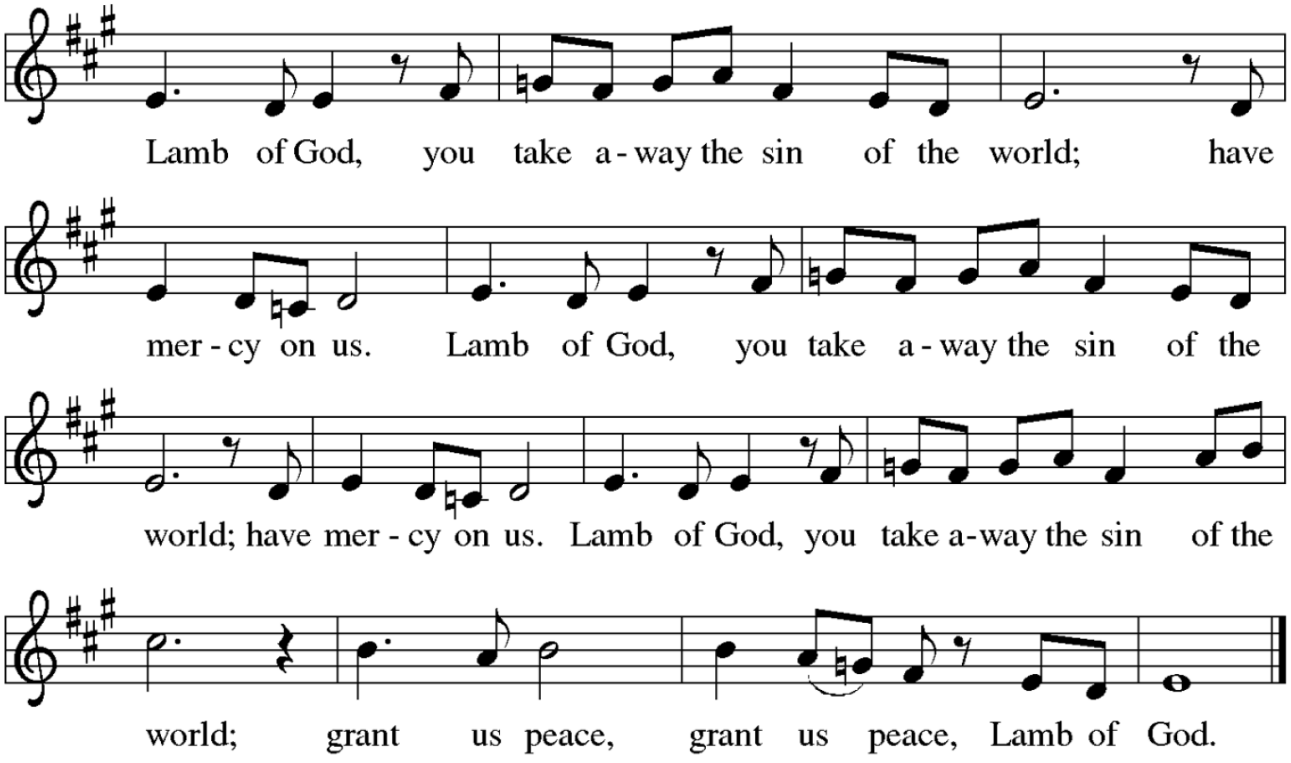
Invitation to Communion

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.
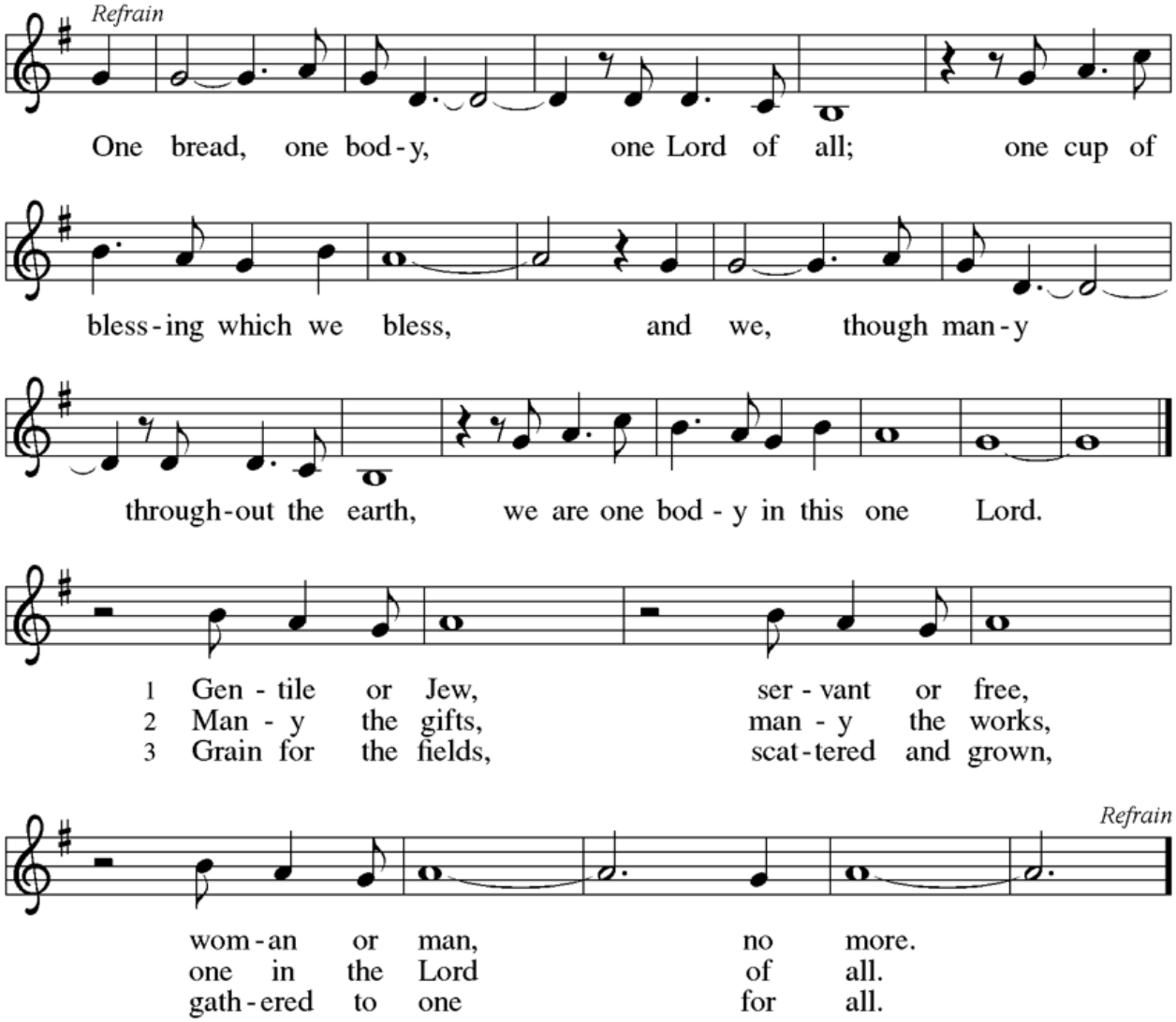
Lamb of God



The Distribution

Communion Hymn

One Bread, One Body



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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

