24th Sunday after Pentecost **November 7 & 8, 2026**

Introduction to the day
Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the Lamb.
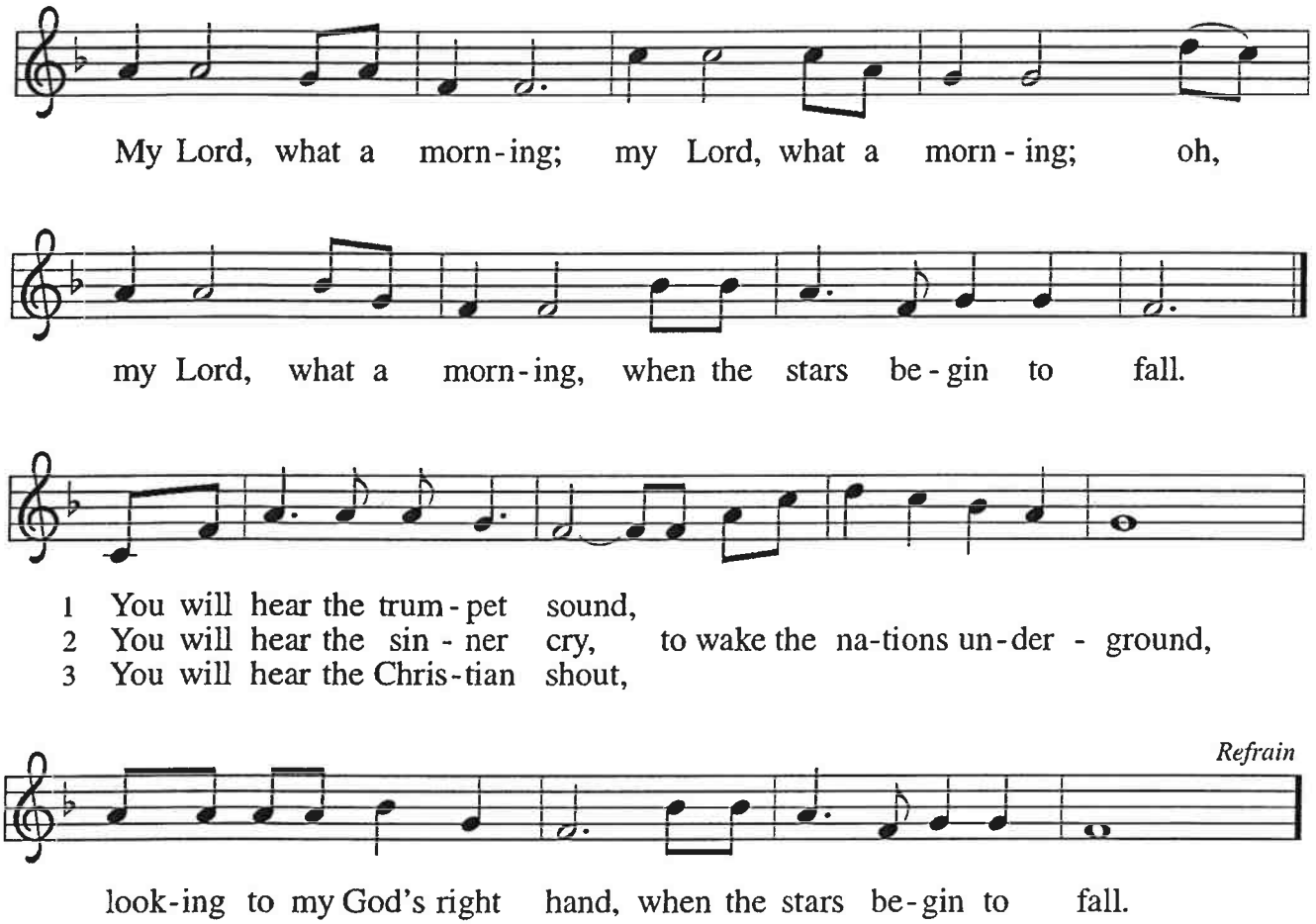
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ACS p. 8)
Blessed be the holy Trinity,
☩ one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us
