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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.

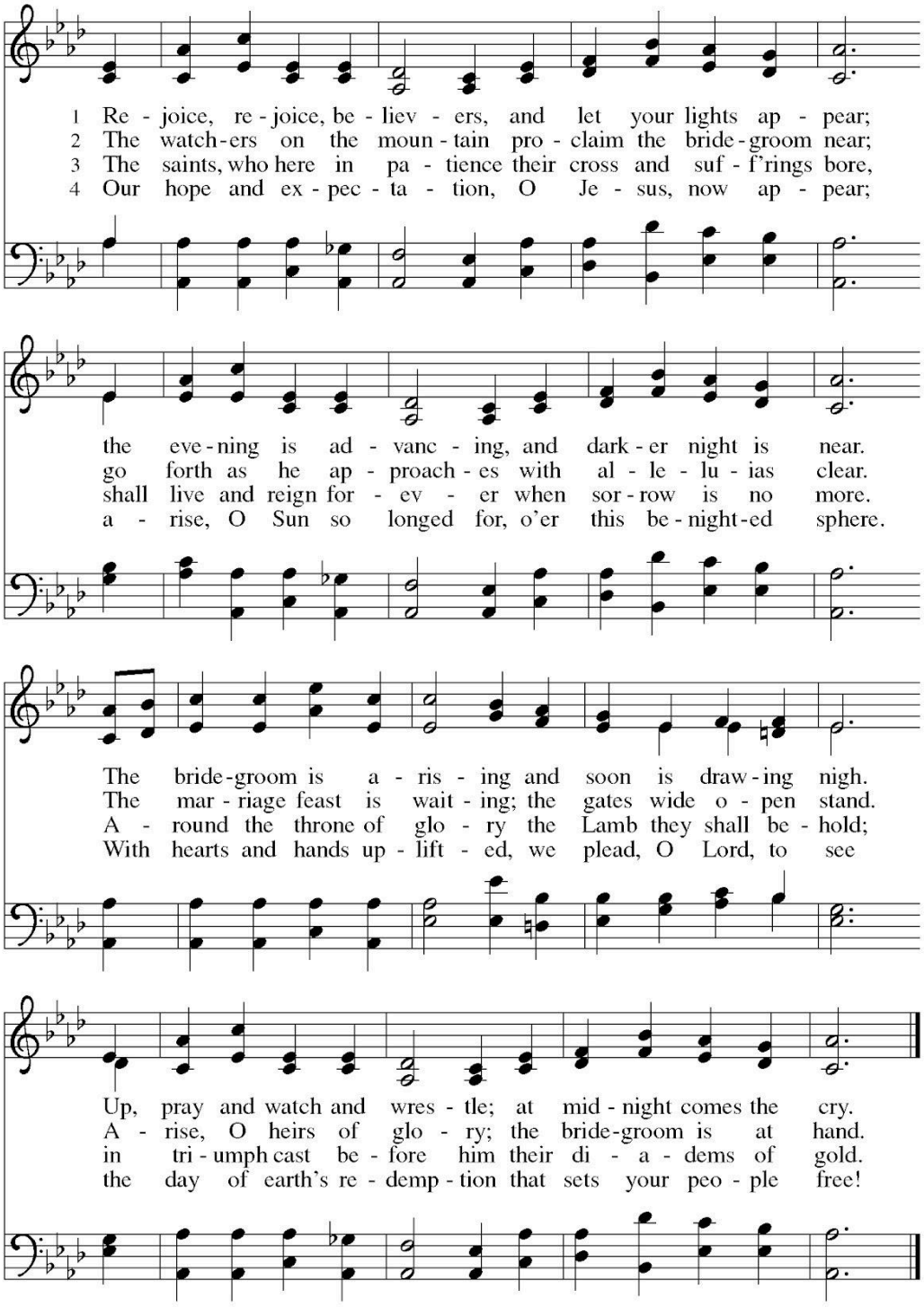
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

