Christ the King Sunday



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a Reconciling in Christ Congregation

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

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

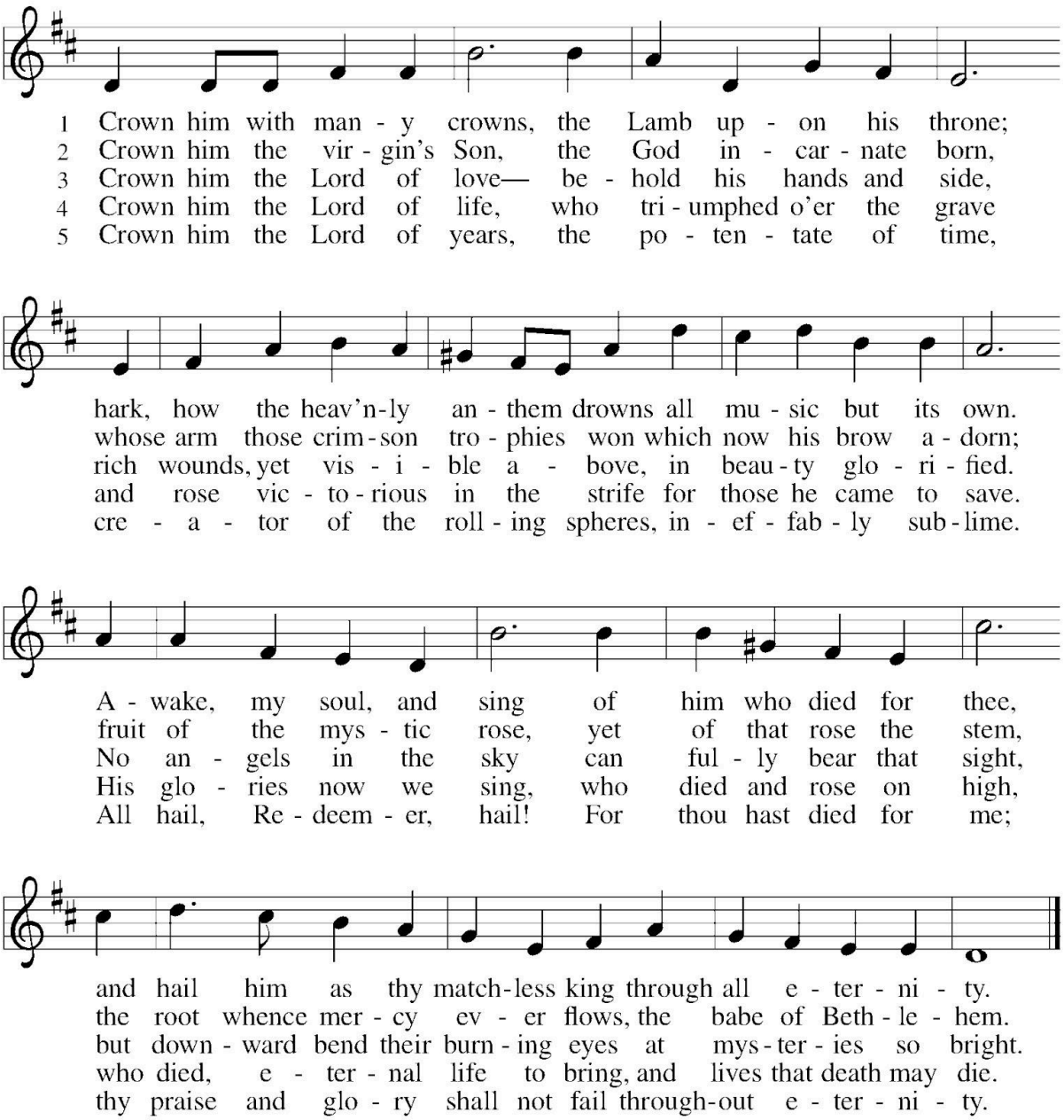
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

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 Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns