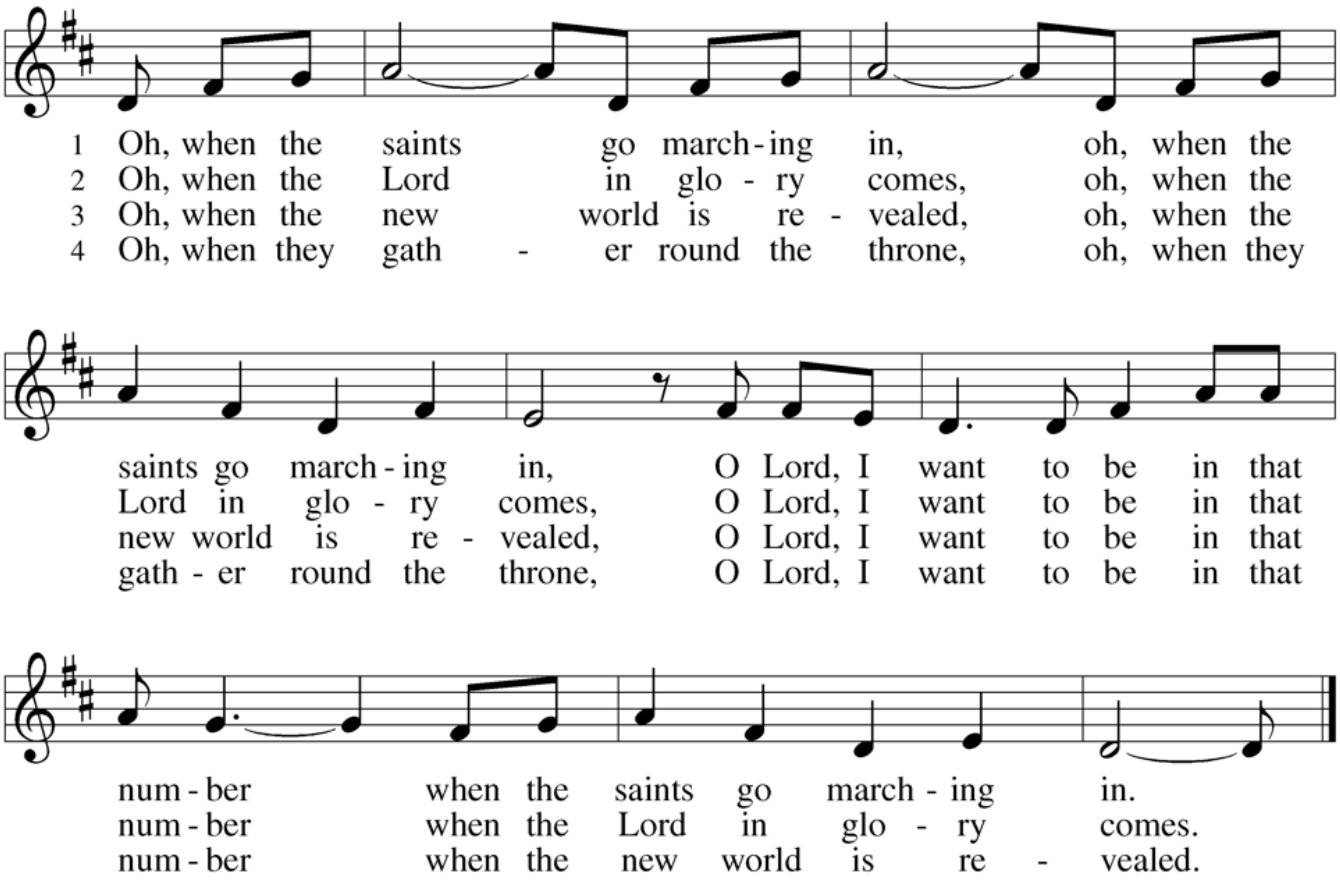
P The holy Trinity, Father, ☩Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

C Amen.

Sending Hymn Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In

Verses 1-3

Jacob Hilliker, piano



Text: African American spiritual
Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual

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	Ray Kimball
Special Music Piano	Jacob Hilliker
Trumpet	Jacob Hilliker
Altar Care	Erin Crawford
Greeter	Gail Fisher
Reader	Autumn Byars
Communion Assistants	Terry Anderson
	Lori Zurcher
Livestream	Alexander Webber
Coffee & Refreshments	Katherine Stevens

Offering

For your convenience, an offering box is located near the church entrance for your financial gifts to the ministry of Christ through University Lutheran Church and Lutheran Campus Ministry.