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

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



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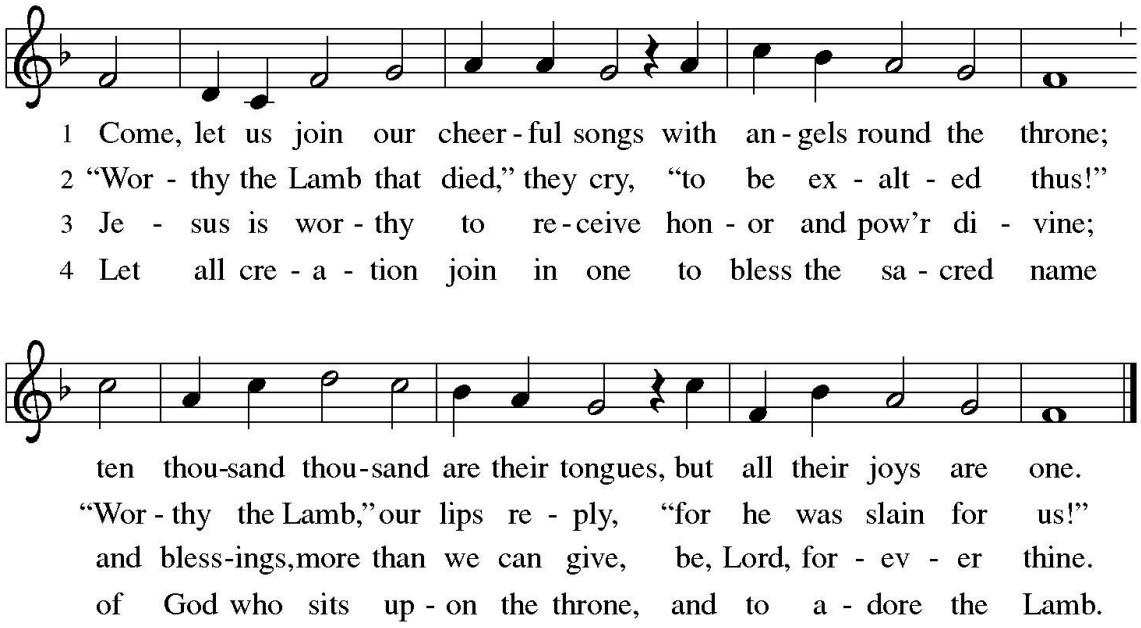
Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

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

*Hymn of Praise



* Prayer of the Day

Word

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

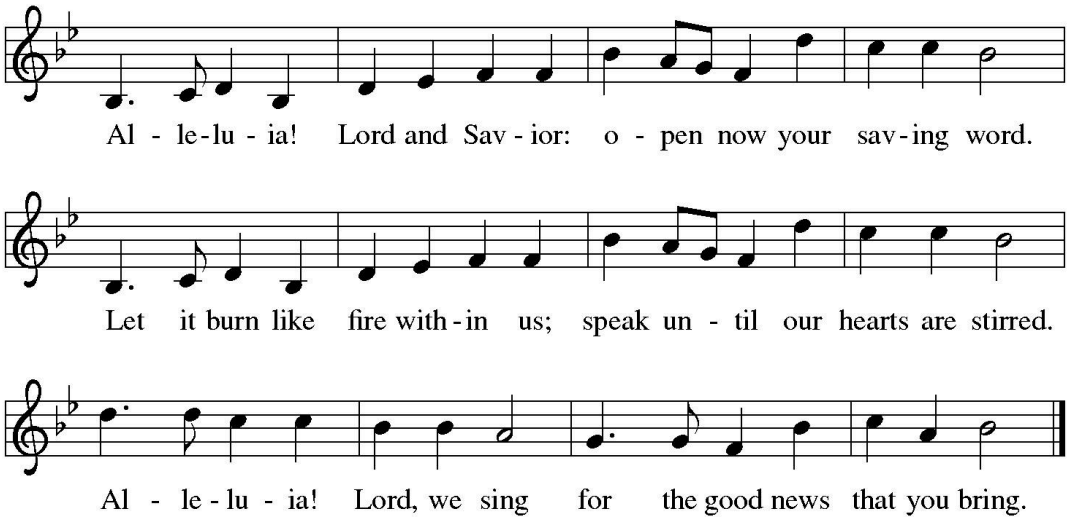
Psalm 70

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver 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 quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