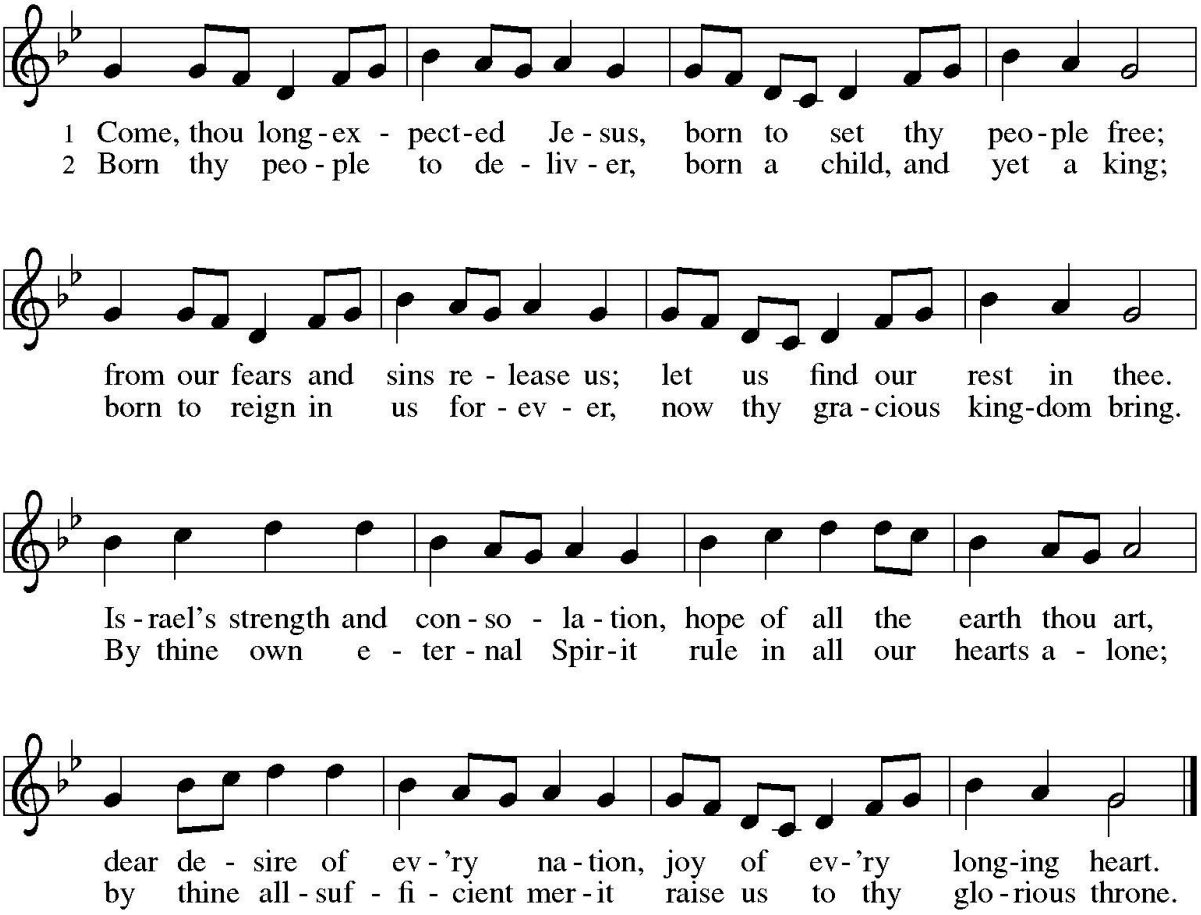
Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4
Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

*Greeting
P: The grace … with you all.
C: **And also with you.**

*Advent: Matthew 3:1-4

*Advent Hymn: Come thou long-expected Jesus

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788
Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