and all of creation.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
To you, O God,
all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of ☩ Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG ***My Lord, What a Morning*** **(ELW 438)**
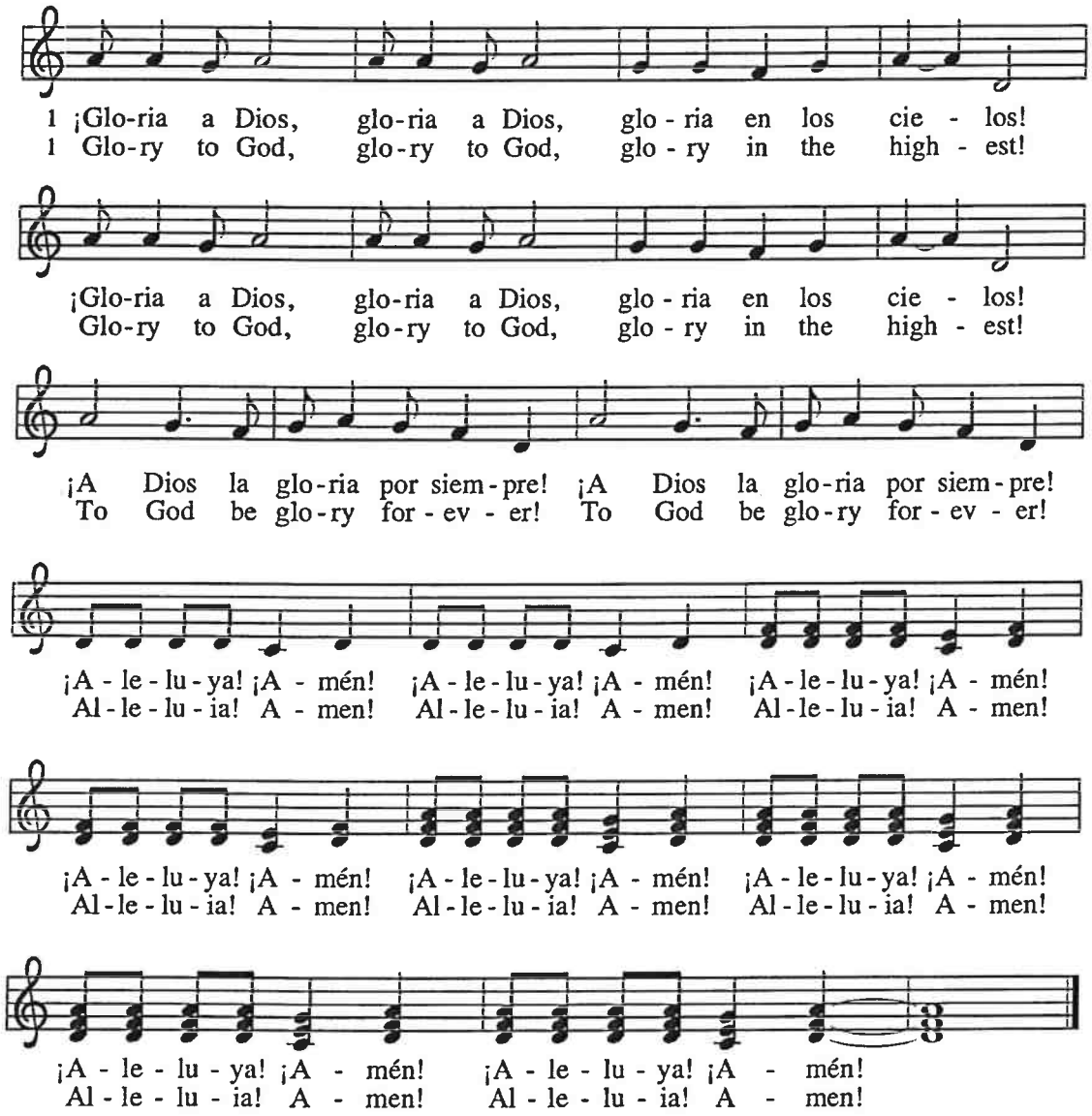