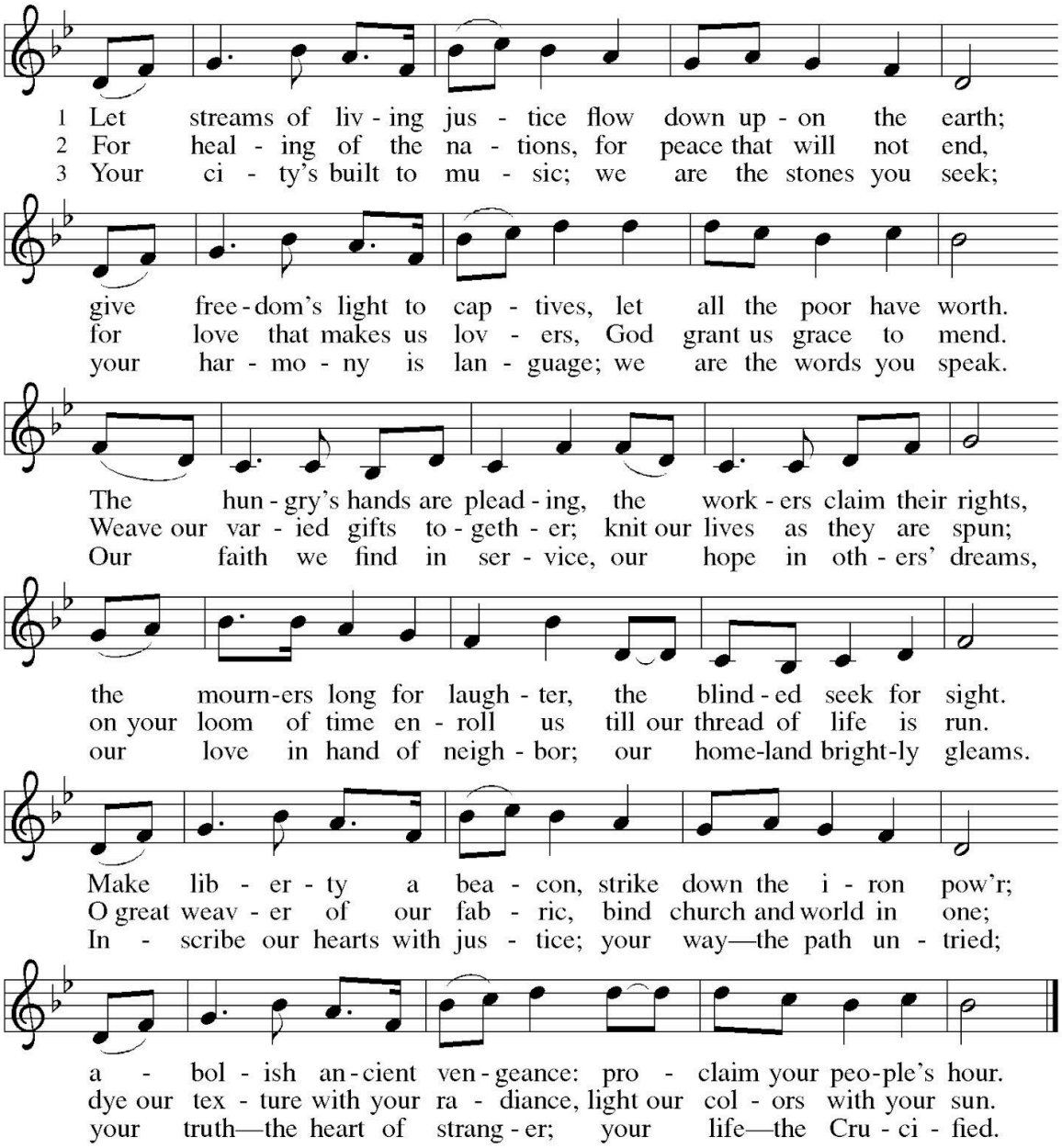
*Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13
The holy Gospel according to...
Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day

Let Streams of Living Justice



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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