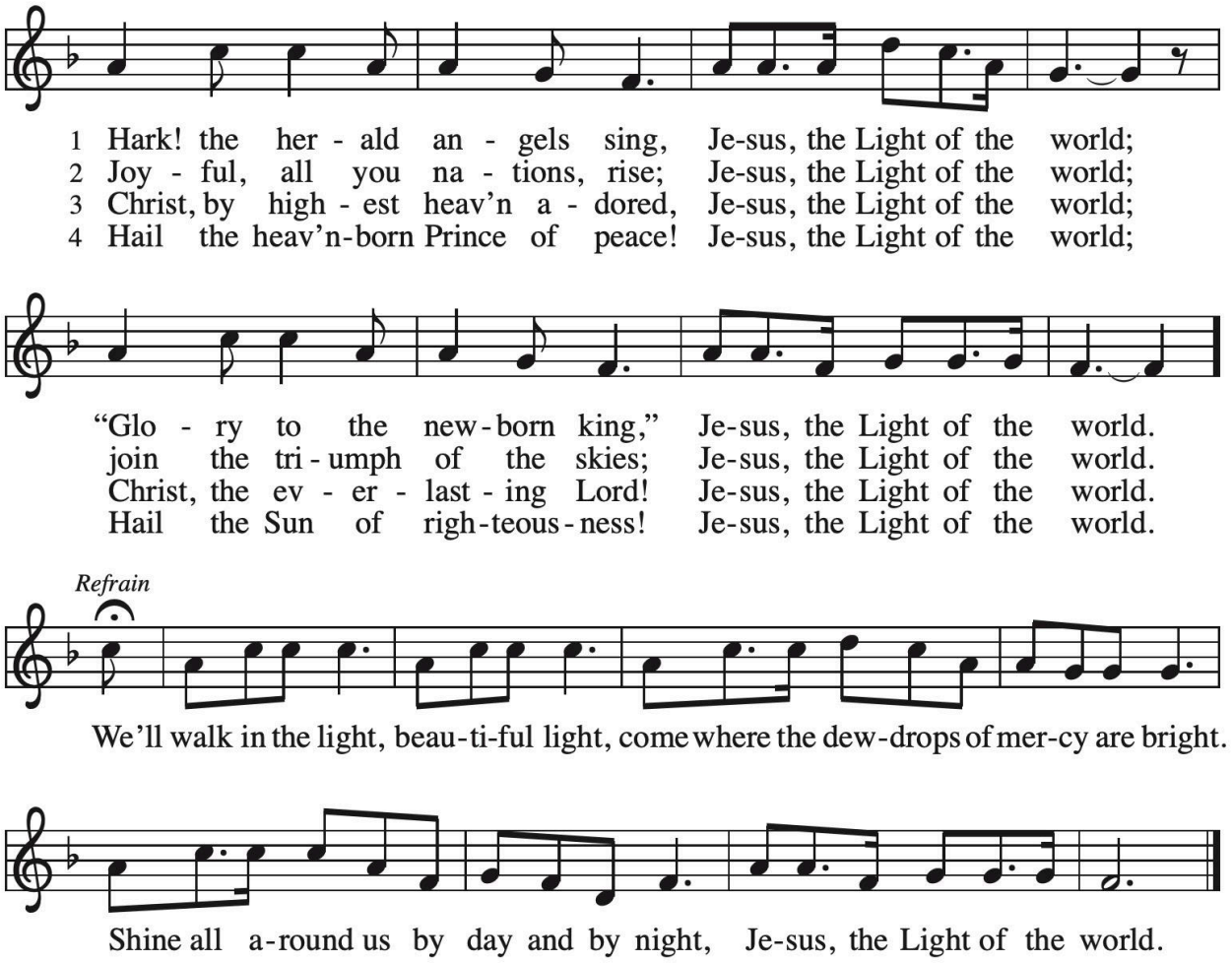
* Prayer of the Day

Word

Ephesians 1:15-23

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation: Jesus the Light of the World, vv1-2



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, stanzas; George D. Elderkin, 1845–1928, refrain
Music: WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT, Traditional; arr. George D. Elderkin

*Christmas: Matthew 1:18-25

The holy Gospel according to...
Glory to you, O Lord.

