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Reformation Day

October 25, 2026



SOLA SCRIPTURA, SOLA GRATIA, SOLA FIDE. SOLUS CHRISTUS.

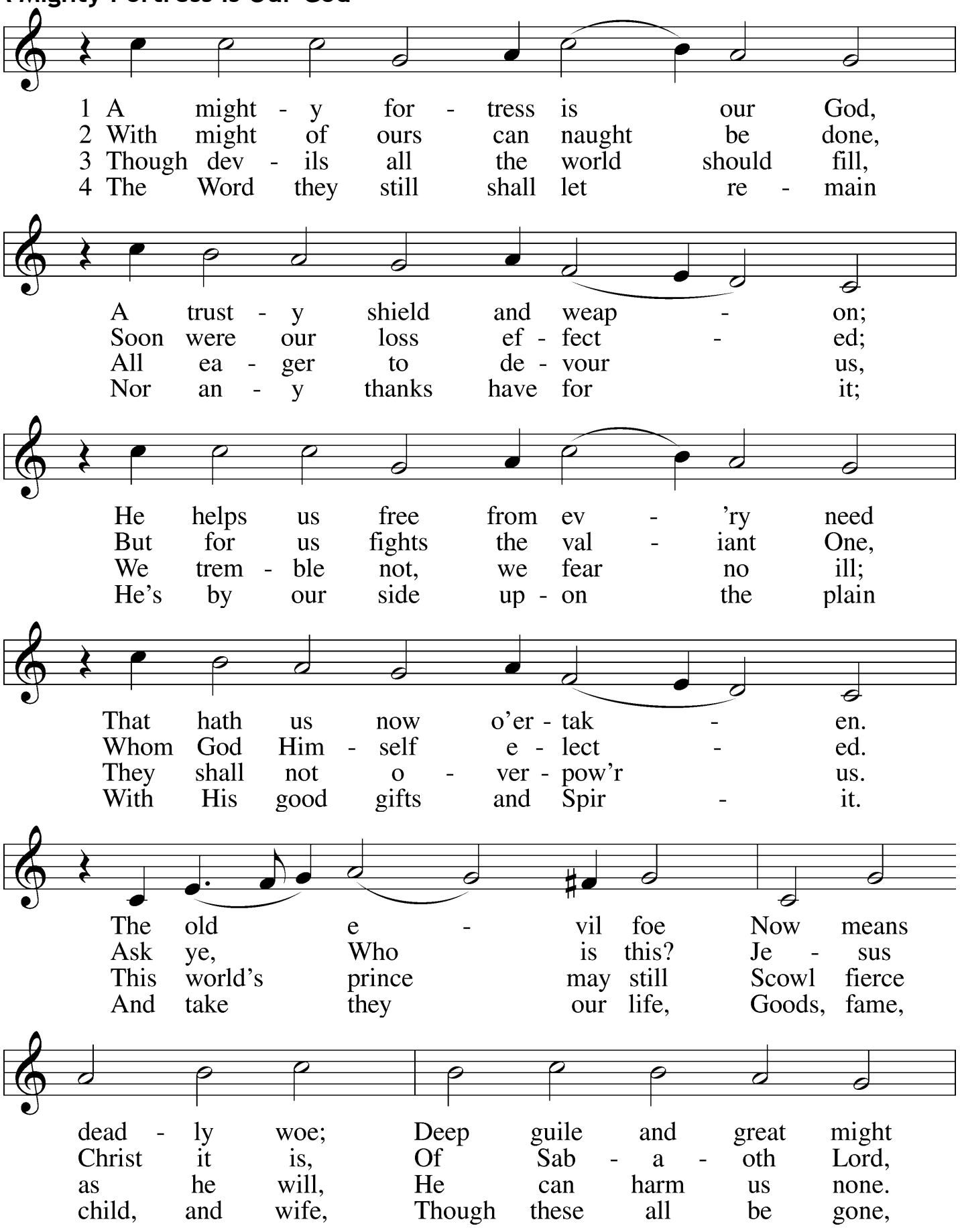
Sola Scriptura. Sola Gratia. Sola Fide. Solus Christus. Latin. Ironic, isn't it? A movement that resulted in the liturgy and the Bible in our language (not Latin) is remembered by Latin phrases. By Scripture alone, by grace alone, by faith alone. Through Christ alone. Alone. Without your help. Without human tradition. Without anyone's assistance. God acts alone through Jesus.

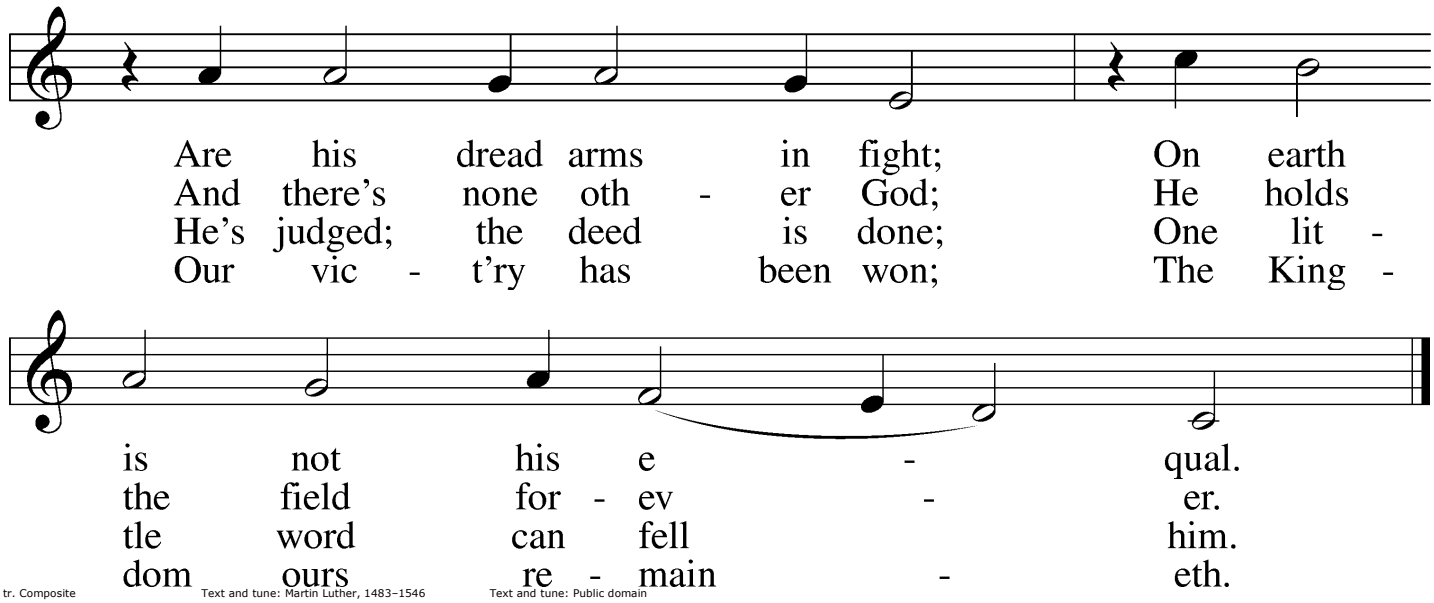
Scripture. Given by God. Through which we receive Christ. Grace. Given by God. Through which we receive Christ. Faith. Given by God. Through which we receive Christ. Through Christ alone. God gives us all these gifts because of Jesus' death and resurrection. All good gifts come from God and benefit all those who believe. Through Christ alone.

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Confession and Absolution

656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God





Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Exhortation *LSB 184*

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins *LSB 184*

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Absolution *LSB 185*

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm 119:1, 38–40; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

P The whole world is in your power;

C **O Lord, King Almighty, no one can gainsay you.**

P For you have made heaven and earth;

C **you are Lord of all!**

P Blessèd are those whose way is blameless,

C **who walk in the law of the LORD!**

P Confirm to your servant your promise,

C **that you may be feared.**

P Turn away the reproach that I dread,

C for your just decrees are good.

