The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost - A

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Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

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"Gathered in Christ, we are called to bring light to our community."

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Reconciling in Christ Welcoming Statement

We welcome everyone into all aspects of congregational life and leadership: All gender and sexual expressions and identities, all ages, all race and ethnicities, all economic and marital situations, all physical and mental abilities. We come as we are.

Order of Worship

ELW Setting 8

Welcome to worship at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Coos Bay, Oregon! This is the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost. Those serving in our worship today are Becky Bell-Greenstreet on piano, and vocalists Doris Smith, Kallie Mill, and Dave and Mo Aakre. Angela McAlister and Lynn Danner are our Zoom tech people, acting as service cohosts.

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

P: Let us take a moment to center our hearts and our minds on Jesus Christ our Lord.

CALL TO WORSHIP Dave & Mo Aakre, Kallie Mill, Doris Smith

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father,
and of the ☩ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

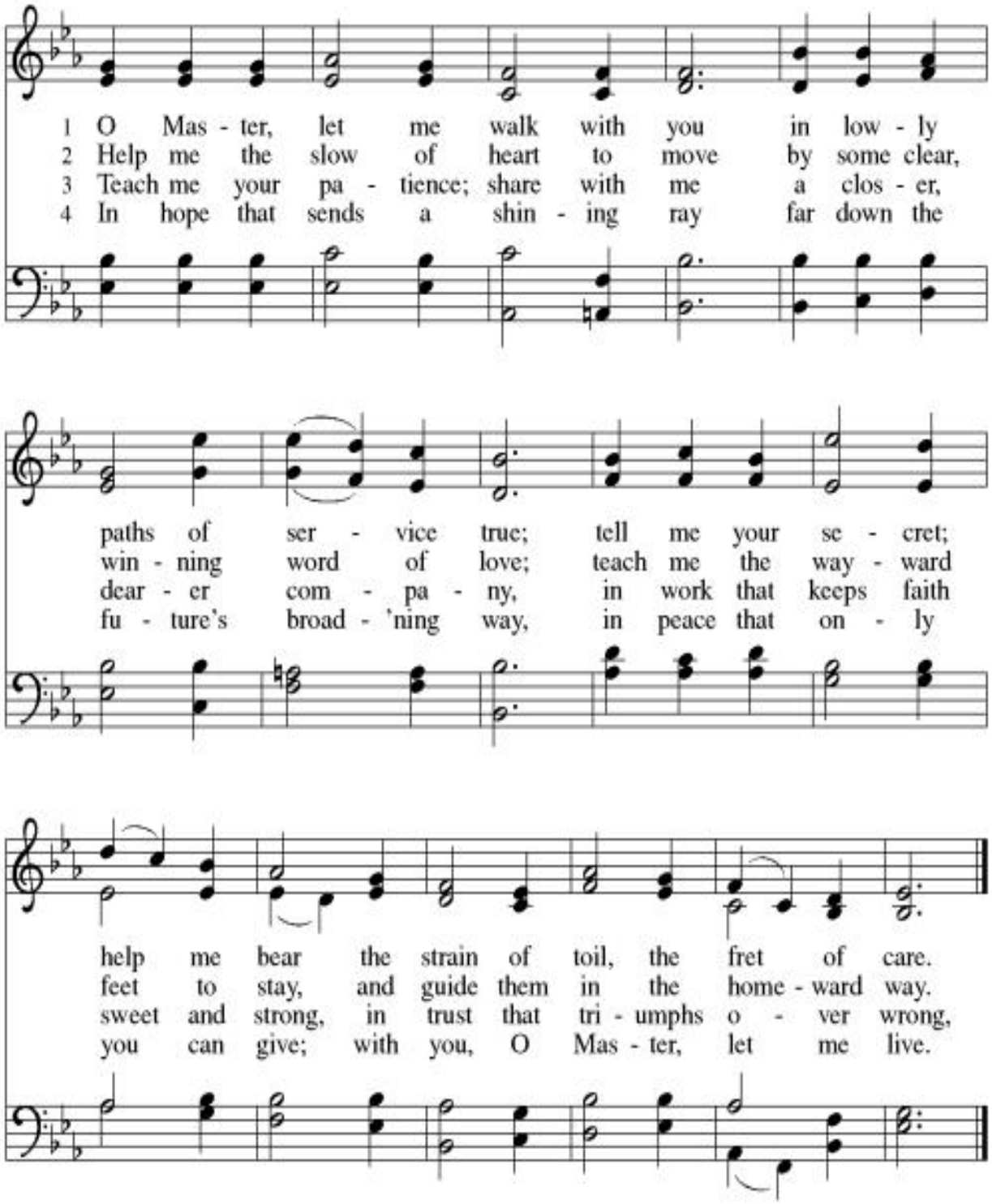
P: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of ☩ Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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.