Text: African American spiritual
Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual

(11:00) BAPTISM

GREETING

Christ has called us to this place,
gathered one and all by his Holy Spirit
We are followers of Christ
who seek to hear the Word,
live the Word, and share the Word.
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ACS p. 12)



2 Glory to God,
glory to God,
glory to Christ Jesus!

2 ¡Gloria a Dios,
gloria a Dios,
gloria a Jesucristo!

3 Glory to God,
glory to God,
glory to the Spirit!

3 ¡Gloria a Dios,
gloria a Dios,
gloria al Espíritu!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC
5:30
8:30 Praise Team
11:00 Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24
In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

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.
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 70
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry. *(Ps. 70:5)*

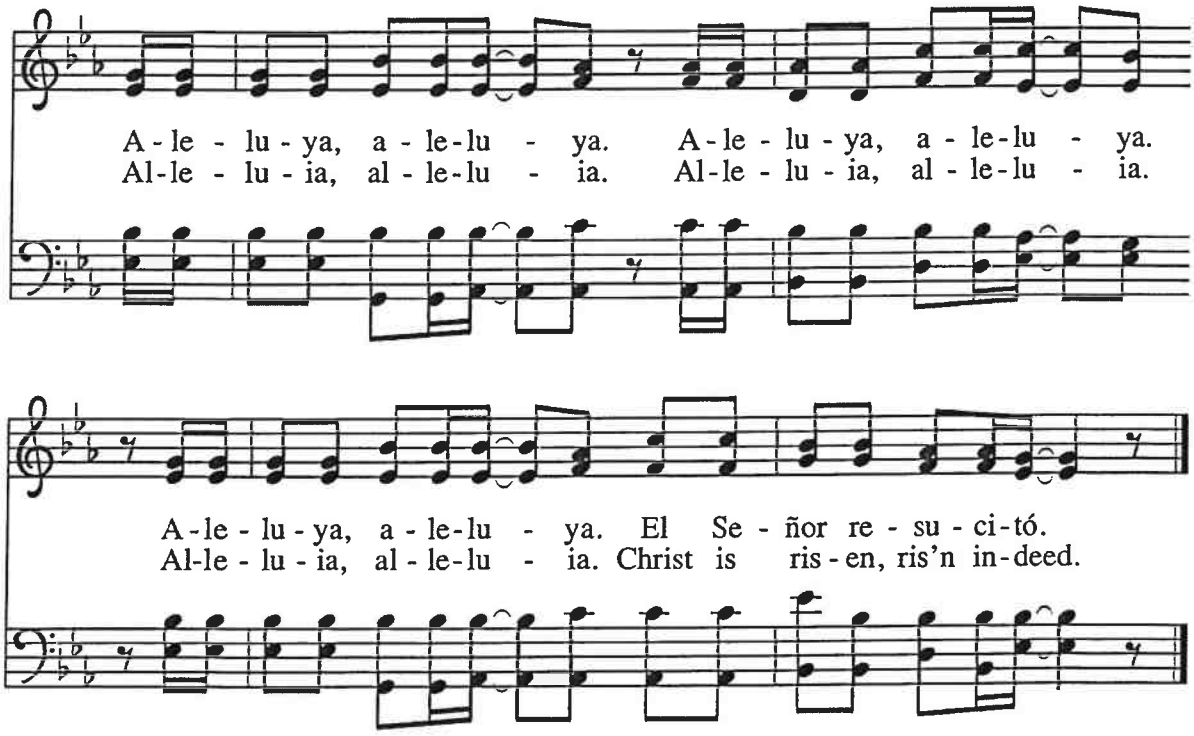
1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O LORD, make haste to help me.
2 **Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;**
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.
4 **Let all 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

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

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 and 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.
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ACS p. 14)



GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13
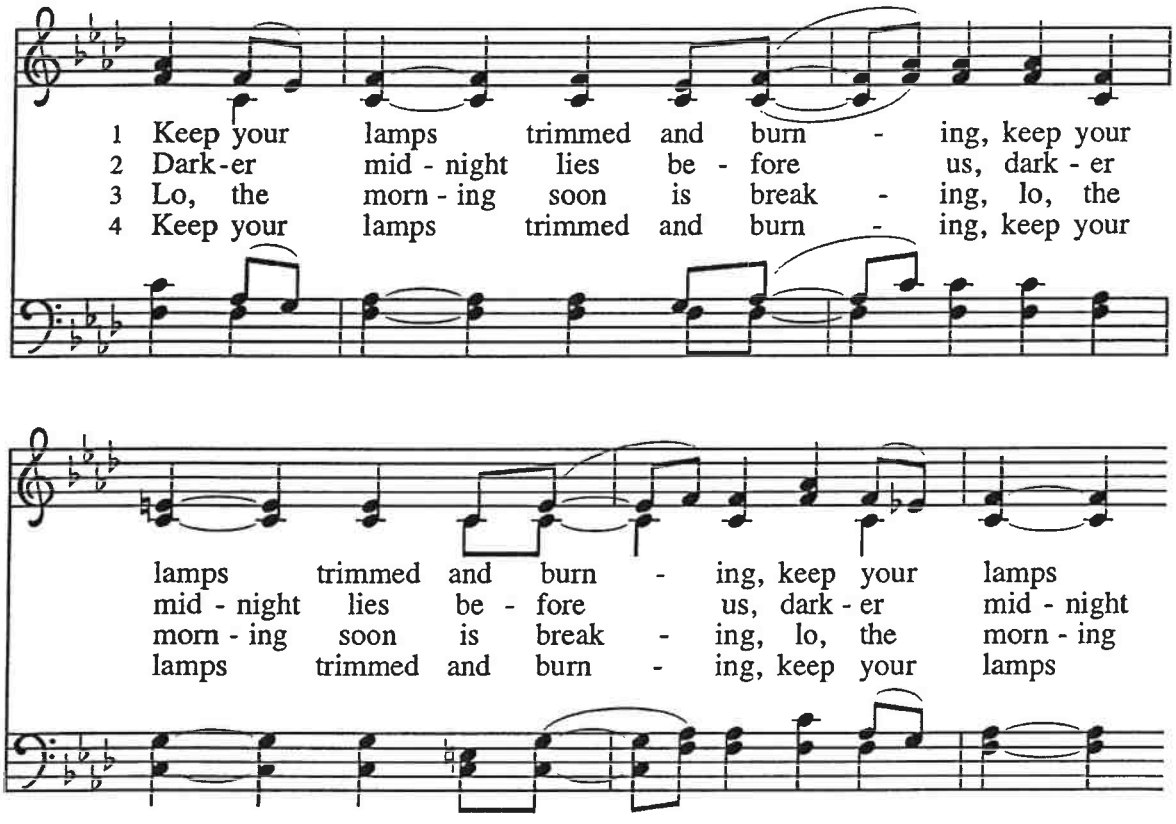
The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
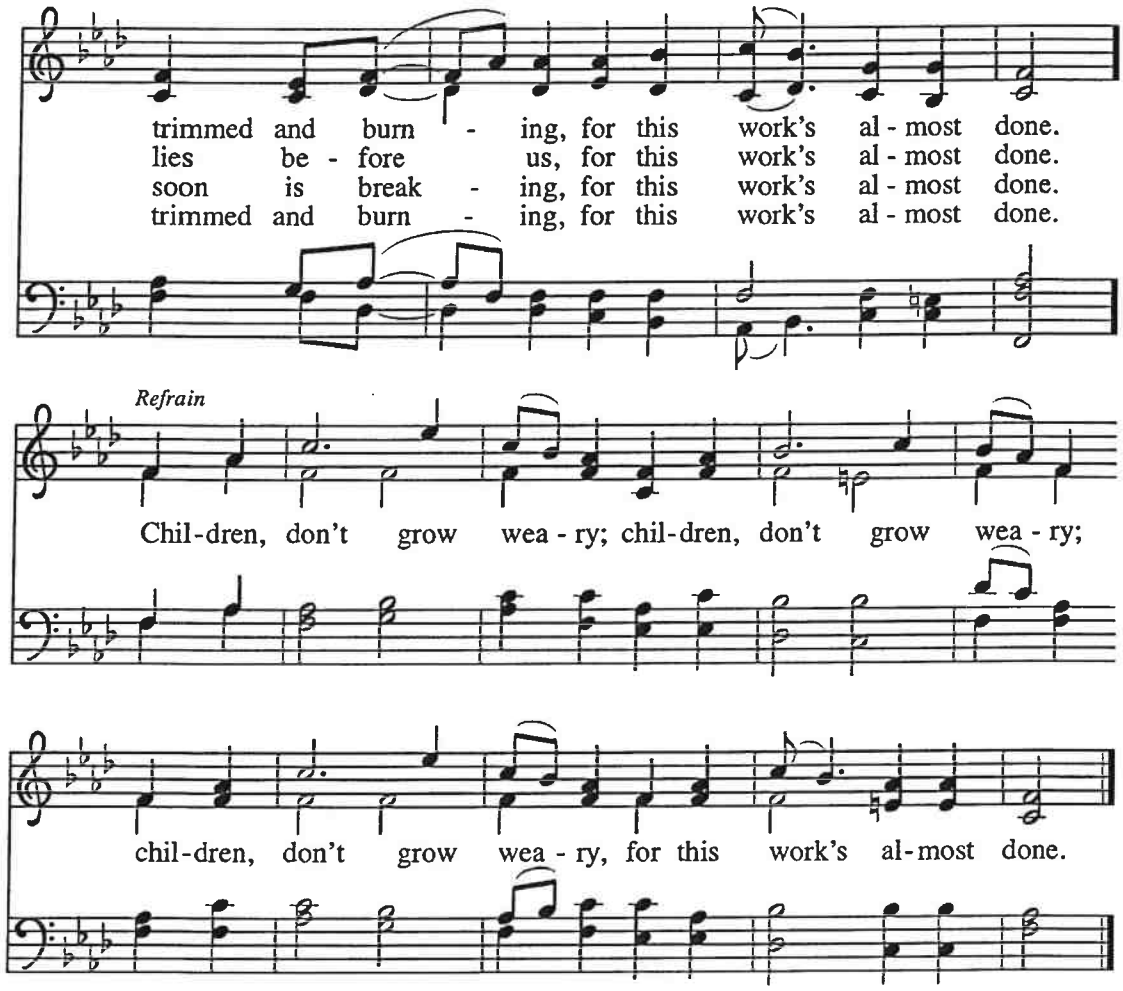
Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