You can also donate online on our website: **ulctempe.org**
ULC also has text giving!
Text your donation to:
480-878-7977. Thank you!

ULC Prayer List

Lynn & Family	Diane & Gary	Pedro
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

Young Adults Nov Outing: Heard Museum

Join YA at the Heard Museum to commemorate Native American Heritage Month. Our very own Taína Diaz-Reyes, leader engaging in multicultural ministries for ELCA Young Adults, will guide us through the experience.



Date & Time: Sunday, Nov 8, at 12 PM (optional lunch at 11 AM)

Location: Carpool from ULC (340 E 15th St, Tempe)

RSVP: Text Bryan or DM @gathervalleyfothesun

*First 10 attendees get free admission!

Women's Half-Day Spiritual Retreat



Date & Time: Sat, Nov 7, 8:30 AM-2:30 PM

Before holiday traditions and expectations (beautiful and meaningful as they are!) make demands and claim our time and attention…Let us feast on some practices to nurture and ready our inner spirit.

$45 includes morning snack and simple lunch (if money is a concern, please let me know).

Location in east Mesa near Gilbert & McKellips Roads. Please reach out to April Boyden by text at 360-582-7351 to let her know you are coming. And she will give you the exact address.

We will explore together a variety of spiritual practices that can nurture your spirit. Bring a friend.

General Election Announcements

Today's Post-Worship Fellowship and Student Meal Moved to Sanctuary/Sunday School Rooms

Due to all the voting equipment set up in the Campus Center in preparation for Tuesday's election (we are polling place), all of today's post-worship activities are going to be held in the Sanctuary and/or Sunday school rooms. Thank you for your flexibilty and understanding.

Office Closed Tuesday, Nov 3

Due to the bustle of the Campus Center and to respect the integrity & privacy of the voting process, the office will be closed on Tuesday, November 3rd.

Page Turners' Book Club Nov Meeting

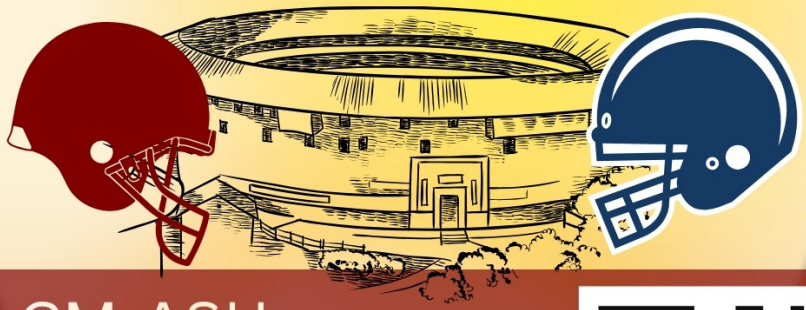
Date & Time: Thu, Nov 5, Noon (Dena leading)

Title: "The Orphan Master's Son: A Novel" by Adam Johnson (2012) (Fiction)

This Pulitzer Prize winner follows Pak Jun Do's journey through North Korea as he rises from an orphanage to become a professional kidnapper, ultimately challenging Kim Jong II for the woman he loves. "The Orphan Master's Son" is also a riveting portrait of a world heretofore hidden from view: a North Korea rife with hunger, corruption, and casual cruelty but also camaraderie, stolen moments of beauty, and love. Author Adam Johnson is a graduate of Tempe's Marcos de Niza High School and ASU. He currently teaches creative writing at Stanford. He spent many summers in North Korea gathering information for this novel based on what he saw and heard. (From Amazon description.)

Dual in the Desert Watch Party

ASU VS. UofA



Where? LCM-ASU:
340 E 15th St, Tempe, AZ

When? Sat, Nov 28, 2026
Kickoff time TBA

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

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

Chili Cook-Off: The congregation is invited to bring their best batch of chili for this LCM fundraiser event. 😋



Traditional Red Chile Pork Tamales

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