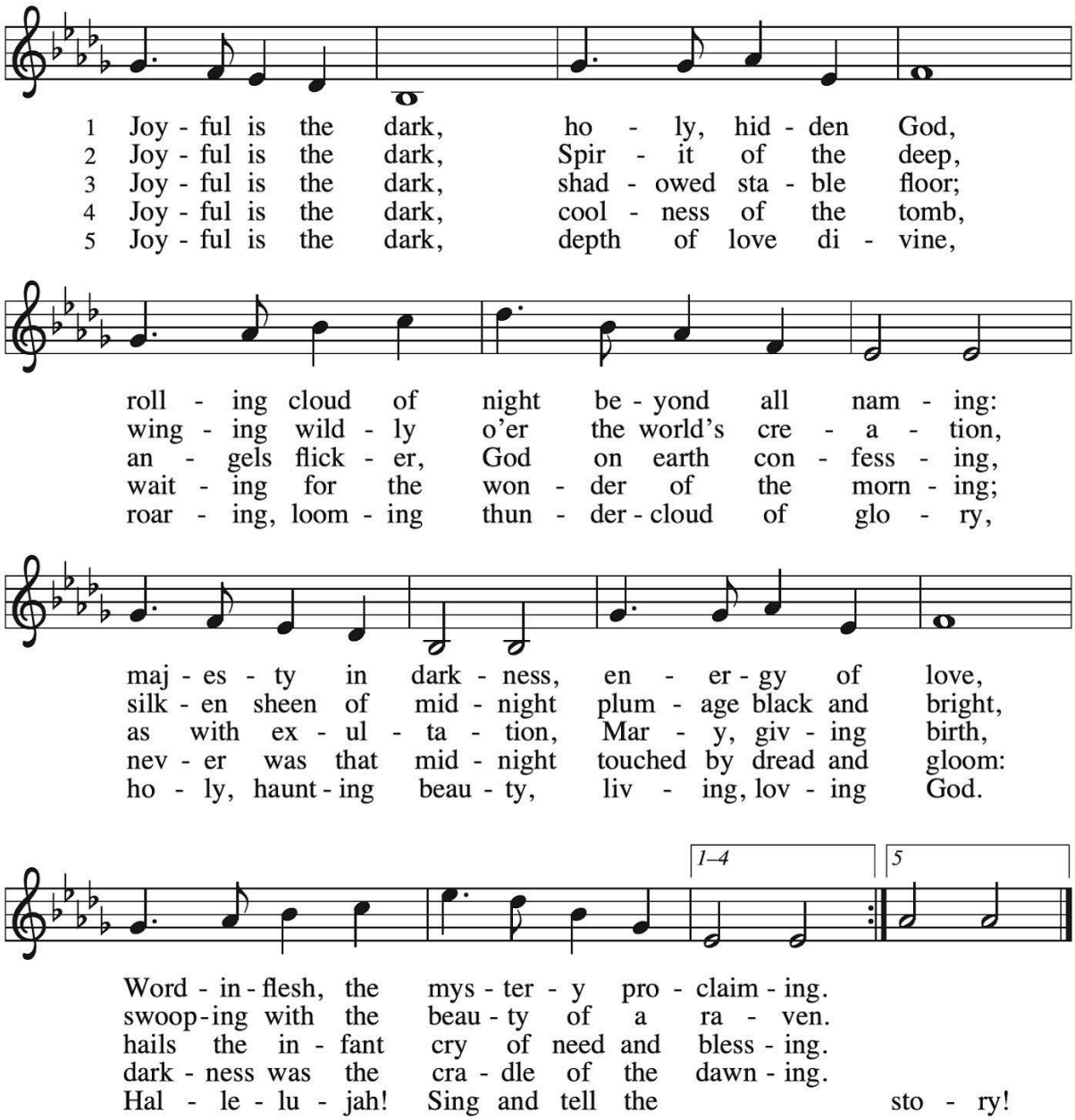
The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

*Gospel Response: Jesus the Light of the World vv3-4

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day

Joyful Is the Dark



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Music: LINDNER, Carlton R. Young, b. 1926
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*Creed

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

… hear us, O God,
C: your mercy is great.