[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."
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Pr. Celeste

HYMN OF THE DAY ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*** **(ACS 949)**





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

(5:30 & 8:30)
At our 11:00 worship service, we will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Baptism for Penelope June. I ask you, people of God, if you promise to support Penelope and pray for her in her new life in Christ. If so, answer **"We do."**
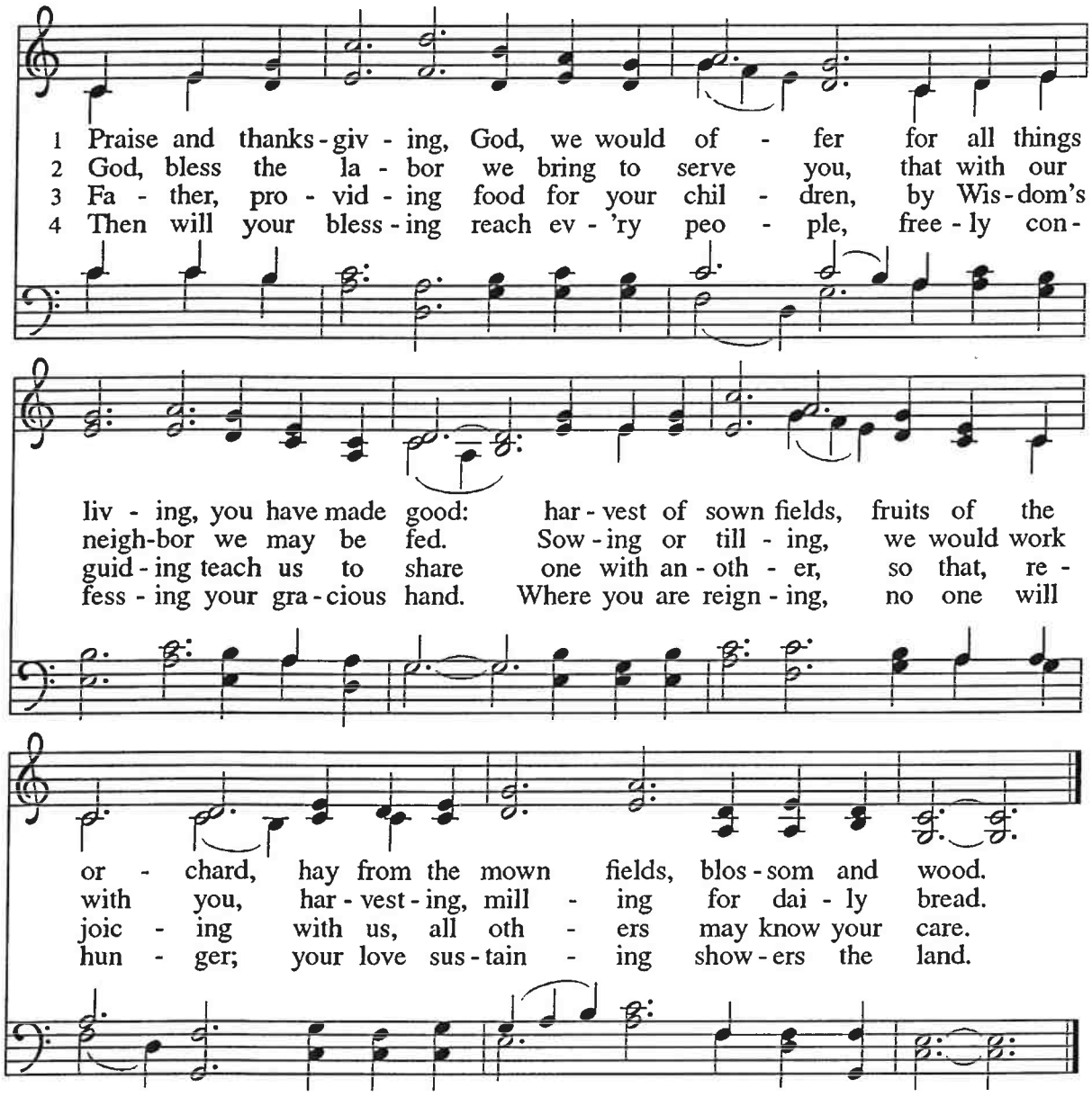
(5:30 & 8:30) APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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

PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

Praise and Thanksgiving **(ELW 689)**



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Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version
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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Gracious God, you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, growth in grace, and fruitful labor. Accept the first fruits of time and toil, field and orchard we offer here. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and the care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

You illumine the church with the hope of your new day. Prepare our hearts and minds for the inbreaking of your kingdom, that we might awaken to your transforming love at work all around us. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You create and sustain the earth's natural rhythms so that all life might thrive. Show us the wisdom and wonder of nature's balance; make us careful stewards of our common home. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You make justice roll down in all places and among all nations. Encourage all who protect vulnerable communities and help rebuild in the aftermath of conflict (*relief ministries or organizations may be named*). Uphold veterans and those who care for them. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You hasten to heal our wounds and make whole what is broken. Comfort individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing uncertain treatment options. (*We pray especially for . . .*)

Mel Satnan, Stephany Sanborn, Sophia Danker Christensen, Bill & Becky Taylor, Greg Reinders, Ladonna Jeffrey, Patricia Minchin, Andrea Saar, Bruce Anderson, Jamie Lang, Cheryl Dekker, Austin Walters, Mary Gittins

God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You give rest to weary hearts and bodies. As the days grow shorter in the north, help us to move more slowly and intentionally through our days, honoring the need for quiet and stillness. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You welcome those who have come before us in faith into the joys of heaven. Sustain us by your grace and guide us into the promise of everlasting life. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We ask your blessing on those who do the quiet, unseen and seen work of Christian education – Sunday School and Confirmation teachers and mentors, Adult Study leaders, youth group, Vacation Bible School staff. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

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

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER
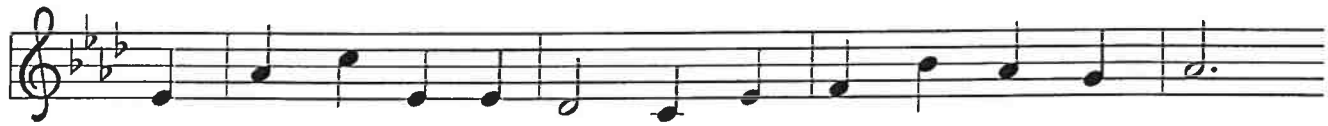
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you
with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and ☩ give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING SONG *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* **(ELW 244)**



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'rings bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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