SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL

Fourth Sunday of Lent
10 March 2013

Worship Notes

In our passage in Luke 9 this morning we encounter the glory of the Lord Jesus as revealed during the transfiguration with Moses and Elijah. We also see Peter's impulsive desire to worship but his lack of understanding regarding all that he sees. Our **Call to Worship** comes from **Psalms 29 and 105** as we ascribe glory and strength to the Lord and that is due His name. We continue by singing **Glory Be to God the Father.**

The Nicene Creed is followed by the hymn **O Shine Upon Us Lord** which is a lyric about the transfiguration and the prayer that the Lord would shine upon us, displaying himself such that our hearts would burn within us with the wonders of grace.

Our second **Communion Hymn** is again **Rise Up In Early Morning**—our practice for Easter of a wonderful hymn of the resurrection. Our final hymn, **Psalm 138: I Will Give You Thanks and Praise You,** is a song of praise for He has displayed His Word through His glory.

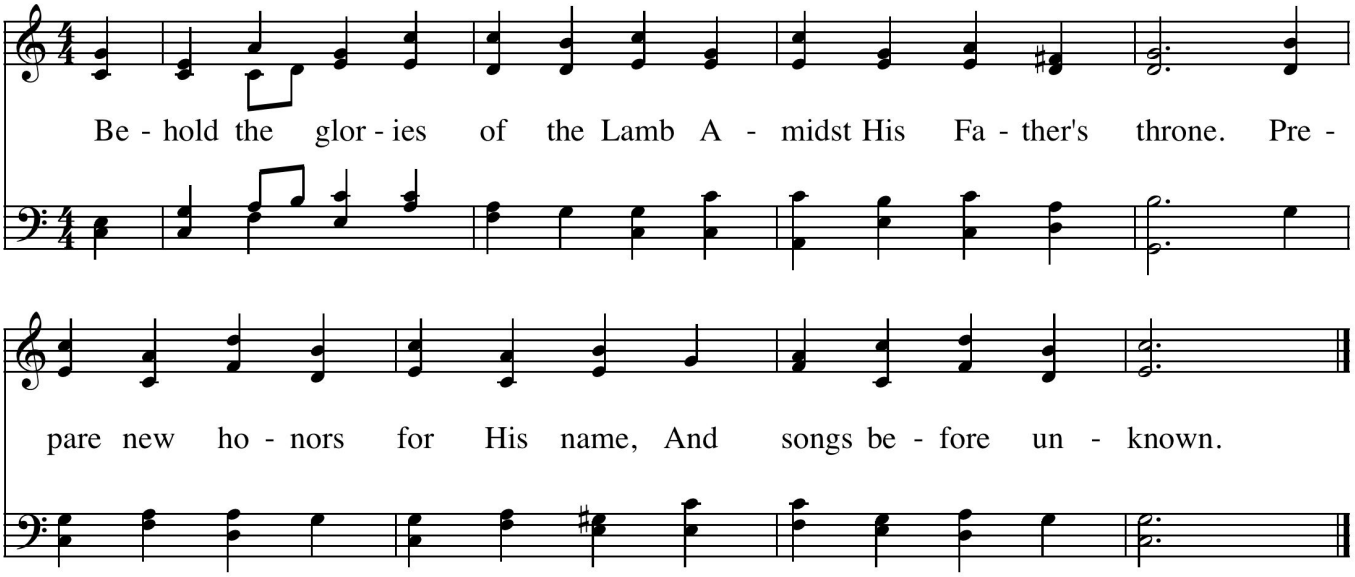
—*Greg Wilbur*

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

It is God Himself who calls His people to worship. We do not call ourselves, but it is the King who opens His gates and beckons us into his courts.

Announcements, Preparation & Prelude

Introit—Behold the Glories of the Lamb, Vs 1



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Call to Worship—Psalm 29:1-2 & Psalm 105:1-4