P Behold, I long for your precepts;

C in your righteousness give me life!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

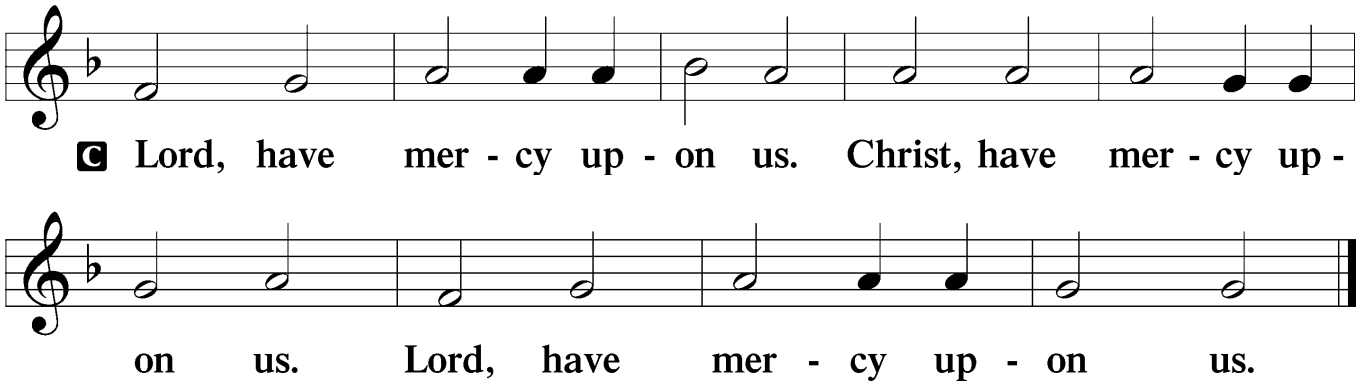
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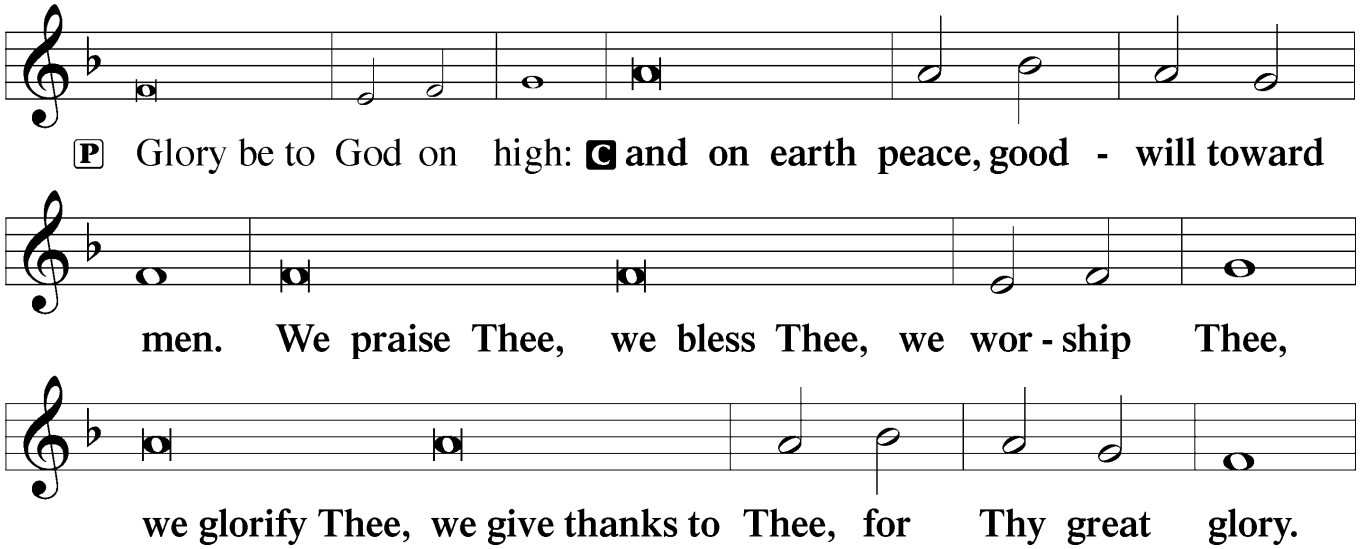
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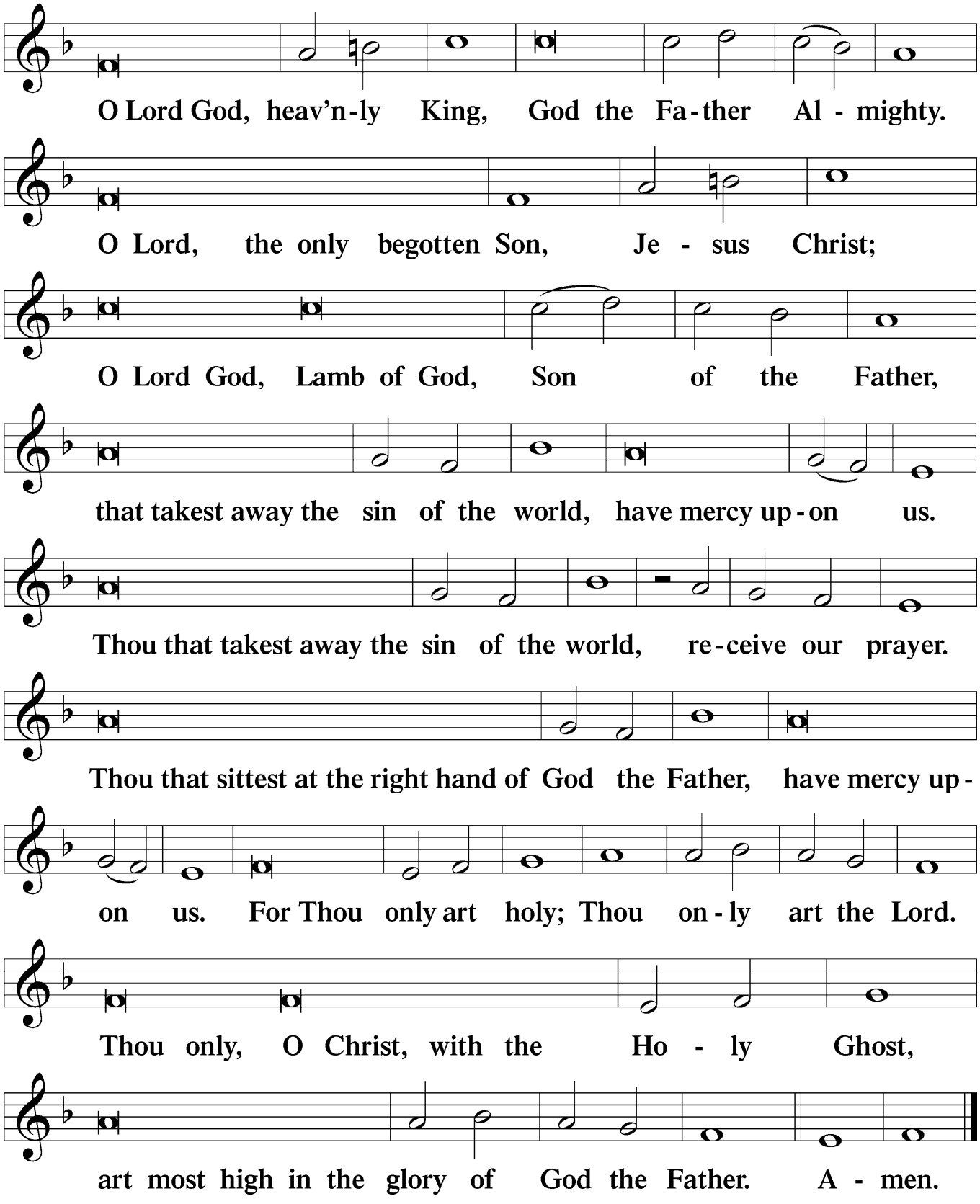
C you are Lord of all!