GATHERING HYMN: O Master, Let Me Walk with You **ELW #818**



GREETING

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.

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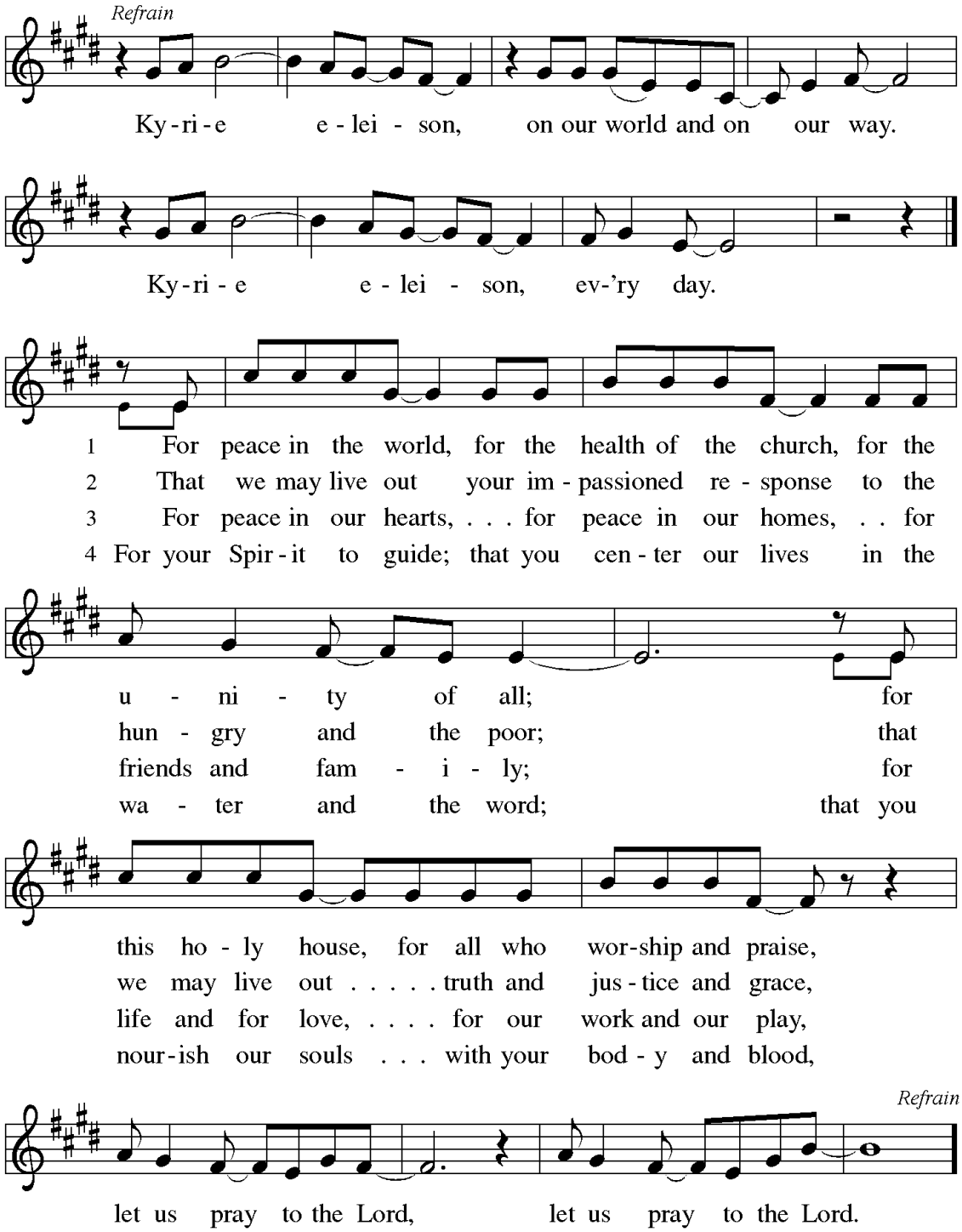