Pastor: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

All: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

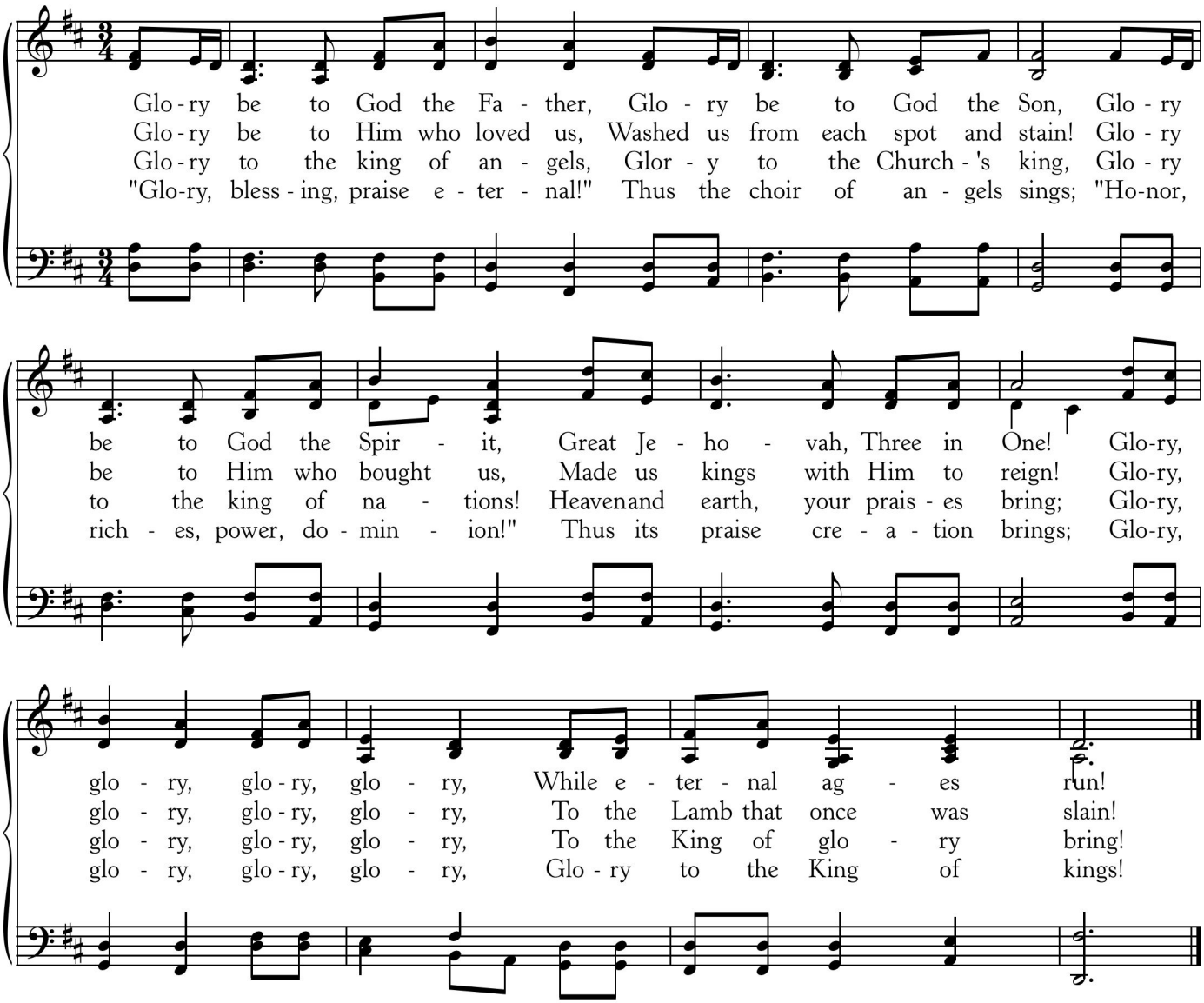
All: Make known his deeds among the peoples!

Pastor: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

All: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Pastor: Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