Kyrie *LSB 186*



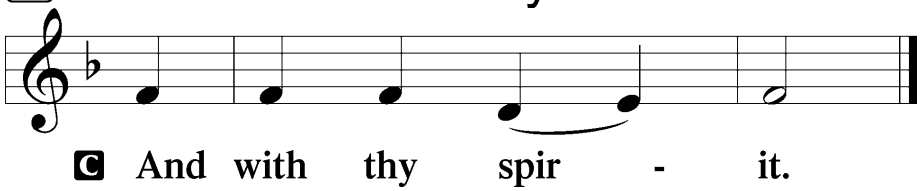
Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 187*




O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

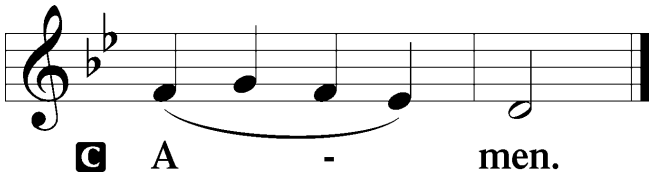
Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

C **O Lord, keep Your household, the Church, in continual godliness that through Your protection she may be free from all adversities and devoutly given to serve You in good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**



Sit

Old Testament Reading *2 Kings 23:21–27*

21 And the king commanded all the people, “Keep the
Passover to the LORD your God, as it is written in this Book
of the Covenant.” 22 For no such Passover had been kept
since the days of the judges who judged Israel, or during all
the days of the kings of Israel or of the kings of Judah. 23 But
in the eighteenth year of King Josiah this Passover was
kept to the LORD in Jerusalem.
24 Moreover, Josiah put away the mediums and the
necromancers and the household gods and the idols and all
the abominations that were seen in the land of Judah and in
Jerusalem, that he might establish the words of the law that
were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the
house of the LORD. 25 Before him there was no king like him,

who turned to the LORD with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his might, according to all the Law of Moses, nor did any like him arise after him.

[26]Still the LORD did not turn from the burning of his great wrath, by which his anger was kindled against Judah, because of all the provocations with which Manasseh had provoked him. [27]And the LORD said, "I will remove Judah also out of my sight, as I have removed Israel, and I will cast off this city that I have chosen, Jerusalem, and the house of which I said, My name shall be there."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *2 Thessalonians 2:7–17*

[7]For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. [8]And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. [9]The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, [10]and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. [11]Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, [12]in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

[13]But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. [14]To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus

Christ. 15So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.

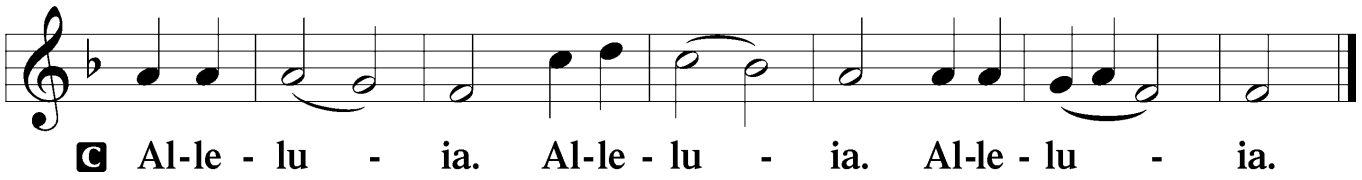
16Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, 17comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

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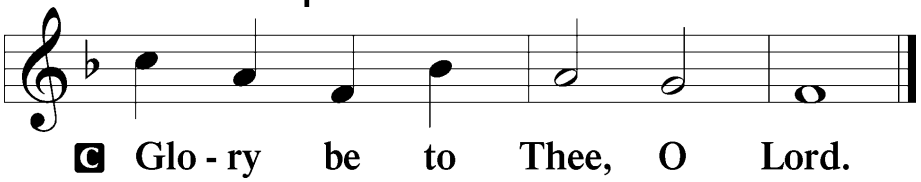
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Alleluia *LSB 190*



Holy Gospel *Matthew 23:1–12*
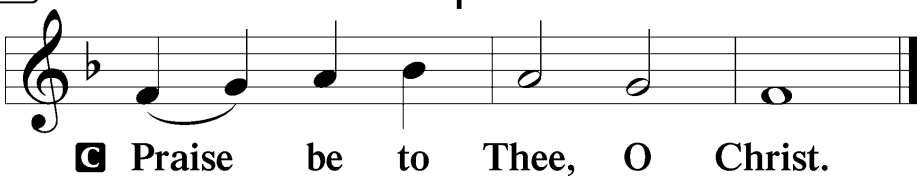
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-third chapter.



1Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, 2"The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat, 3so practice and observe whatever they tell you—but not what they do. For they preach, but do not practice. 4They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to move them with their finger. 5They do all their deeds to be seen by others. For they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long, 6and they love the place of honor at feasts and the best

seats in the synagogues [7]and greetings in the marketplaces
and being called rabbi by others. [8]But you are not to be
called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all
brothers. [9]And call no man your father on earth, for you
have one Father, who is in heaven. [10]Neither be called
instructors, for you have one instructor, the Christ. [11]The
greatest among you shall be your servant. [12]Whoever exalts
himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will
be exalted."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles' Creed

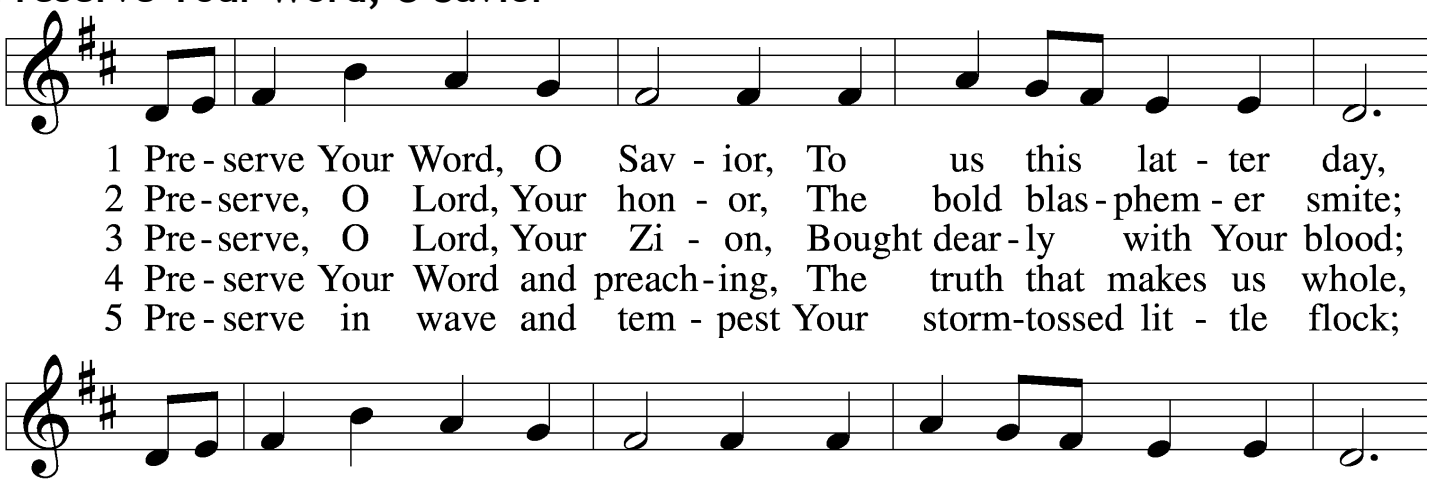
C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

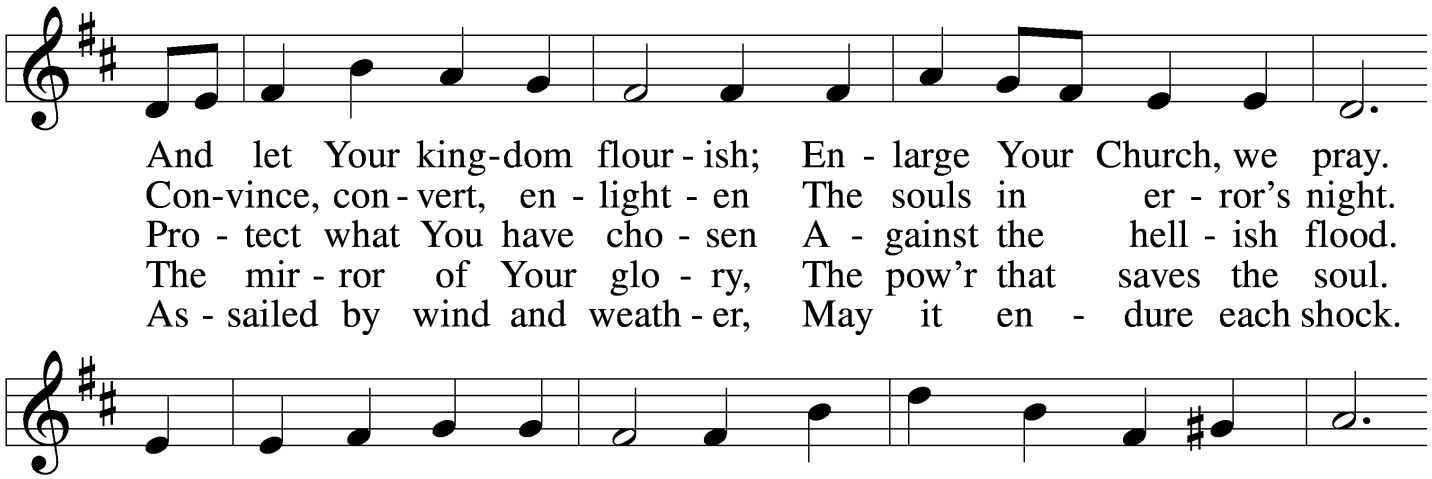
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✢ everlasting. Amen.