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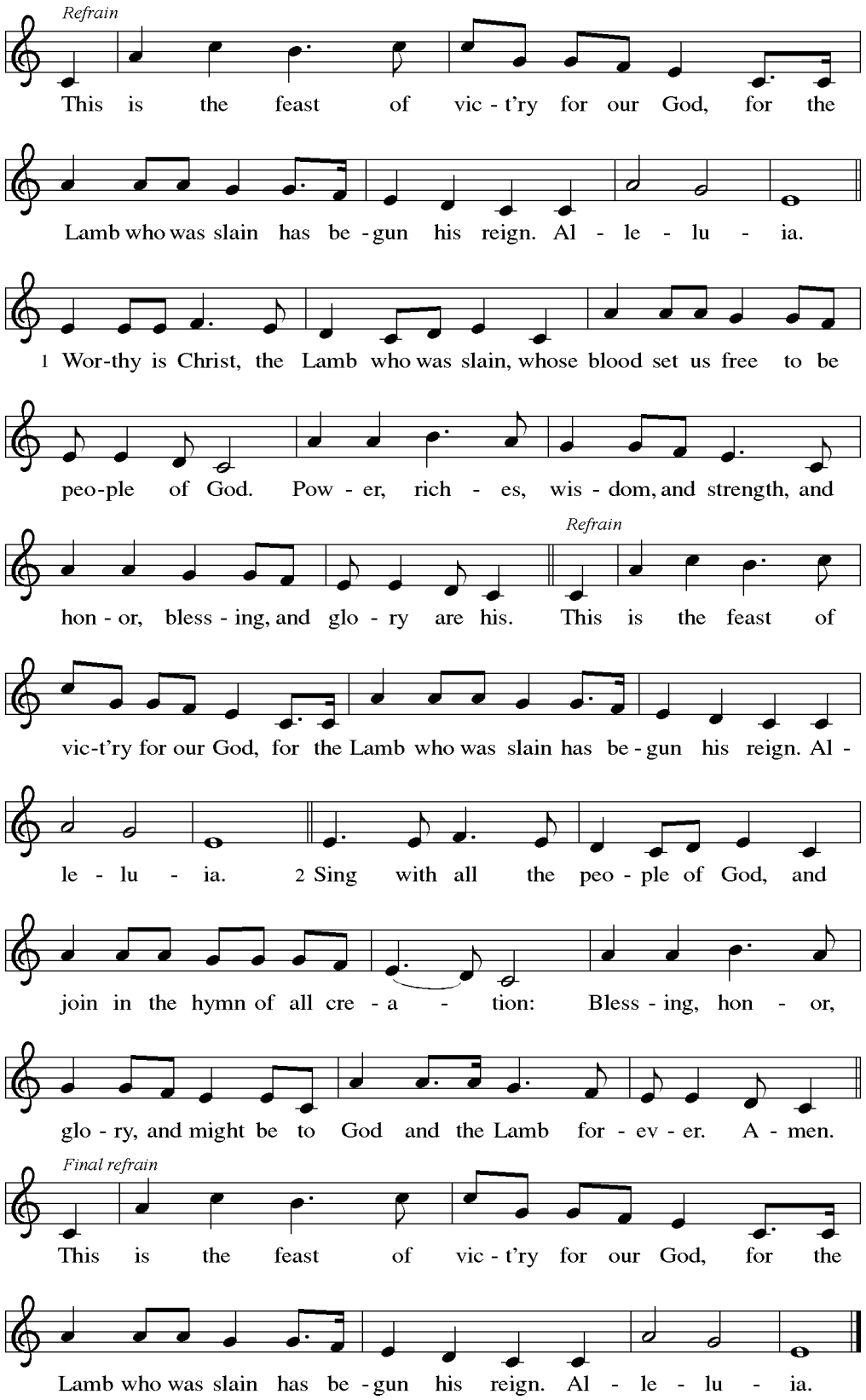


PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together,

C: God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 18:1-4, 25-32

Ezekiel challenges those who think they cannot change because of what their parents were and did, or who think they cannot reverse their own previous behavior. God insistently invites people to turn and live.