Hymn of Praise—Glory be to God the Father



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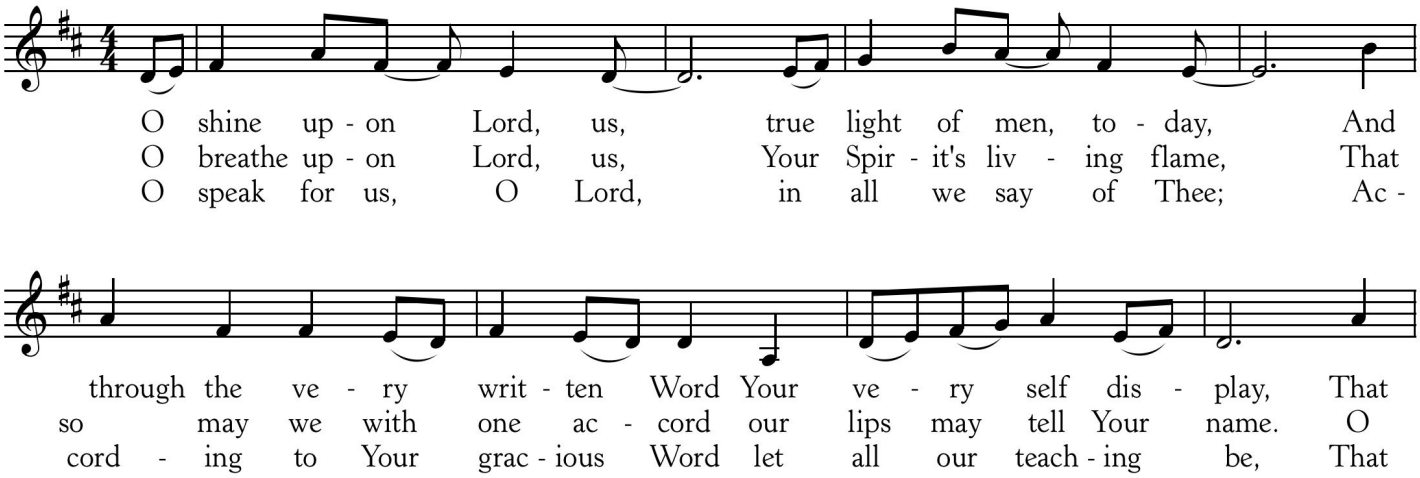
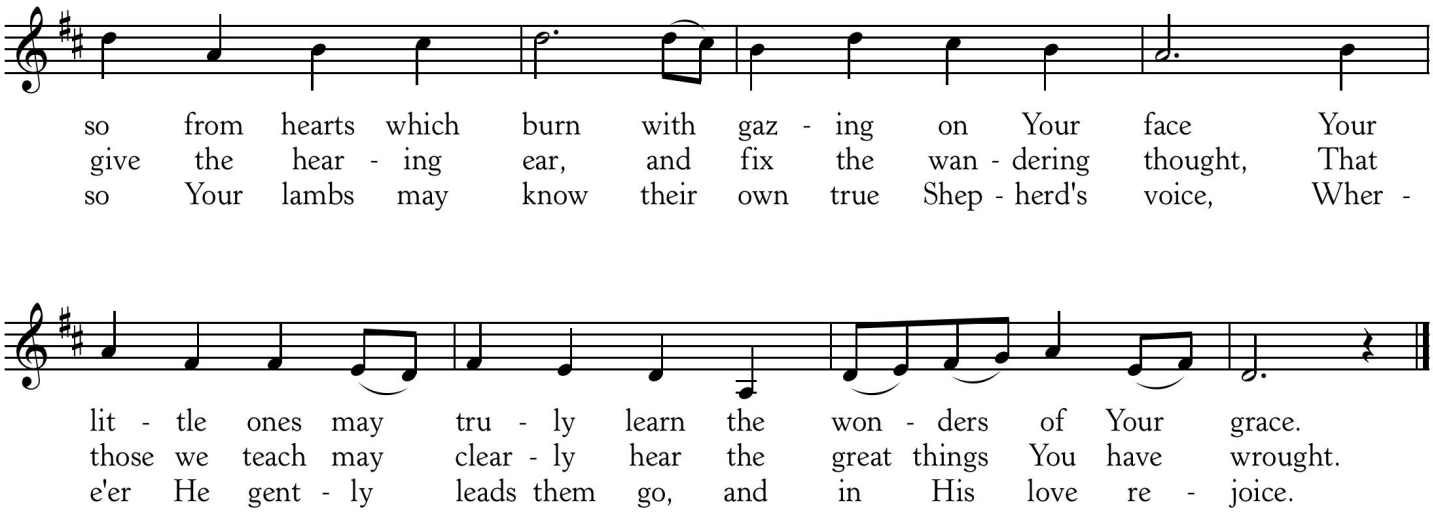
Profession of Faith—The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
Very God of Very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made;
who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man,
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered, died, and was buried.
On the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven,
and now sits on the right hand of the Father.
And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead,
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And we believe in one holy and apostolic Church, both visible and invisible.
We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

Hymn of Praise—O Shine Upon Us Lord





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The Reading of the Word—Luke 9:28-36

28 Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up
on the mountain to pray. 29 And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his
clothing became dazzling white. 30 And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah,
31 who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.
32 Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake
they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. 33 And as the men were parting from him,
Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one
for Moses and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. 34 As he was saying these things, a cloud
came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. 35 And a voice came out
of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!" 36 And when the voice had
spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what
they had seen.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon—The Gospel of Luke, Part 40

Beholding the Glory of Jesus Christ —Nate Shurden, Pastor

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE, AND RECONCILIATION

The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Corporate Confession of Sin

Father God, You are holy and we long for Your glory to be over all the earth (Ps 57:5). You make known to us the mystery of Your will which You set forth in Christ to unite all things in Him—things in heaven and things on earth—in the fullness of time (Eph 1:9-10). But like Peter, in our haste and pride, we miss the full implications of Your glory.

Pastor: Father God, listen to the prayers of Your people.
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Holy Jesus, Incarnate Lord, we have seen Your glory, glory as of the only Son of the Father, for You became flesh and dwelt among us full of grace and truth (Jn 1:14). You have been counted worthy of more glory that Moses—as faithful over God's house as a Son (Heb 3:1-6). May we, like Moses, be faithful in all God's house as a servant.