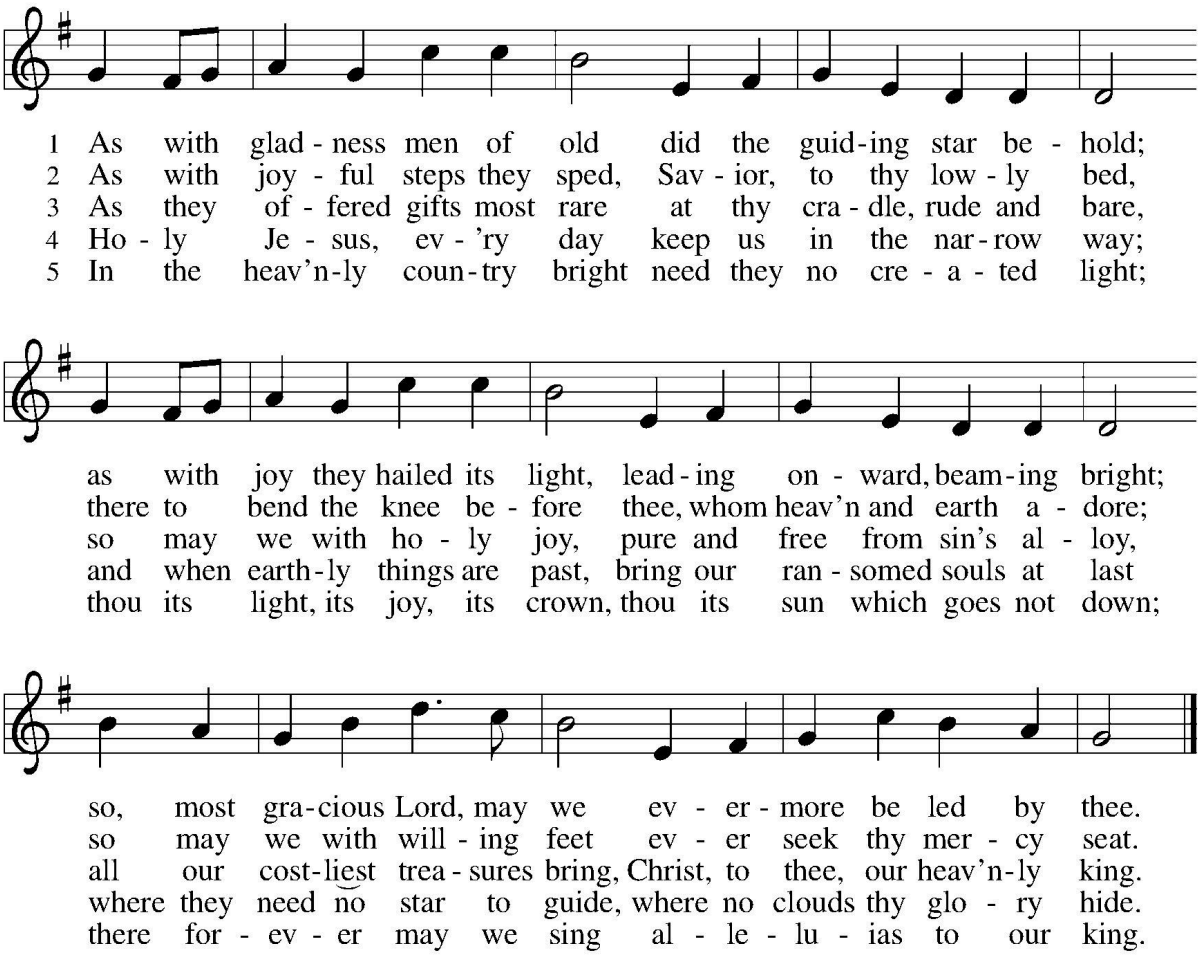
*Peace

Meal

*Epiphany: Matthew 2:7-12

*Offertory (vv1-3)

As with Gladness Men of Old



Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.
Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

*Offering Prayer

*Great Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

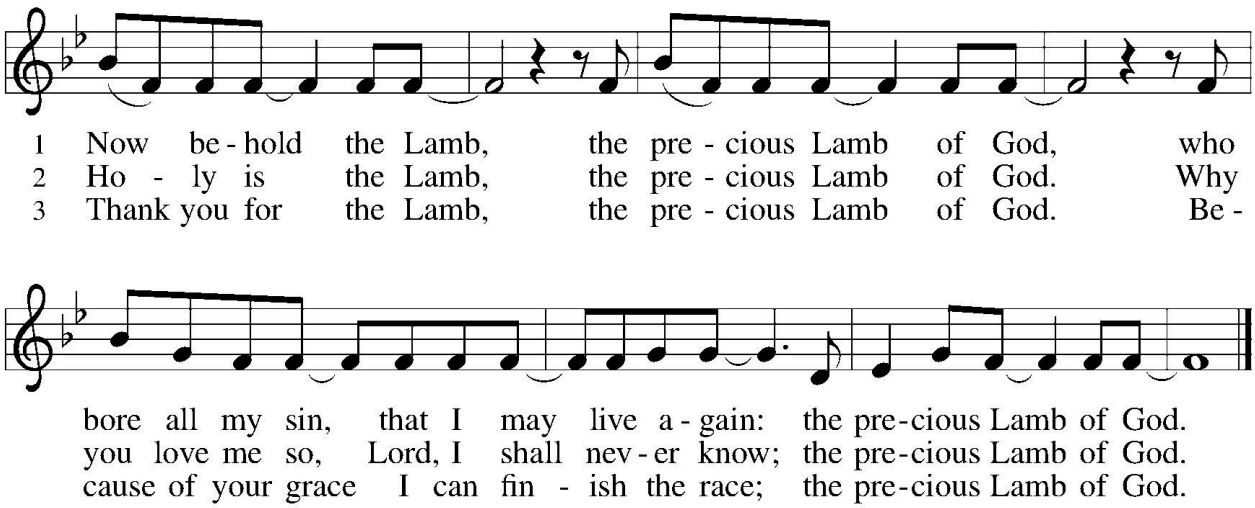
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Eucharistic Prayer