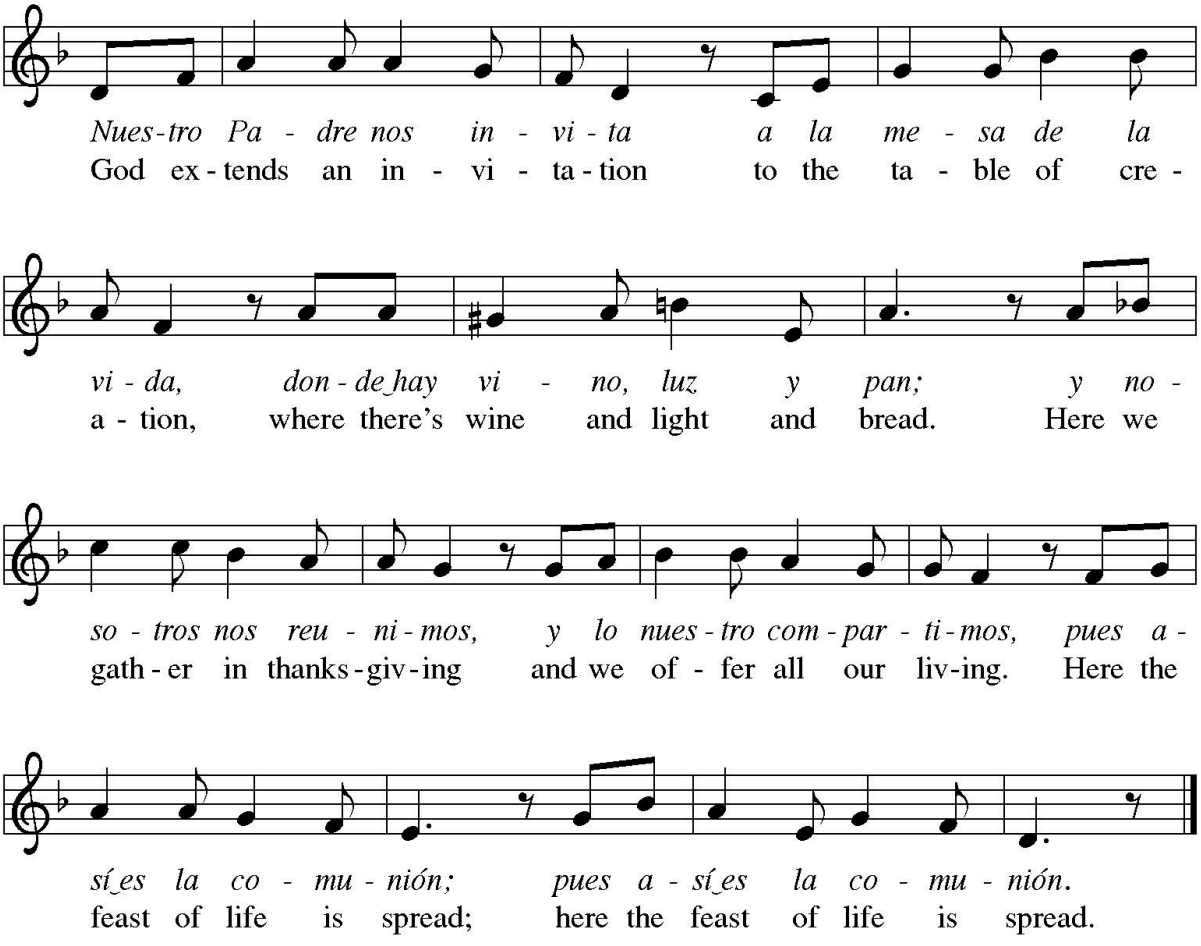
… hear us, O God,
C: your mercy is great.