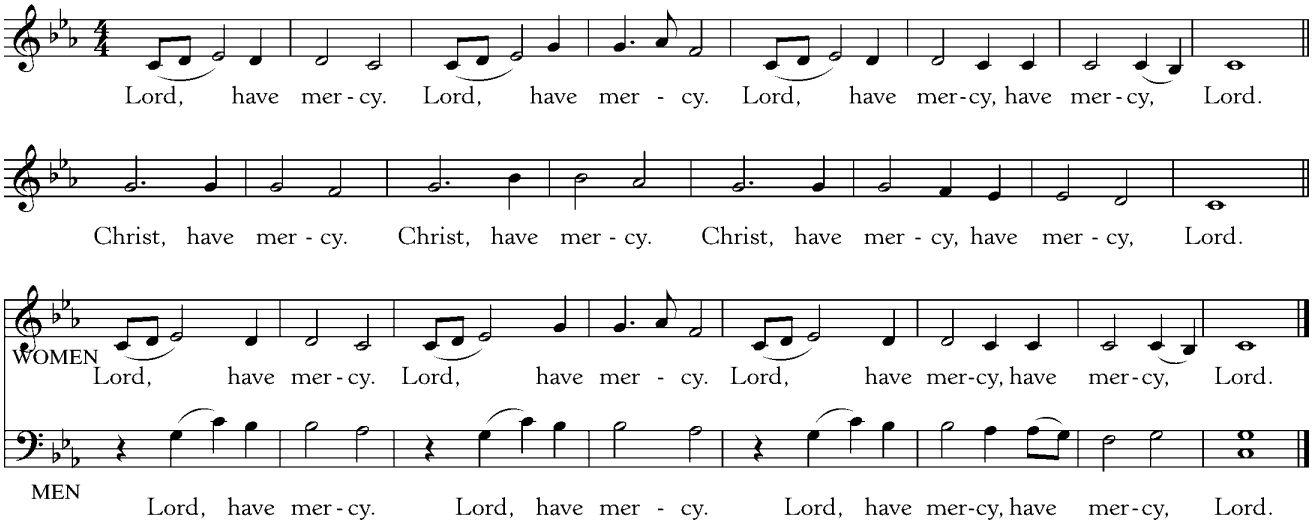
Pastor: Lord Jesus, listen to the prayers of Your people.
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit, we long for the day when we sing the song of Moses which is also the song of the Lamb—"Great and amazing are Your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty…Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy" (Rev 15:3-4). Keep us from stumbling and present us blameless before Your presence with great joy and to You alone be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever (Jude 1:24-25).

Pastor: Holy Spirit, listen to the prayers of Your people.
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Sung Response—Lord, Have Mercy



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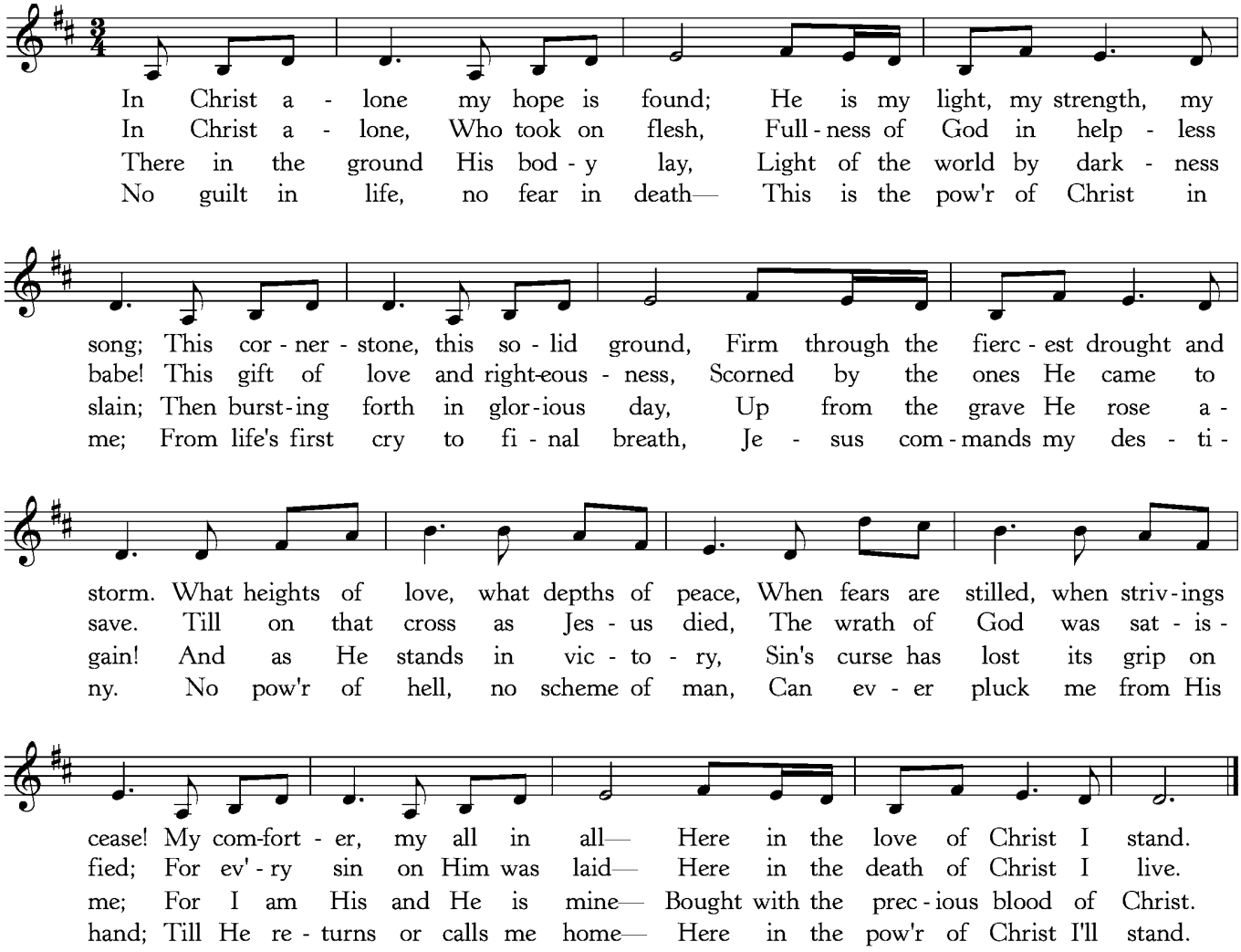
Assurance of Pardon—from Colossians 3:1-4

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Hymn of Praise—In Christ Alone



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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

God offers to His people the gift of communion with Him through the grace of the sacrament and we respond in thanksgiving.