*Lord's Prayer
**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.**

*Lent: Matthew 4:1-4

*Lent Response: Now behold the Lamb



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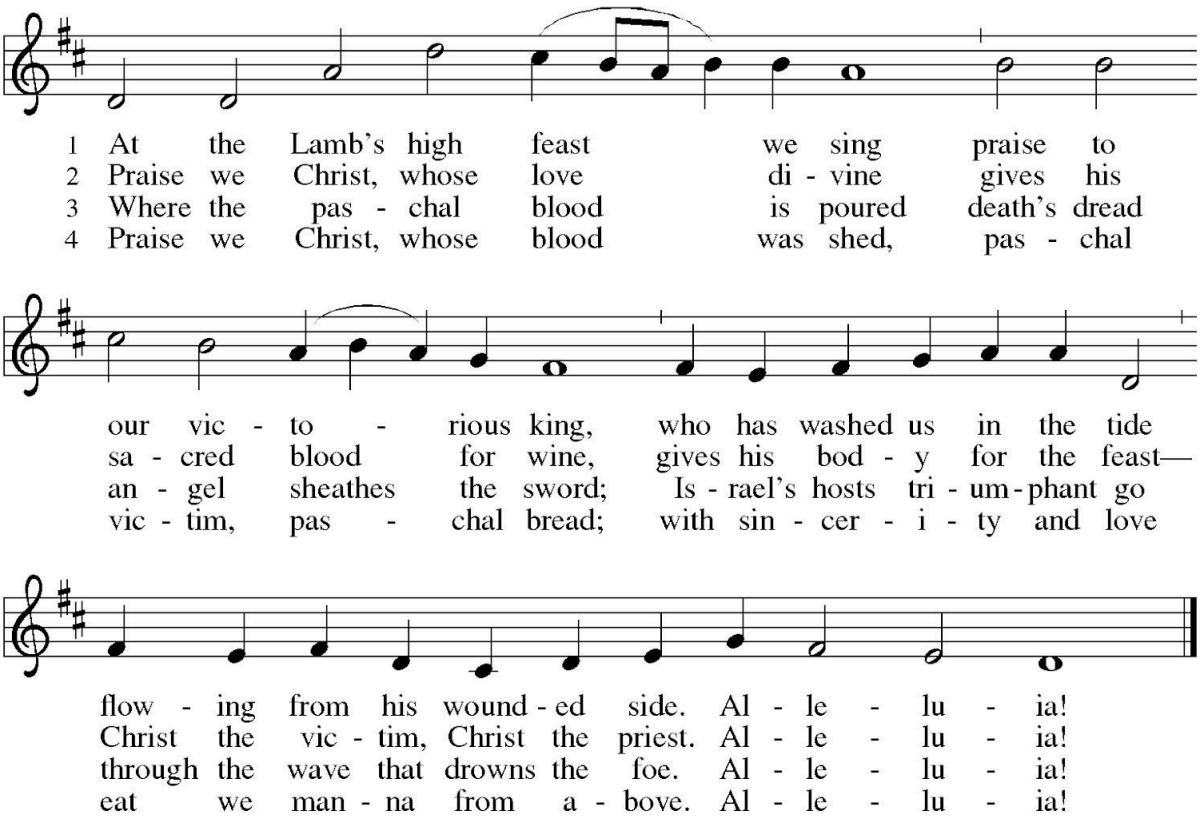
*Easter: Matthew 28:5-8

Communion Hymn:

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



5 Mighty victim from the sky,
hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie;
you have conquered in the fight,
you have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall;
you have opened paradise,
and your saints in you shall rise.
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
newborn souls in you to be.
Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, your name we praise.
Alleluia!