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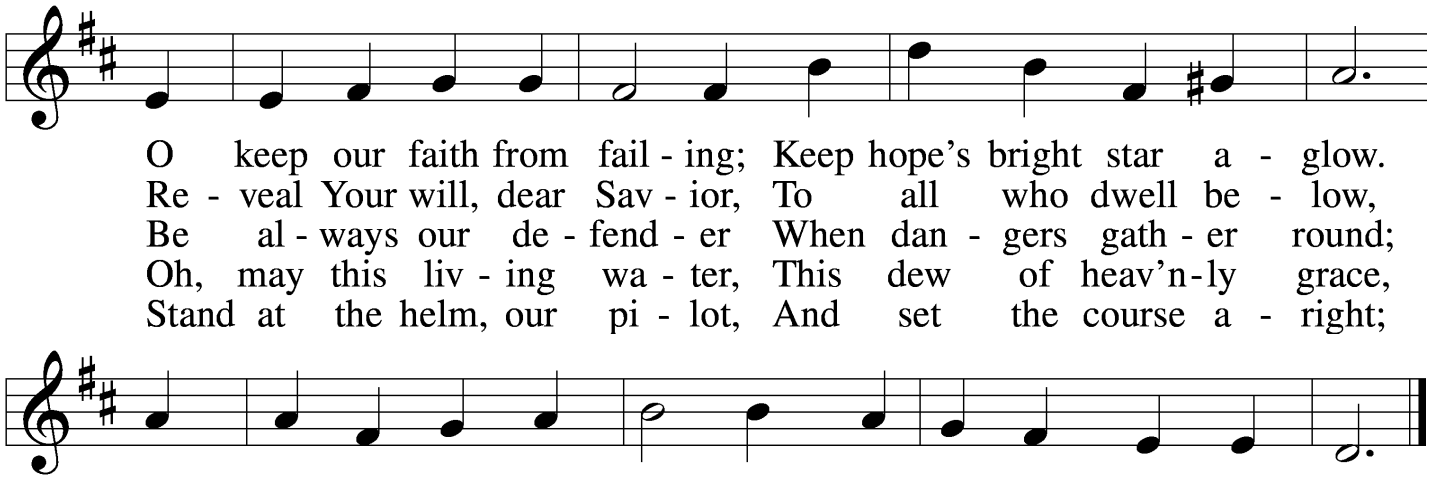
658 Preserve Your Word, O Savior



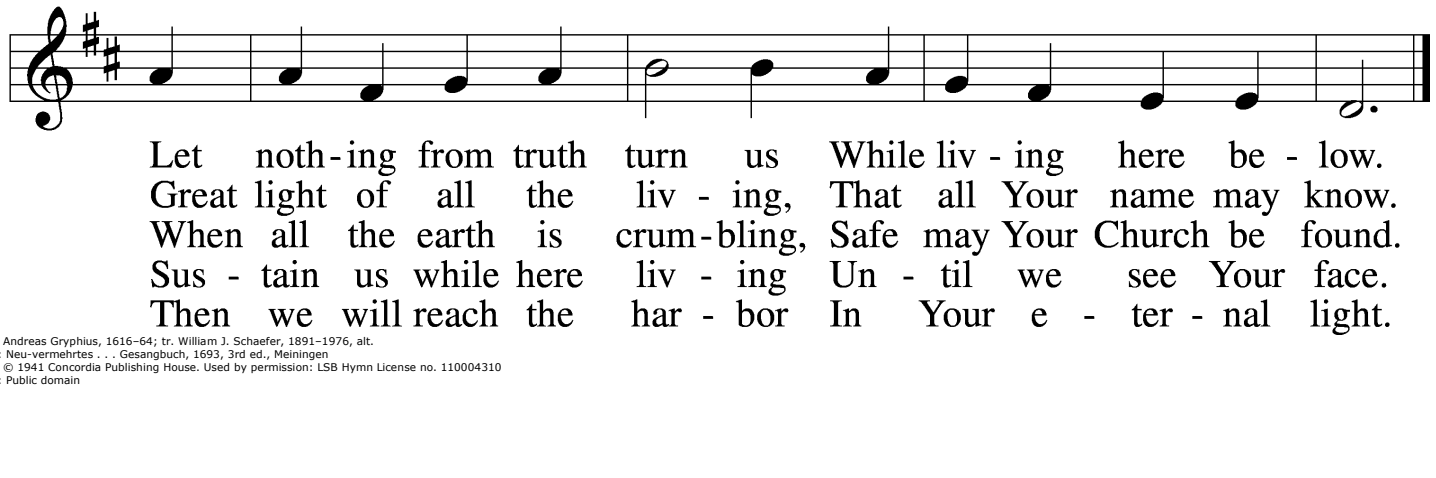
1 Pre - serve Your Word, O Sav - ior, To us this lat - ter day,
2 Pre - serve, O Lord, Your hon - or, The bold blas - phem - er smite;
3 Pre - serve, O Lord, Your Zi - on, Bought dear - ly with Your blood;
4 Pre - serve Your Word and preach - ing, The truth that makes us whole,
5 Pre - serve in wave and tem - pest Your storm-tossed lit - tle flock;



And let Your king-dom flour - ish; En - large Your Church, we pray.
Con-vince, con - vert, en - light - en The souls in er - ror's night.
Pro - tect what You have cho - sen A - gainst the hell - ish flood.
The mir - ror of Your glo - ry, The pow'r that saves the soul.
As - sailed by wind and weath - er, May it en - dure each shock.



O keep our faith from fail - ing; Keep hope's bright star a - glow.
Re - veal Your will, dear Sav - ior, To all who dwell be - low,
Be al - ways our de - fend - er When dan - gers gath - er round;
Oh, may this liv - ing wa - ter, This dew of heav'n-ly grace,
Stand at the helm, our pi - lot, And set the course a - right;



Let noth - ing from truth turn us While liv - ing here be - low.
Great light of all the liv - ing, That all Your name may know.
When all the earth is crum - bling, Safe may Your Church be found.
Sus - tain us while here liv - ing Un - til we see Your face.
Then we will reach the har - bor In Your e - ter - nal light.