Sursum Corda

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

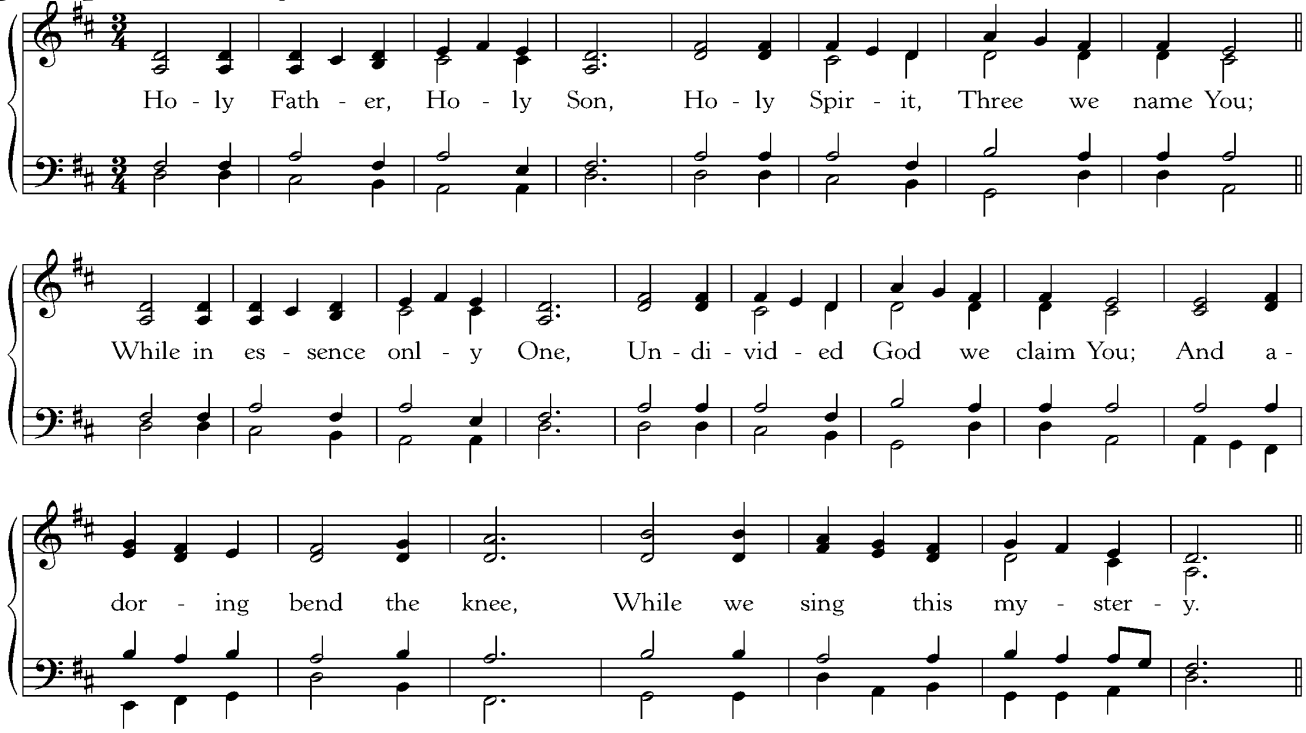
People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Sung Response—Holy God We Praise Your Name, Vs 4