1 The word of the LORD came to me: 2 What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of
Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? 3 As I live, says the
Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. 4 Know that all lives are mine; the life of the
parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.
25 Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not
your ways that are unfair? 26 When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity,
they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. 27 Again, when the wicked
turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their
life. 28 Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they
shall surely live; they shall not die. 29 Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house
of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?
30 Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD.
Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. 31 Cast away from you all
the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit!
Why will you die, O house of Israel? 32 For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD.
Turn, then, and live.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25:1-9

1 To | you, O LORD,
I lift | up my soul.
2 My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be **|** put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.
3 Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.
4 Show me your **|** ways, O LORD,
and teach | me your paths.
5 Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.
6 Remember, O LORD, your compas- **|** sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting.
7 Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- | ness, LORD.
8 You are gracious and up- **|** right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.
9 You lead the low- | ly in justice
and teach the low- | ly your way.

SECOND READING: **PHILLIPIANS 2:1-13**

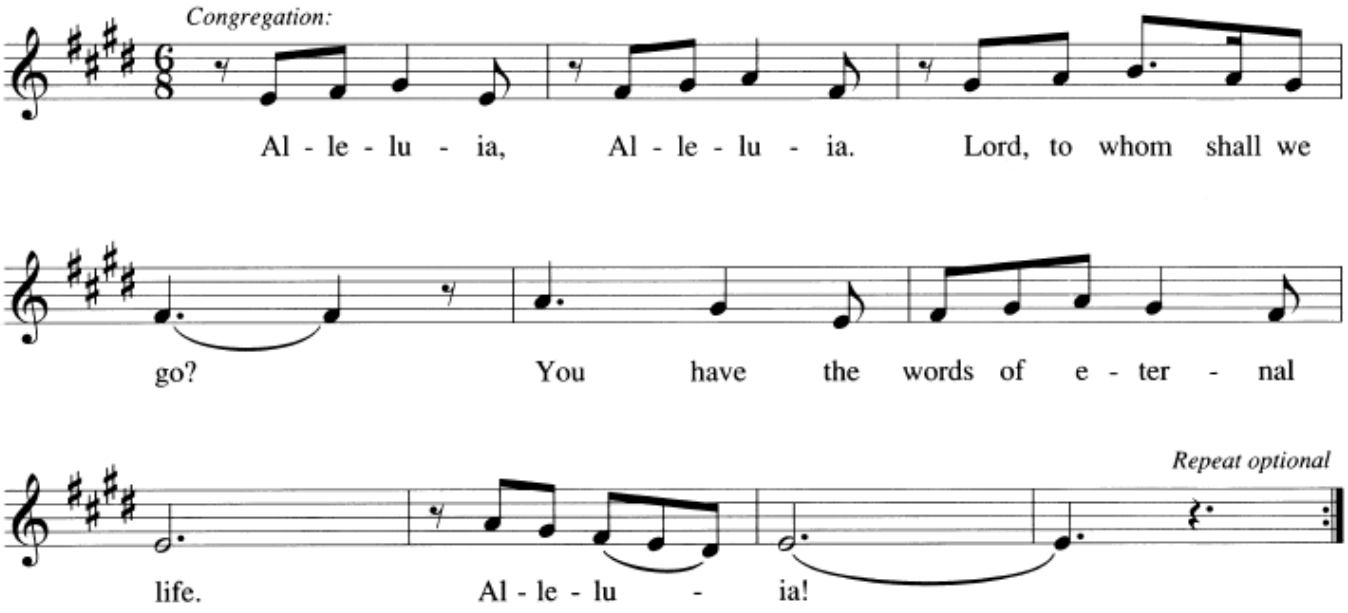
As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.

[1]If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, [2]make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. [3]Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. [4]Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. [5]Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
[6]who, though he was in the form of God did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, [7]but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form, [8]he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. [9]Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name at is above every name, [10]so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, [11]and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. [12]Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; [13]for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21ST Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: **MATTHEW 21:23-32**

After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.

23When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was
teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?"
24Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you
by what authority I do these things. 25Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human
origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you
not believe him?' 26But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a
prophet." 27So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by
what authority I am doing these things.