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Sermon

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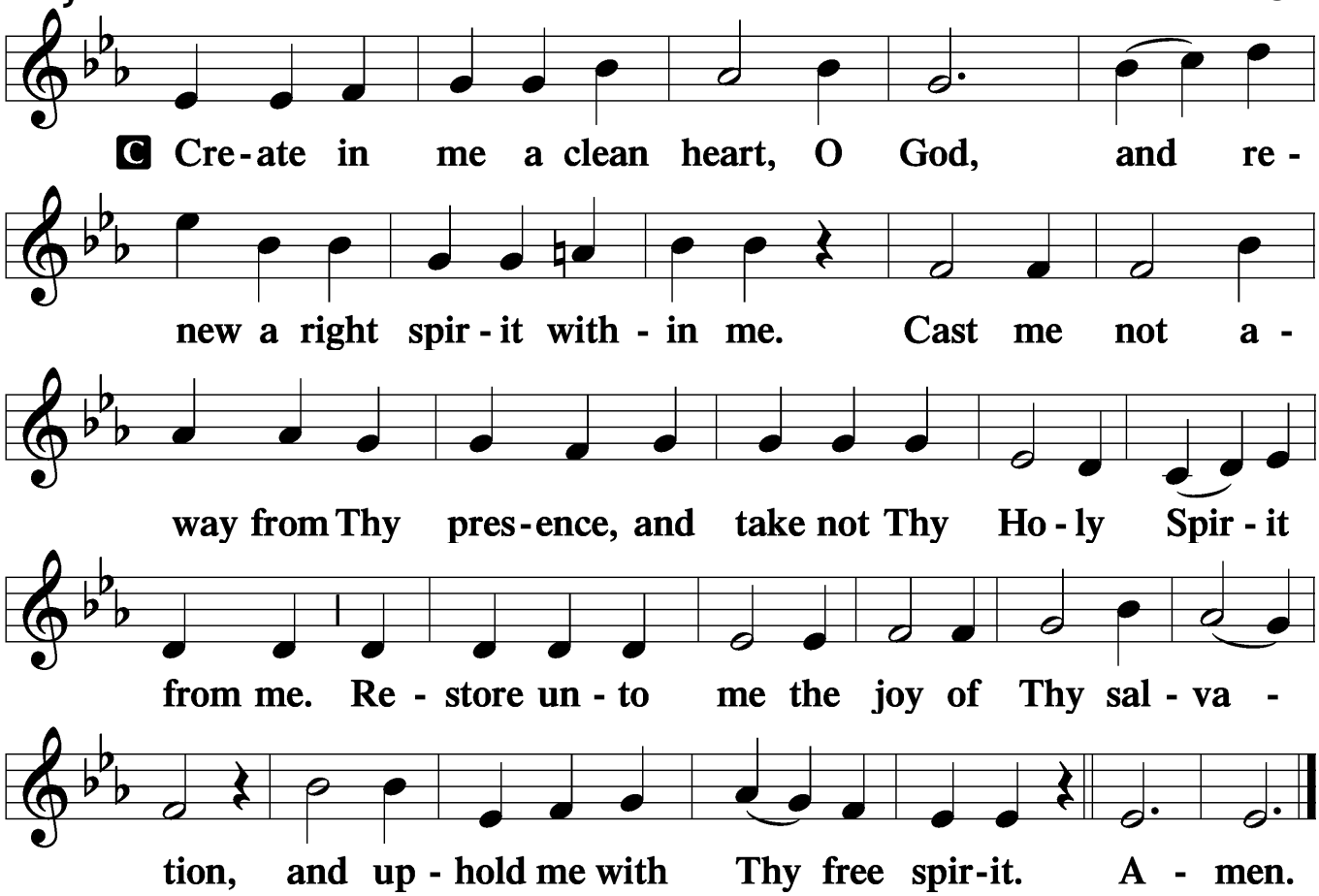
P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

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Offertory

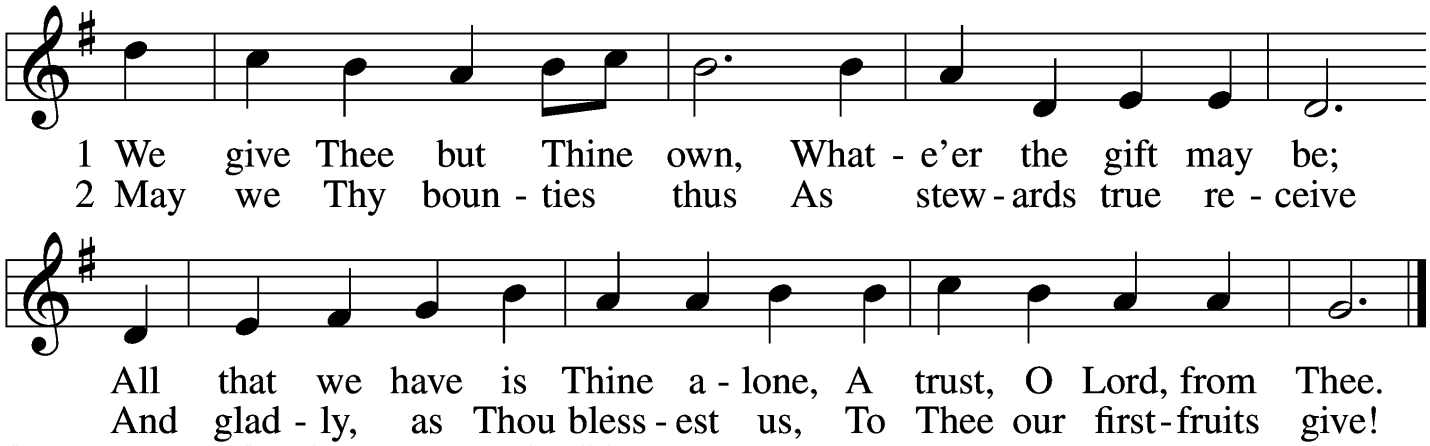
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Offering

781 We Give Thee But Thine Own

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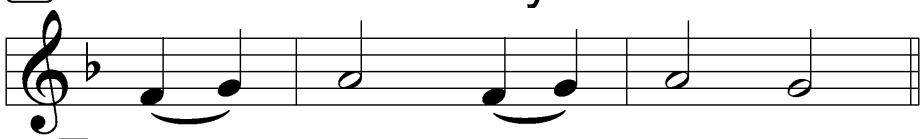
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Prayer of the Church

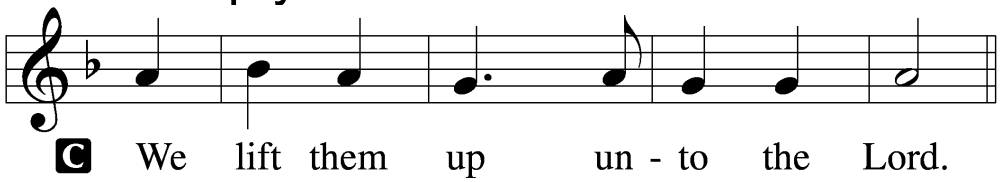
Service of the Sacrament

Preface *LSB 194*

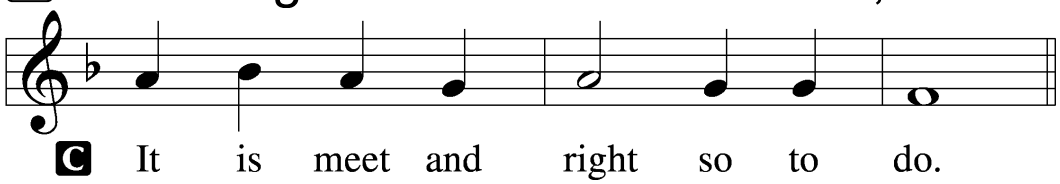
P The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