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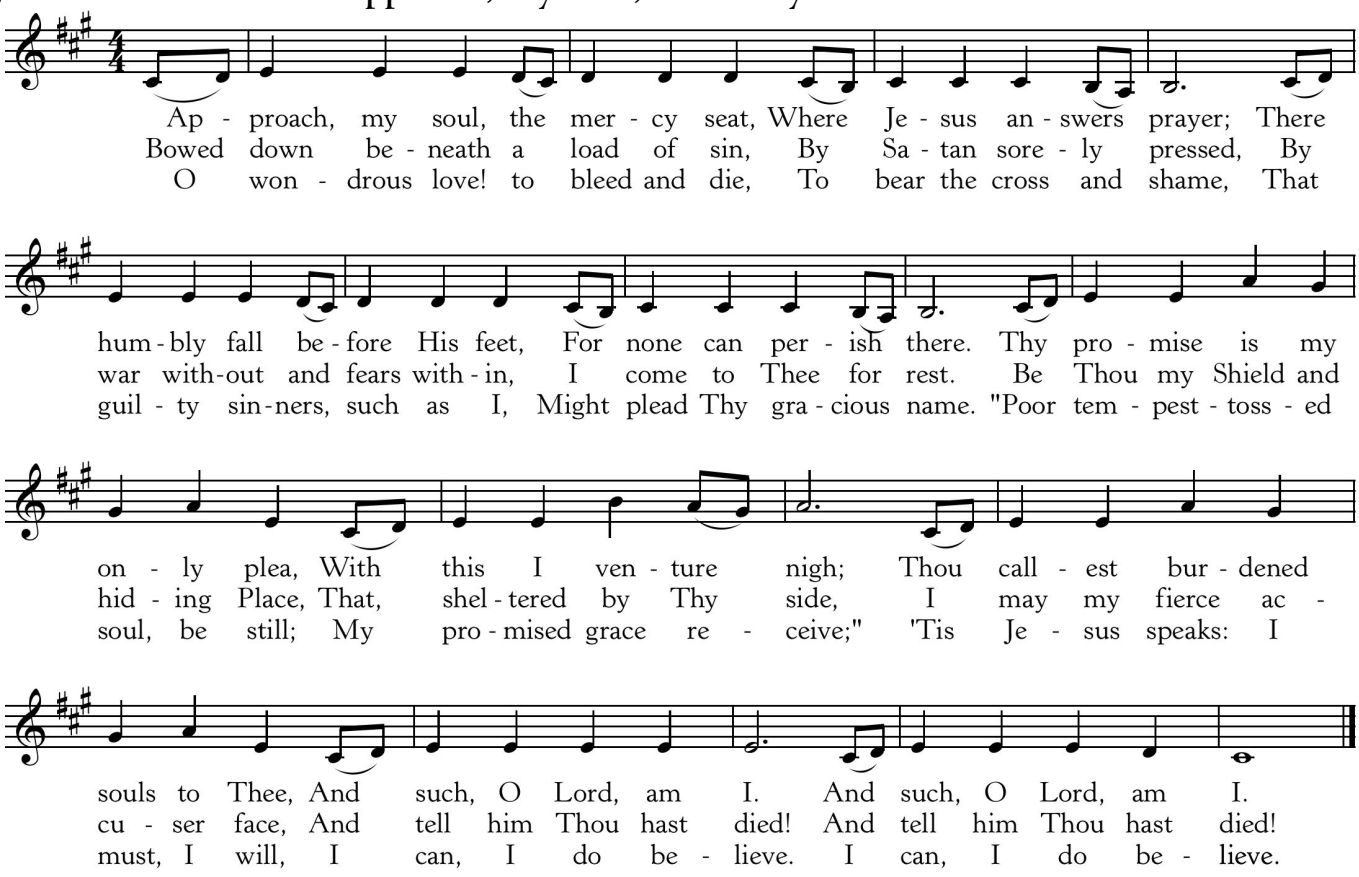
Words of Institution and the Lord's Table

Having confessed our sins and made a good profession of faith, God's Table is open to all those "faithfully-fenced" members of the covenant community. Please come forward to partake of this means of grace. You may take the bread at the first table and then proceed to either side for the wine/grape juice.

Hymn of Communion—Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat



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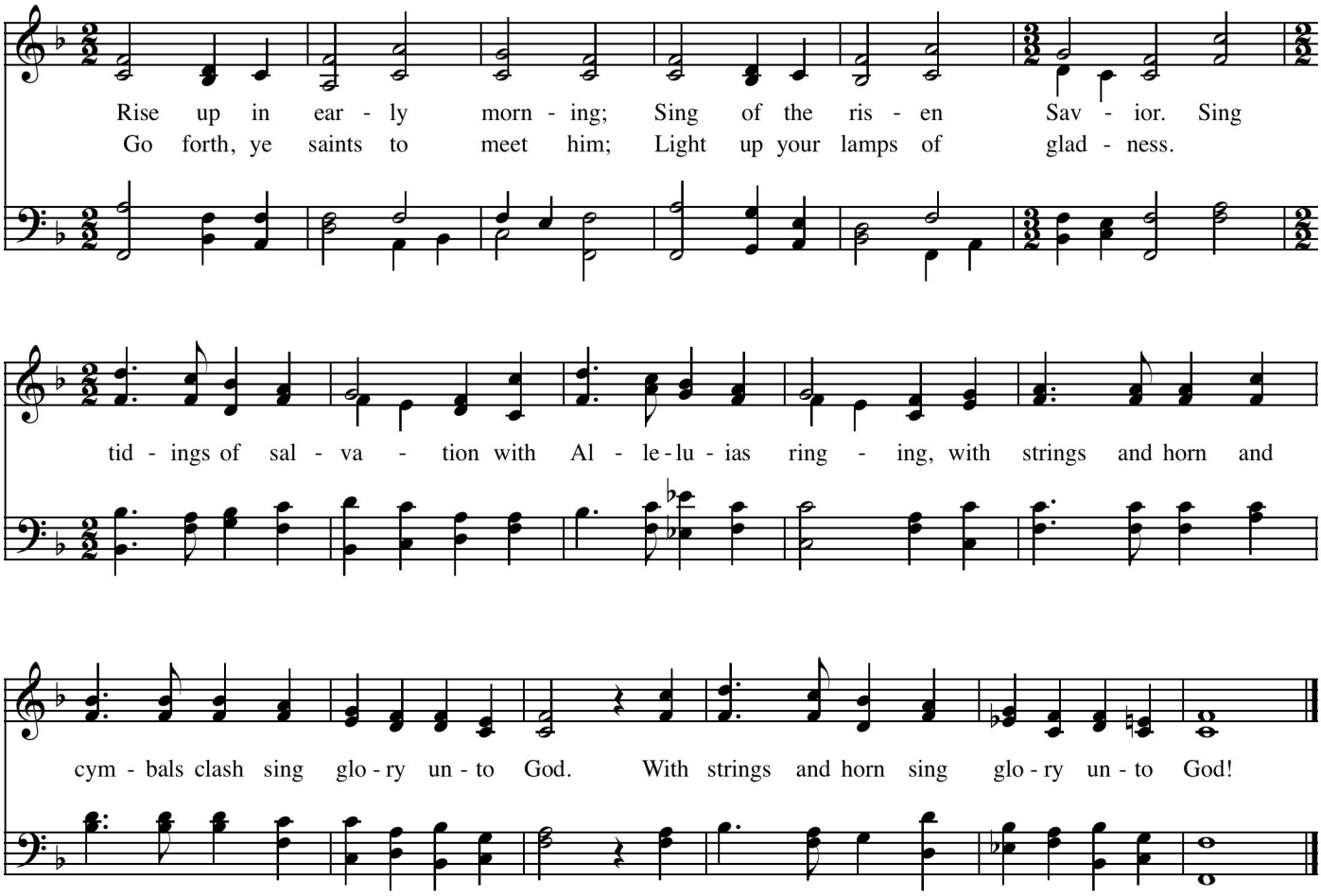
Hymn of Easter—Rise Up in Early Morning