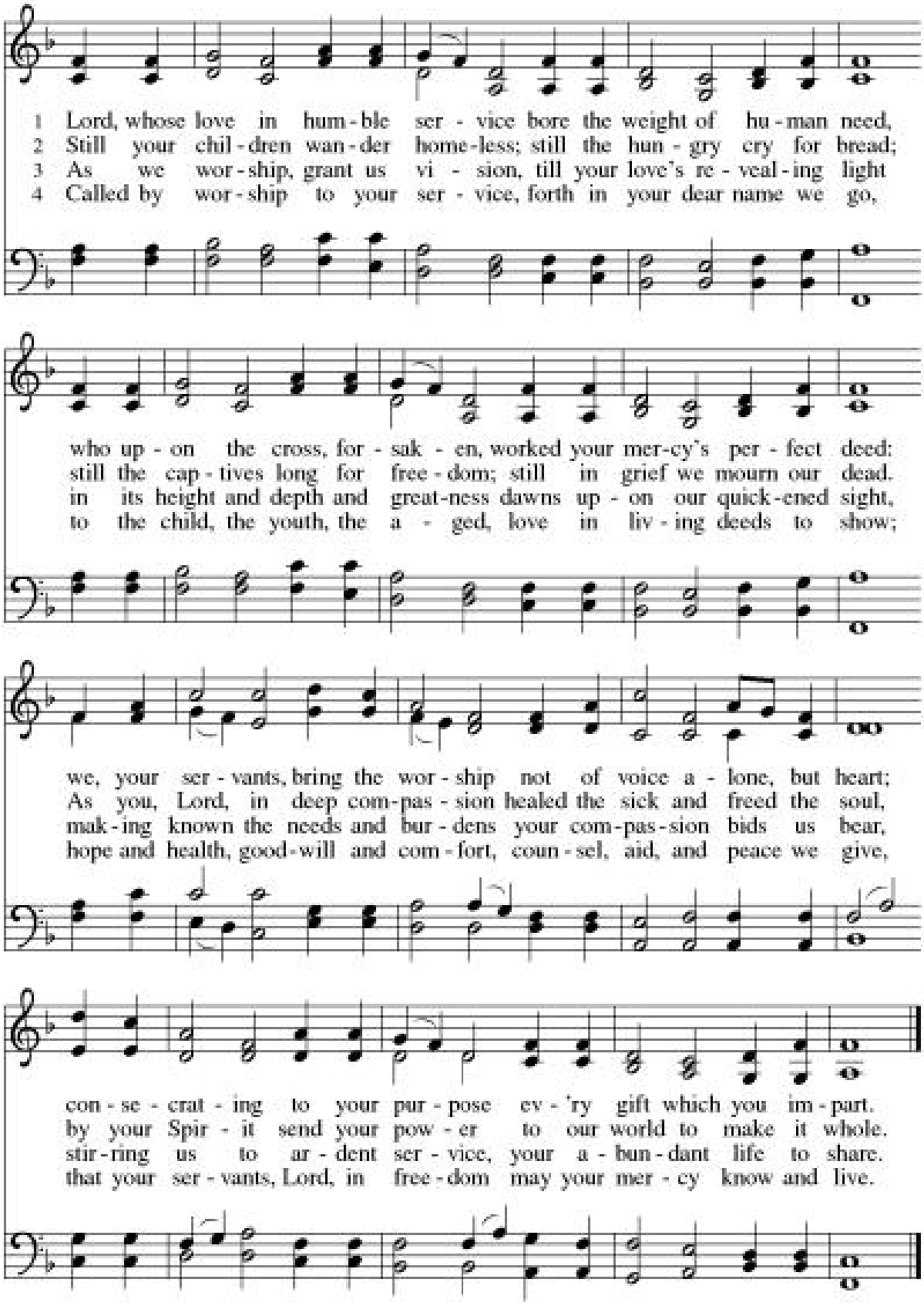
28"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the
vineyard today.' 29He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. 30The father went to
the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. 31Which of the two did the
will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the
prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. 32For John came to you in the way of
righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and
even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON **The Rev. Peggy Yingst**

HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* **ELW #712**



THE APOSTLES' 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.