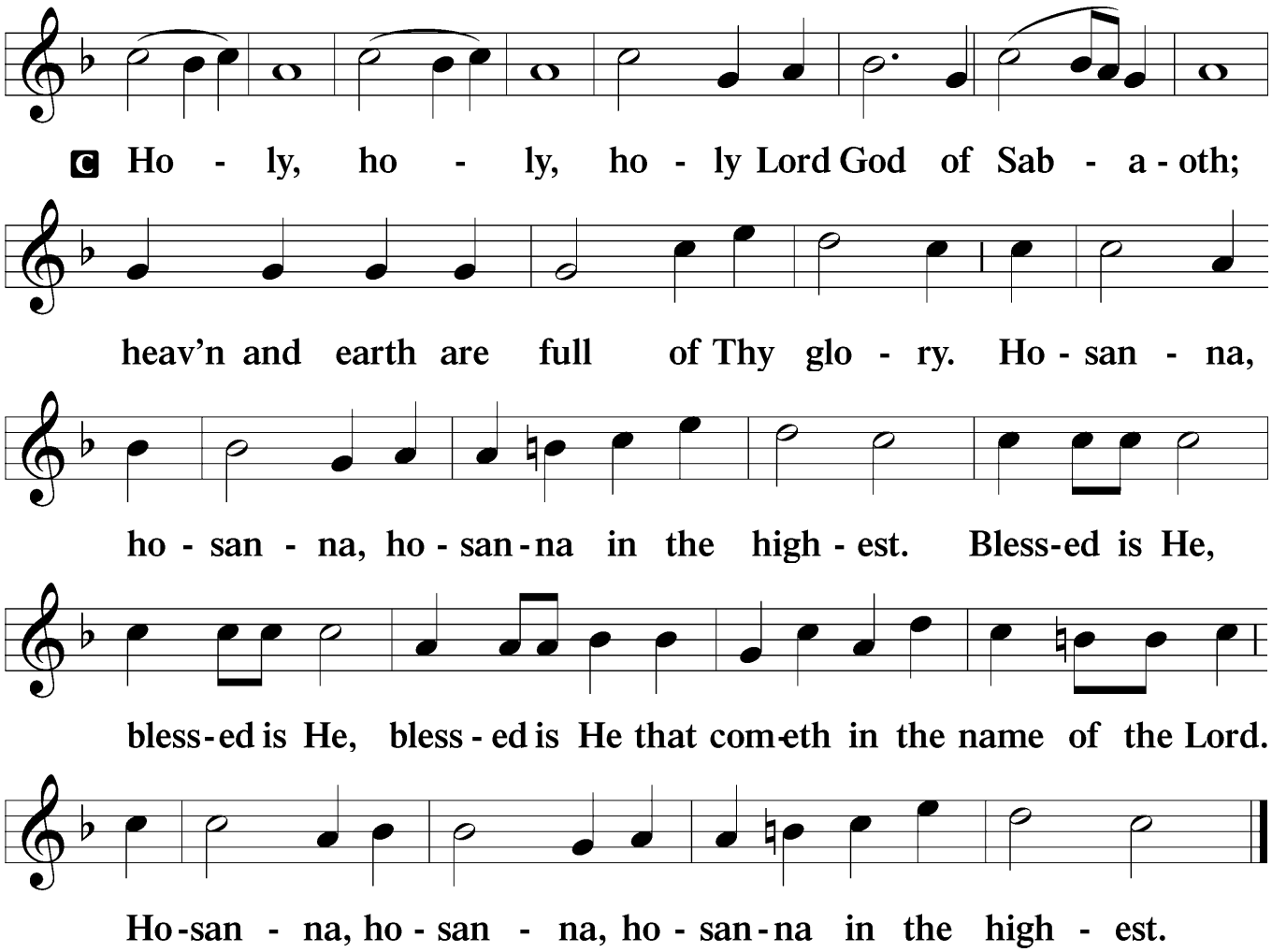
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



Proper Preface (Full)

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus *LSB 195*



Lord's Prayer

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.

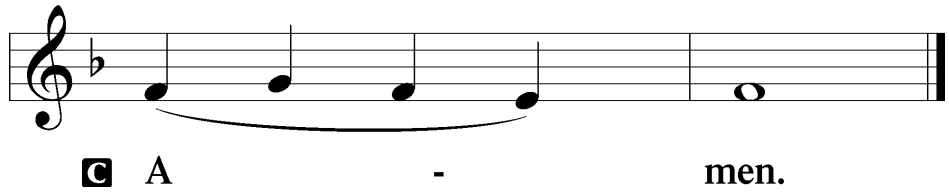
The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

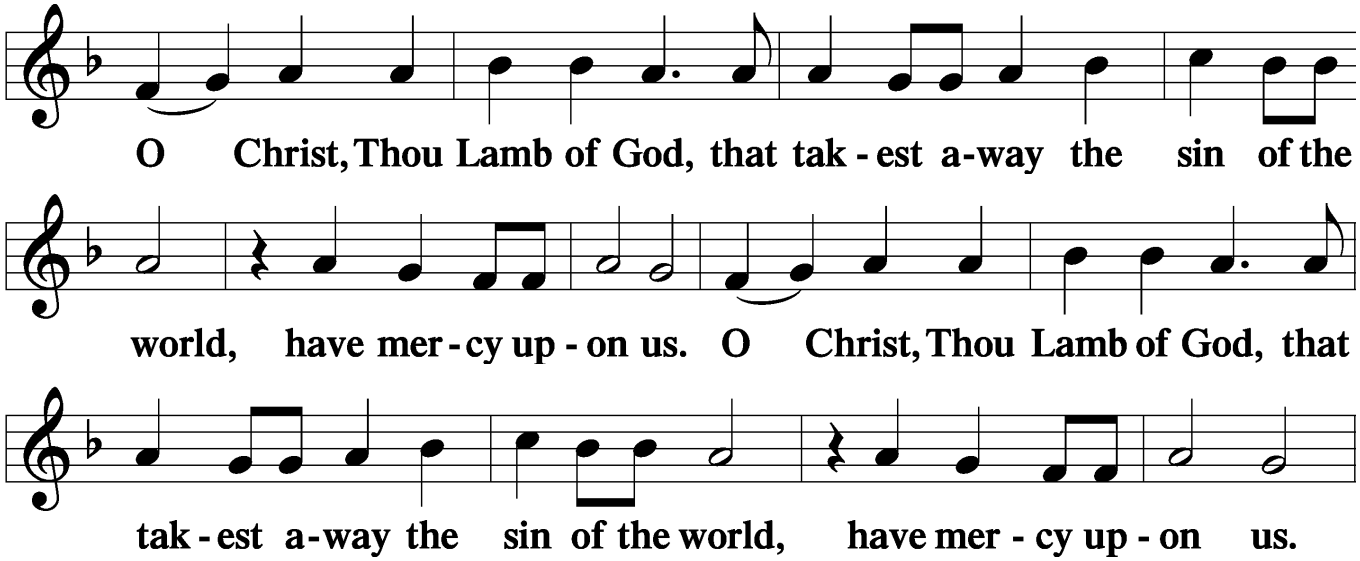
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

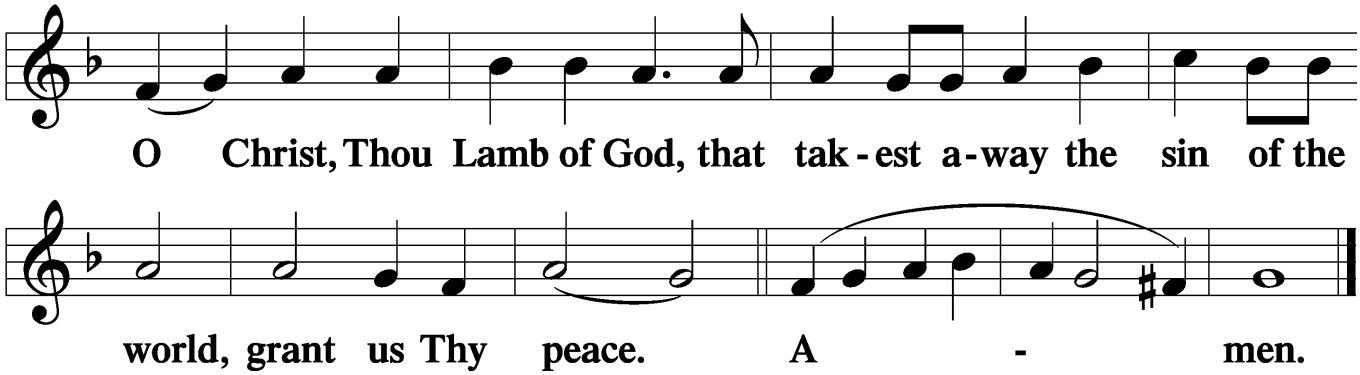
Pax Domini *LSB 197*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



Agnus Dei *LSB 198*





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Distribution

The pastor receives the body and blood of Christ first and then distributes them to those who come to receive, saying:

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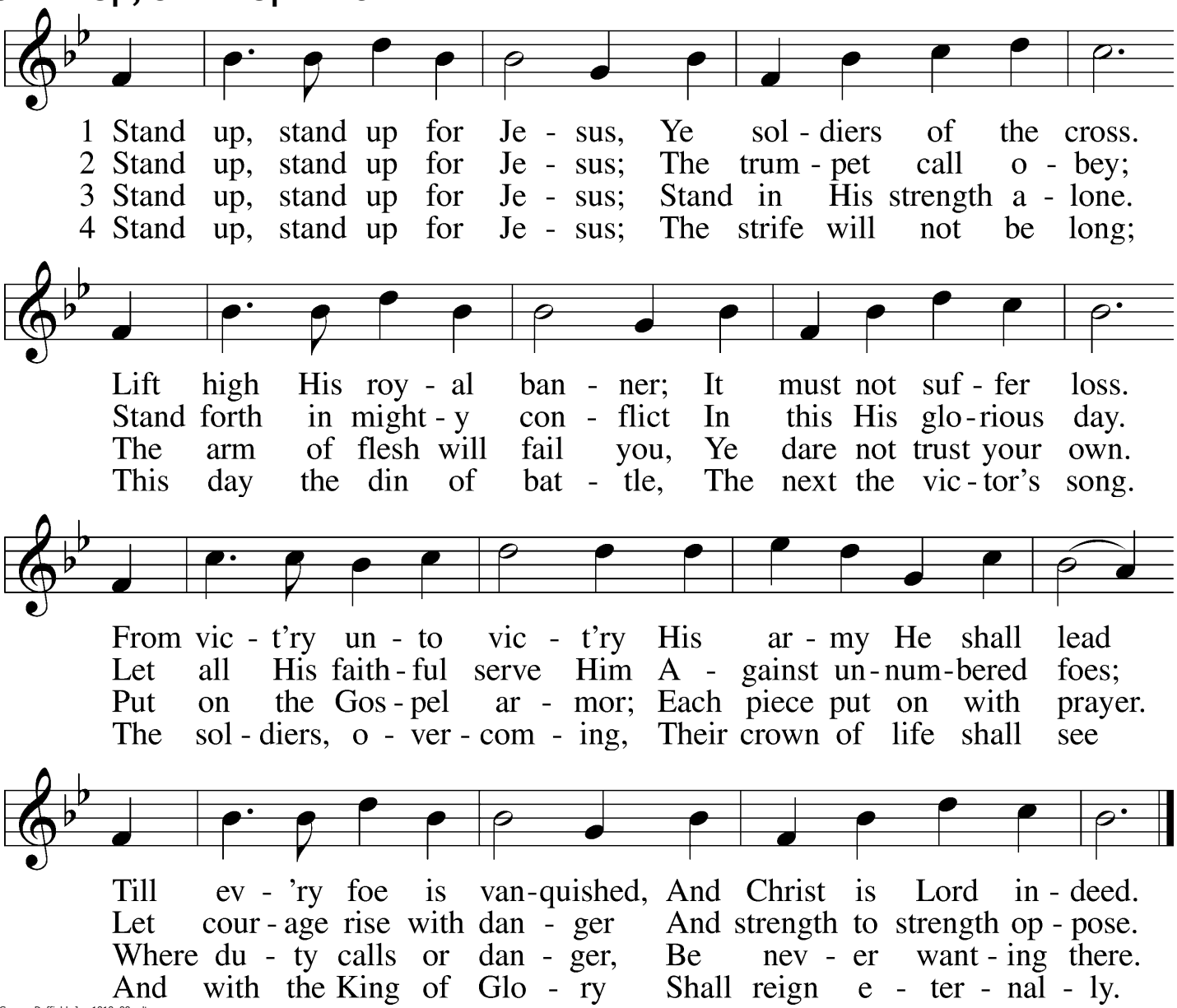
Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

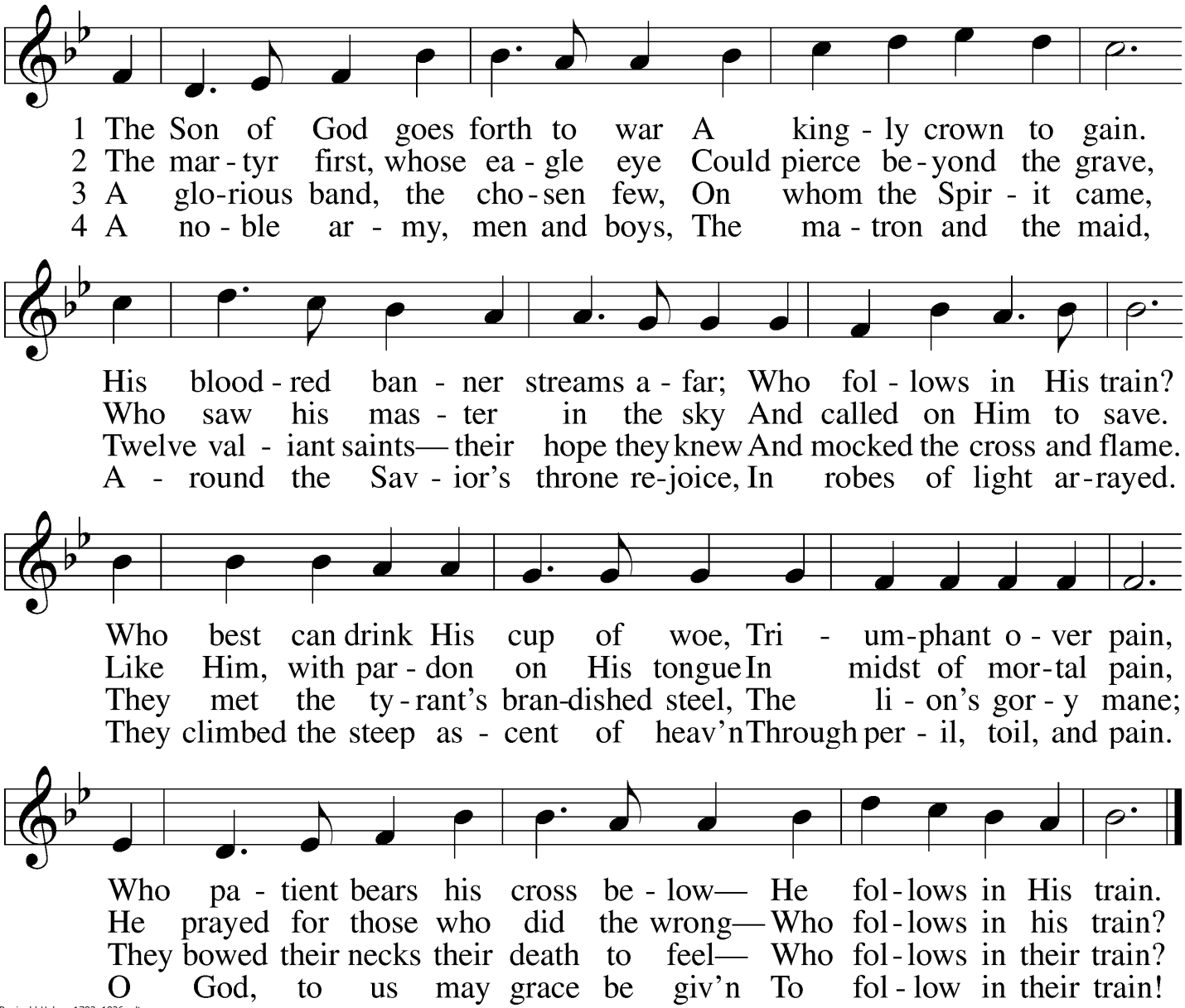
Amen.