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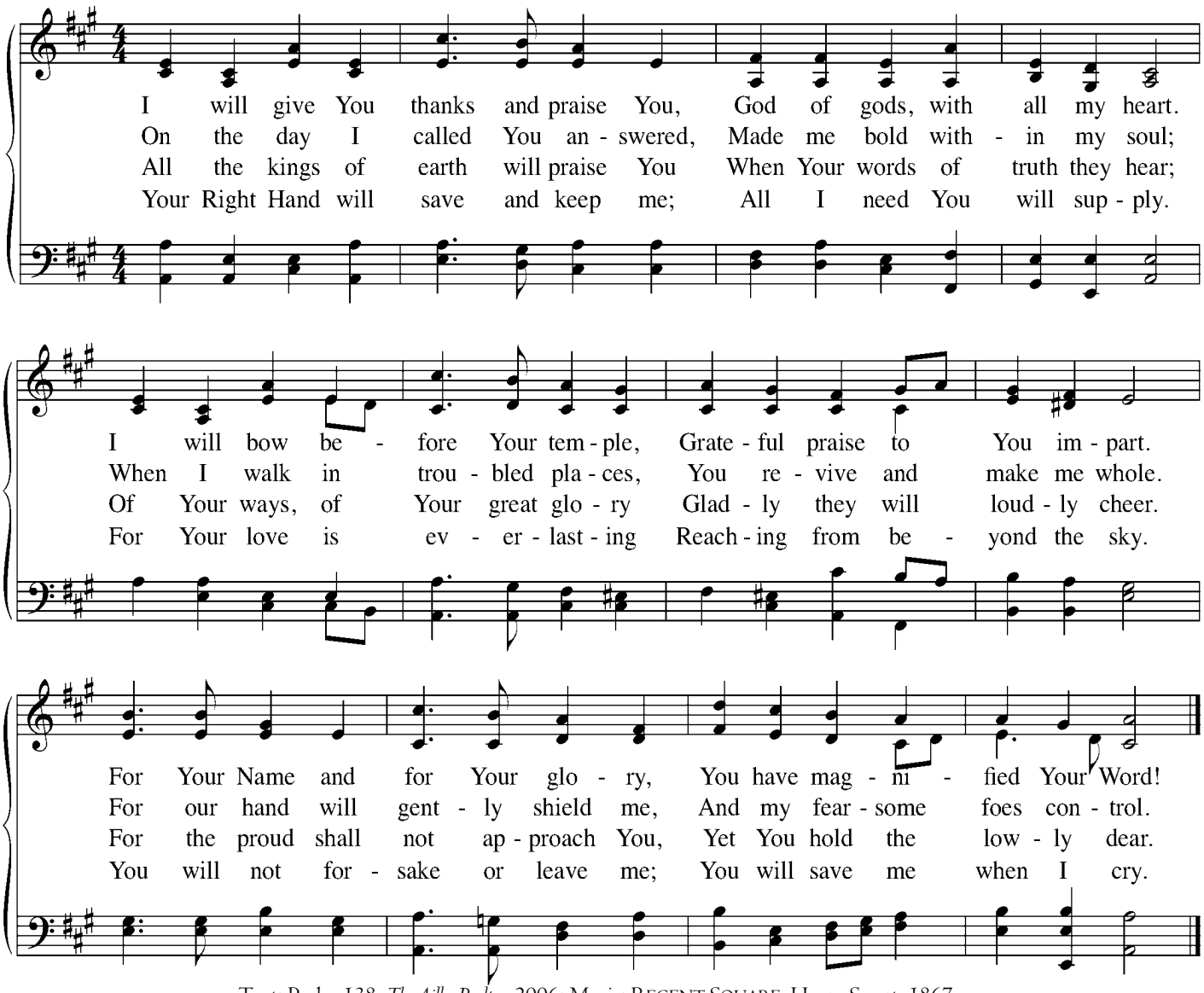
GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