- *The word catholic, with a small c, means universal – as in the universal church*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P**:** Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

P: In all the world, give your church unity. Inspire all the baptized with the mind of Christ. Where the church is powerful and where it struggles, shape us with humility and obedience so that your love may be at work in us. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Your Son took on all of bodily life in our world, even to death. Preserve and keep your creation, O God. Mend and redeem places that are polluted and damaged, so that all of creation confesses you as Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Turn the nations toward life. Where our ways are unfair, give us new hearts and new spirits. Where sin permeates our cultures and institutions, change our minds and teach us to trust your authority. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Our lives are yours, O God. Relieve the suffering of those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit. Defend the lives and welfare of children who are abused or neglected, hungry or exploited, bullied or lonely. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Turn this congregation away from our own interests toward the interests of others. Fill us with your compassion and sympathy. Bless ministries of care in our community especially those who feed the hungry people and care for those displaced by the fires in our state; make us into signs of your mercy and justice for our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For whom or for what else do the people of God pray?..... Lord, in your mercy.

C: hear our prayer.

P: Thank you for those who have gone into the kingdom ahead of us—tax collectors and prostitutes, likely and unlikely, obedient and slow to learn. By their witness, teach us to confess Jesus Christ as Lord in life and in death. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING PRAYER

We thank you for your generous support during this time when our community has had to be apart from each other.

P: Let us pray,
God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: 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.

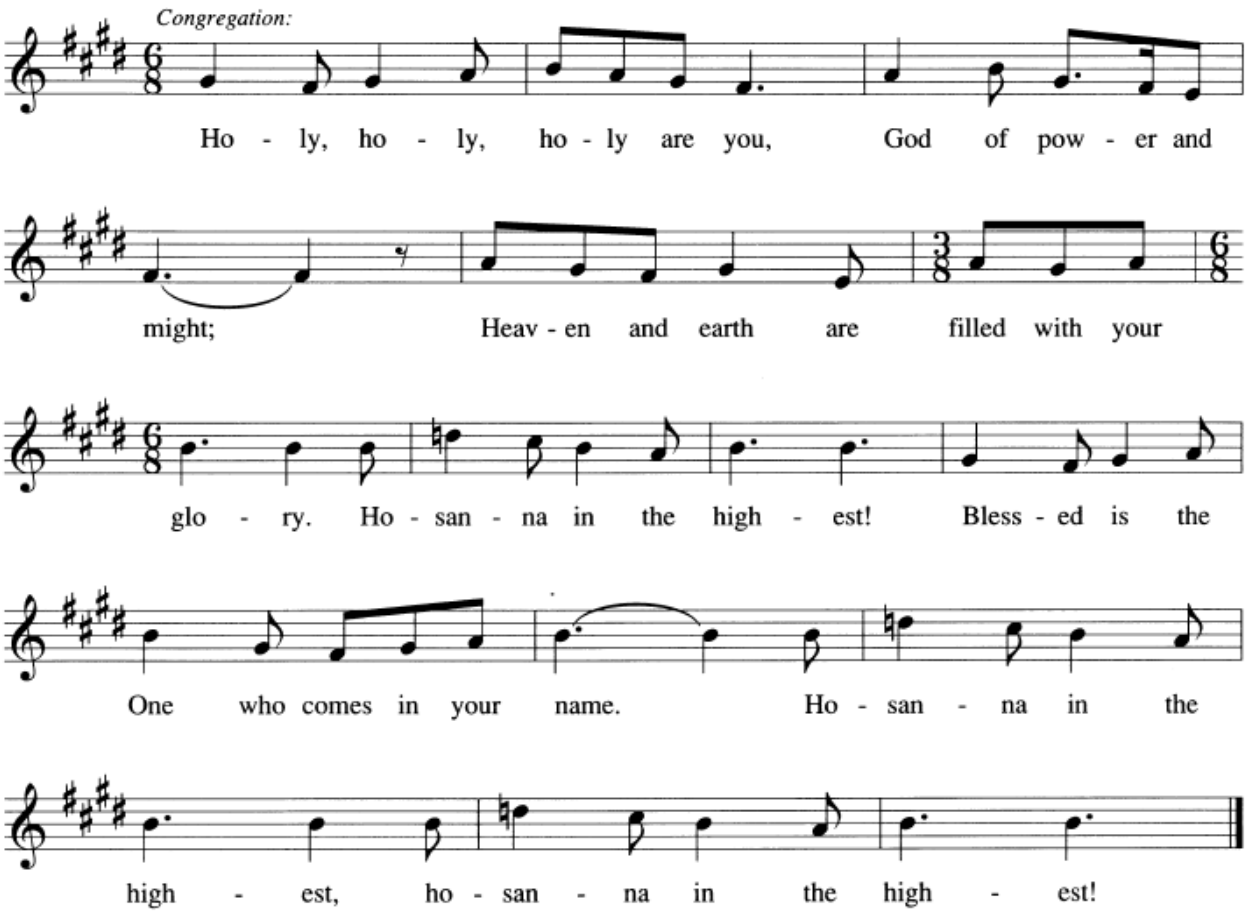
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P**:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