*Peace

Meal

*Offertory

God Extends an Invitation
Nuestro Padre nos invita



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*Offering Prayer

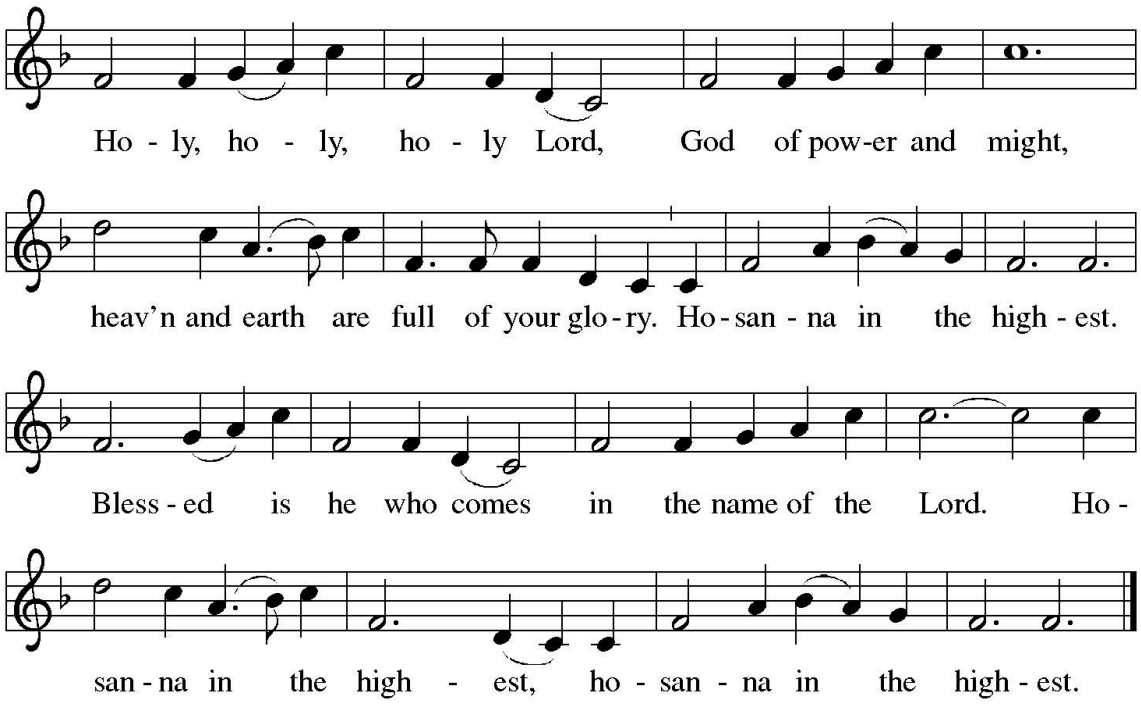
*Great Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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.

It is indeed right… join their unending hymn:

*Sanctus

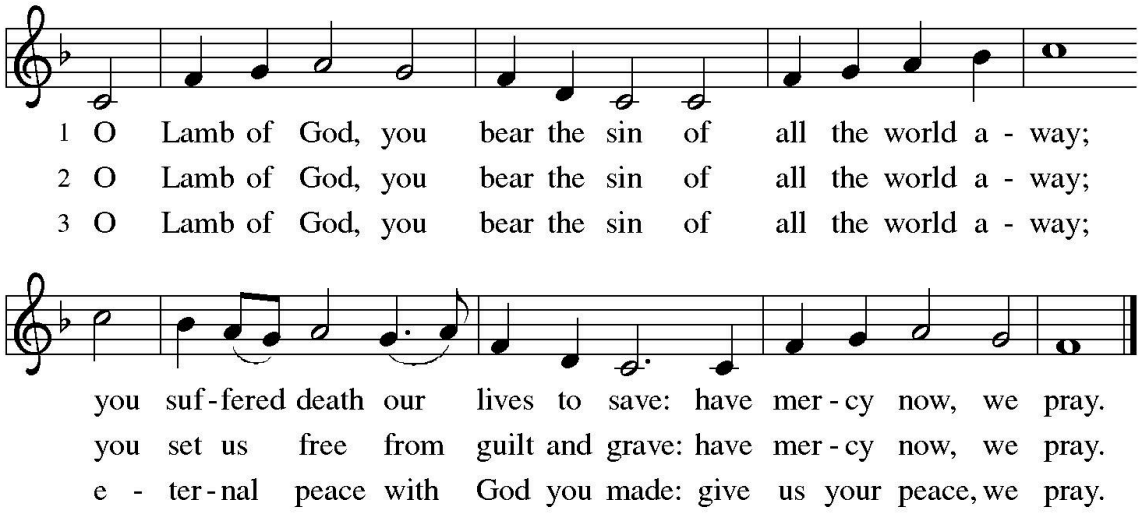


*Eucharistic Prayer

*Lord's Prayer

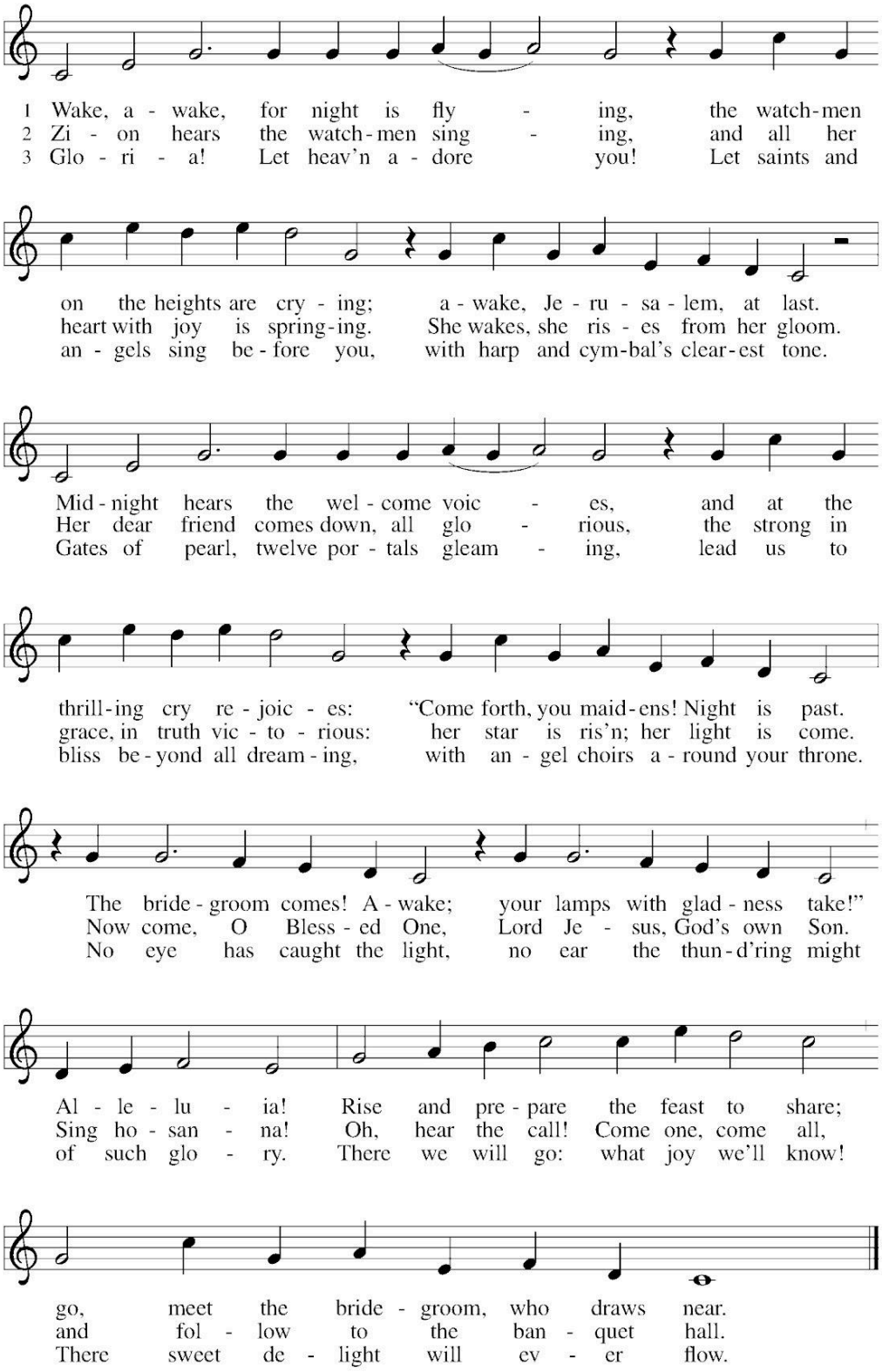
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.