Hymn of Praise—Psalm 138: I Will Give You Thanks and Praise You



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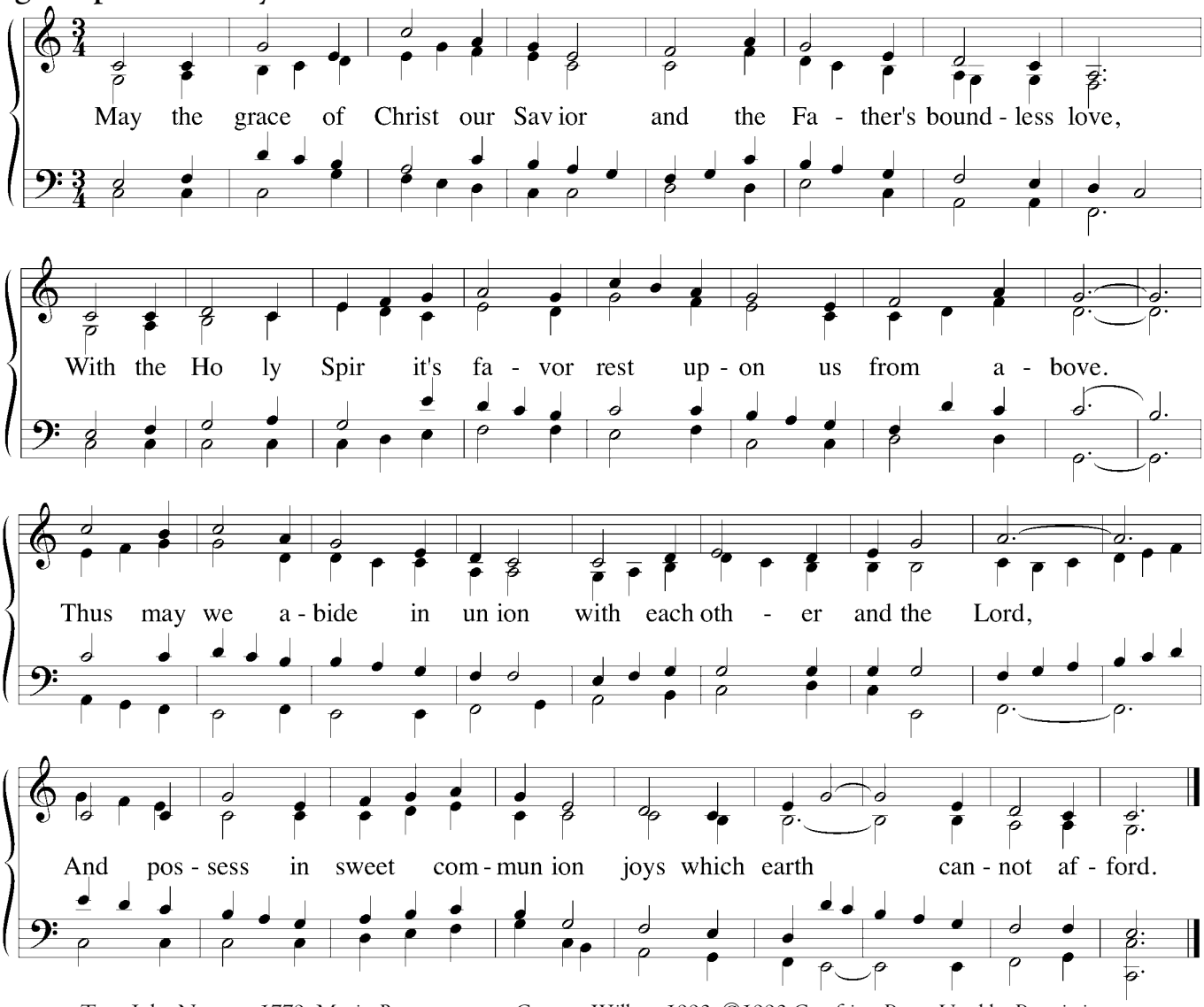
GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Benediction— from II Corinthians 3:18

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. *Amen.*

Sung Response—May the Grace of Christ Our Savior



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Randy Allen, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays 5:30 p.m., Brook's house.

Chuck Emerson, 2nd and 4th Sundays 5:00 p.m., Steffens' house.

Cy Fenton, Sundays after church, Fentons or Hensleys.

Stacy McGuire, Sundays after church, upstairs at Cornerstone.

Greg Wilbur & Matt Michaud, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays at 5:30 p.m., Wilbur's house.

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