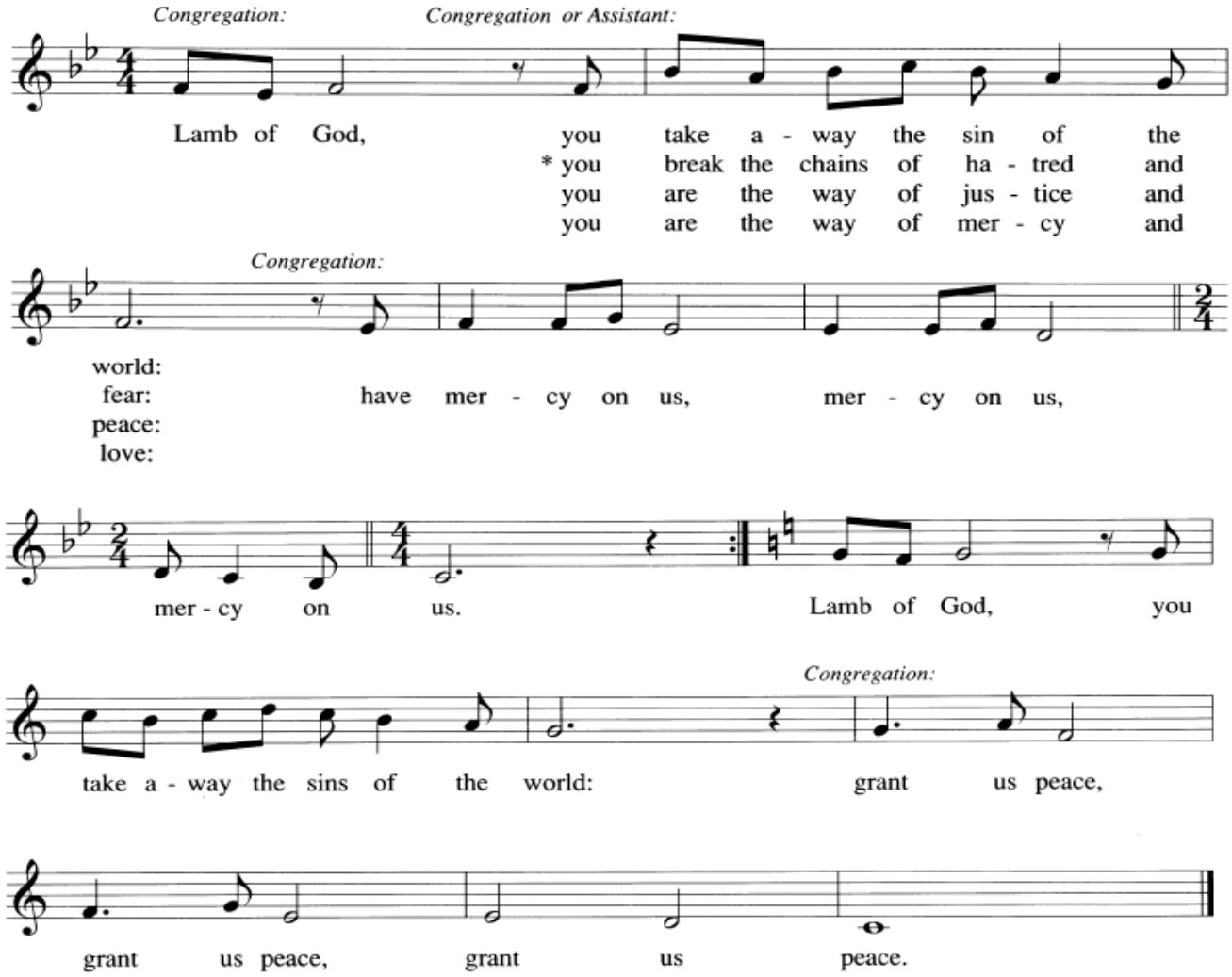
THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C: 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.