Lamb of God



Communion Hymn

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying



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*Post-communion prayer

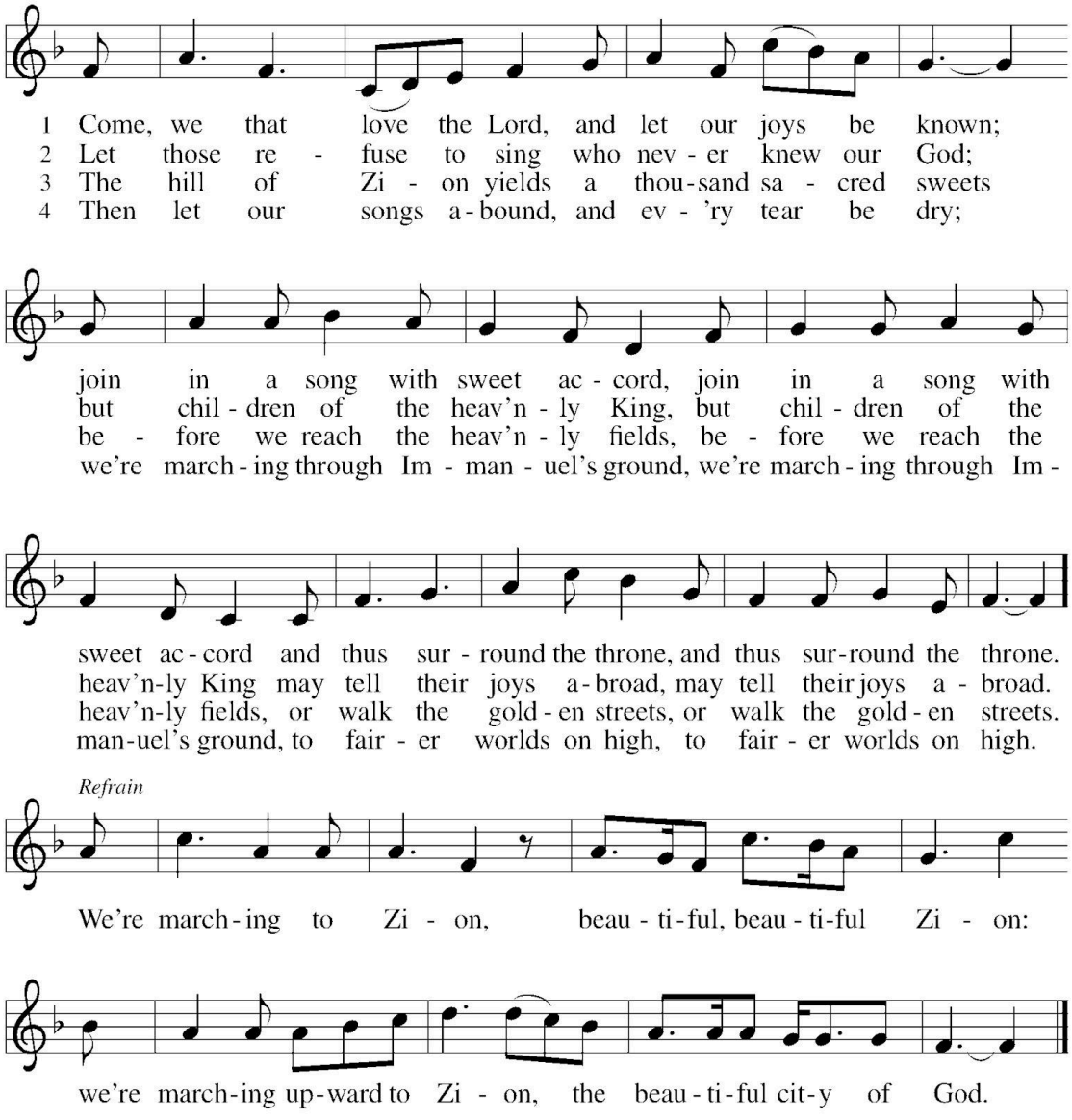
Sending

*Blessing

*Sending hymn:

Come, We That Love the Lord

We're Marching to Zion



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Music: MARCHING TO ZION, Robert Lowry

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

Postlude

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