Text: Latin hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–1868, alt.
Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566

*Post-communion prayer

Sending

*Time of the Church: Matthew 10:7-13

*Blessing

*Sending hymn:
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*Dismissal
Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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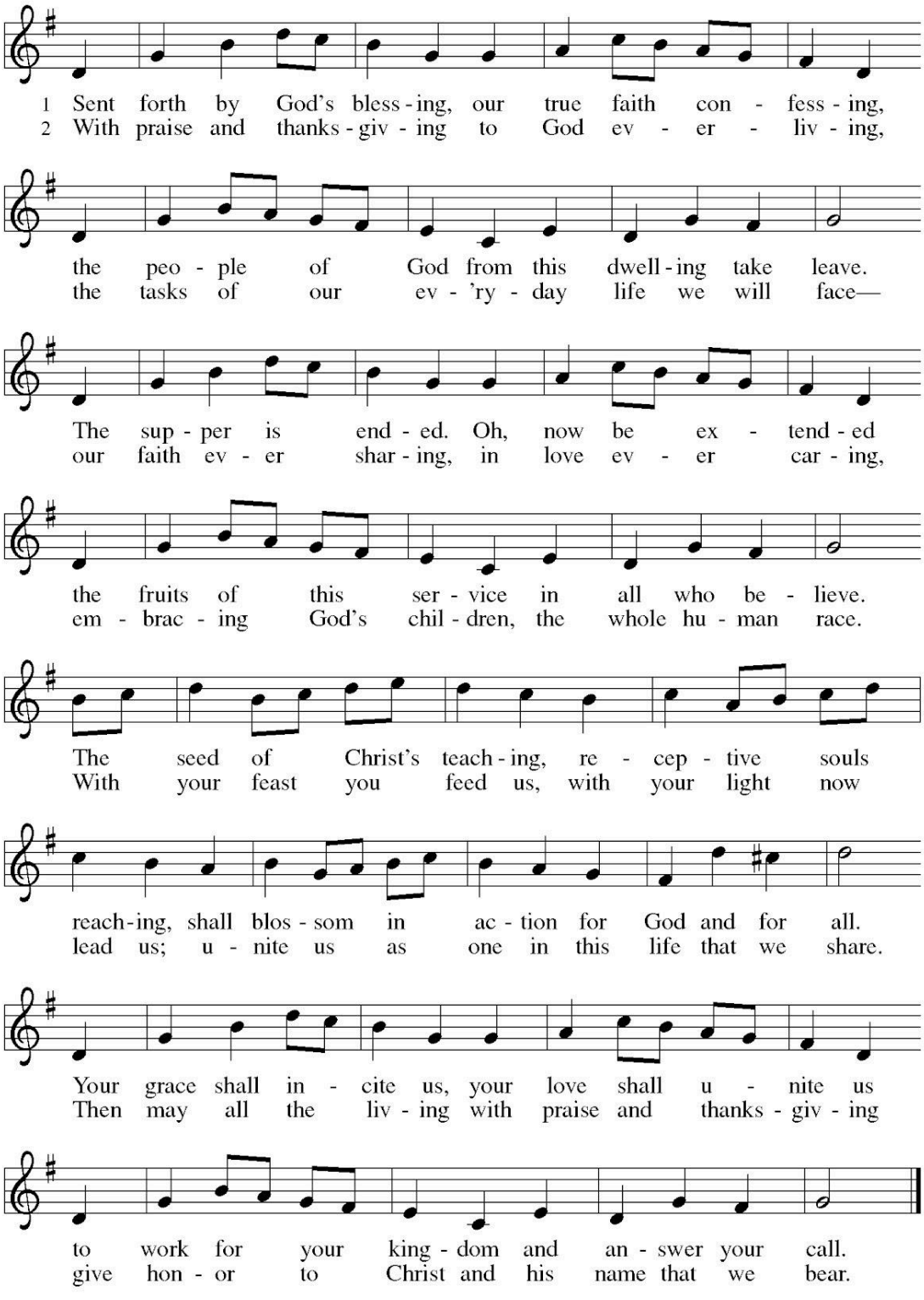

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Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune
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