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

AGNUS DEI



HOLY COMMUNION

P: This is the body of Christ, given for you.
C: Amen.
P: This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.
C: Amen.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our precious Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C: Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray,
Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The God of steadfastness and encouragement
grant you to live in harmony with one another,
in accordance with Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

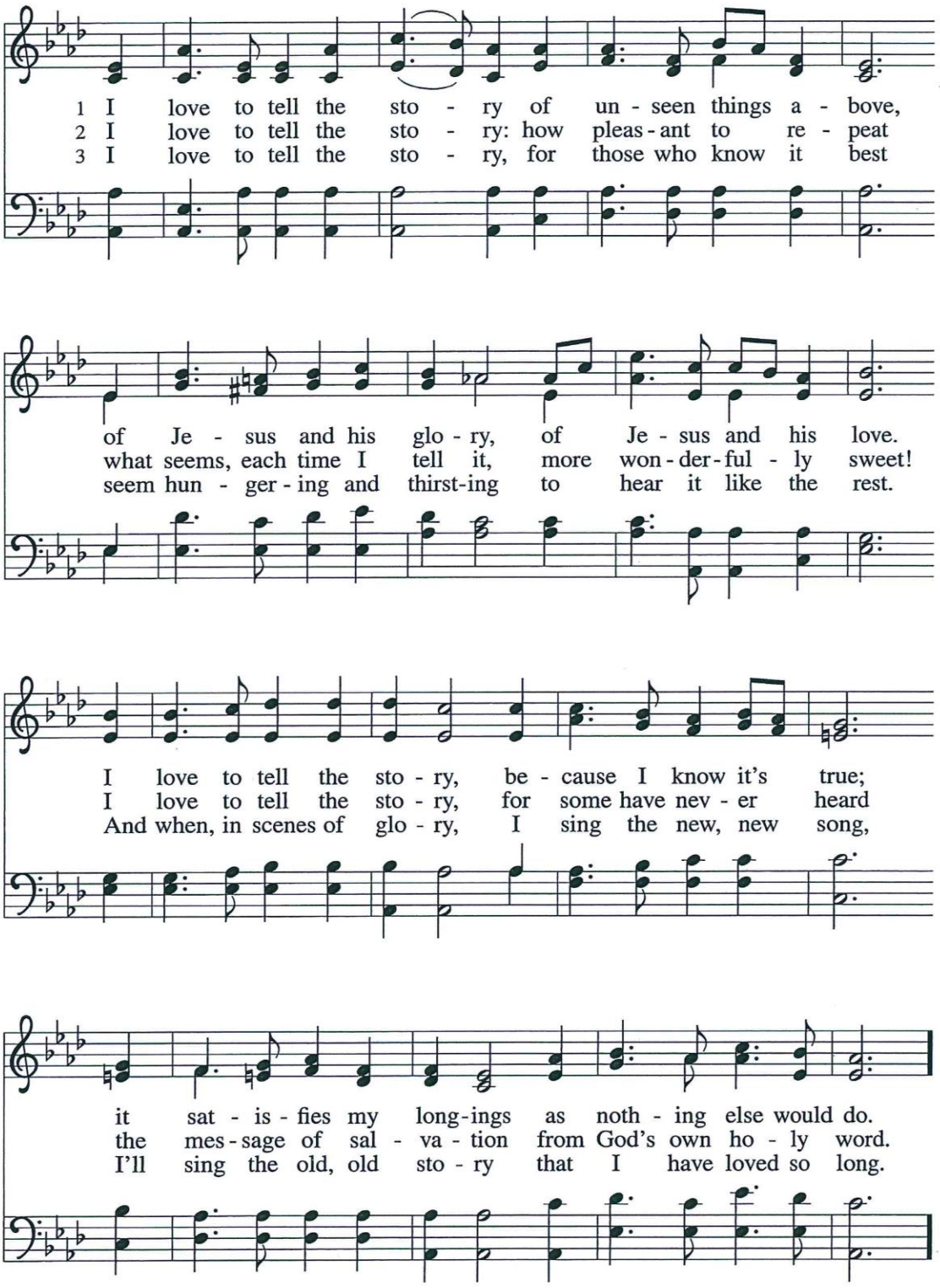
The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *I Love to Tell the Story* **ELW #661**



DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.
C: Thanks be to God!