660 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus



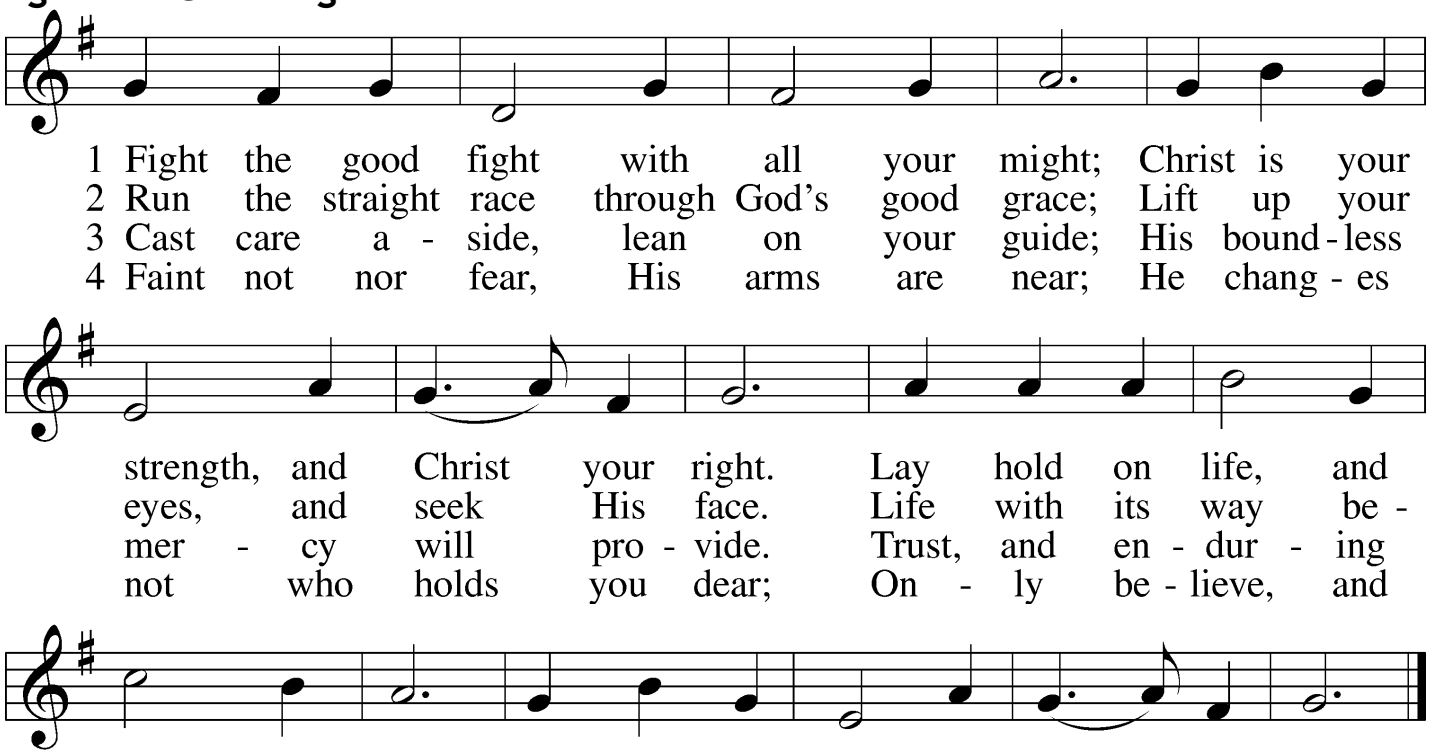
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661 The Son of God Goes Forth to War



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664 Fight the Good Fight



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In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

The Dismissal *LSB 199*
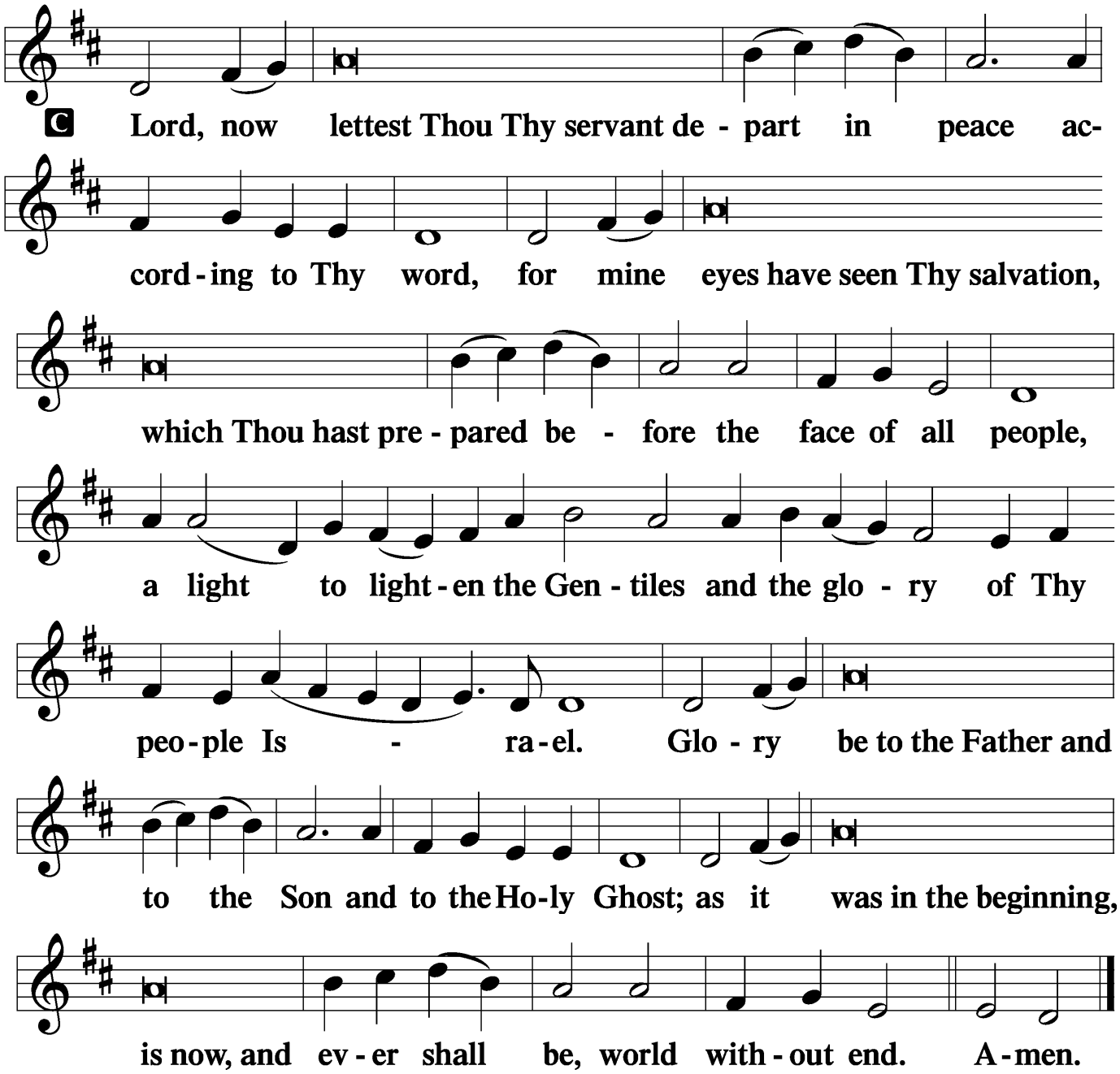
P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✢ in peace.

C **Amen.**

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

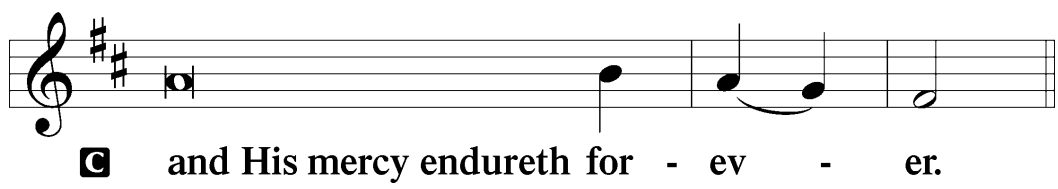
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Thanksgiving

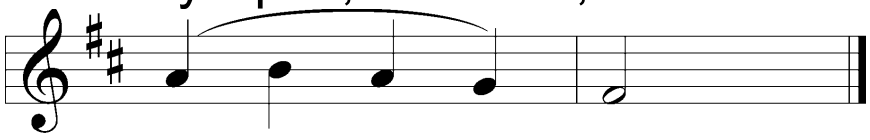
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A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



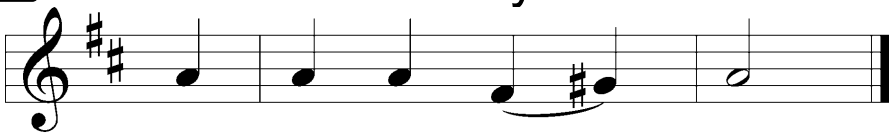
Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
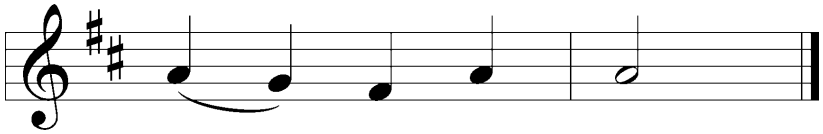


Salutation *LSB 201*

P The Lord be with you.



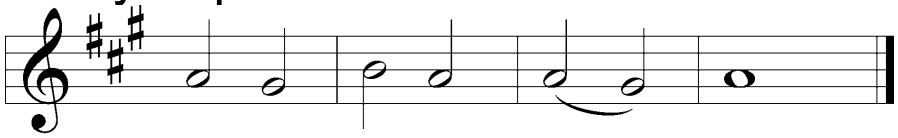
Benedicamus *LSB 202*

A Bless we the Lord.

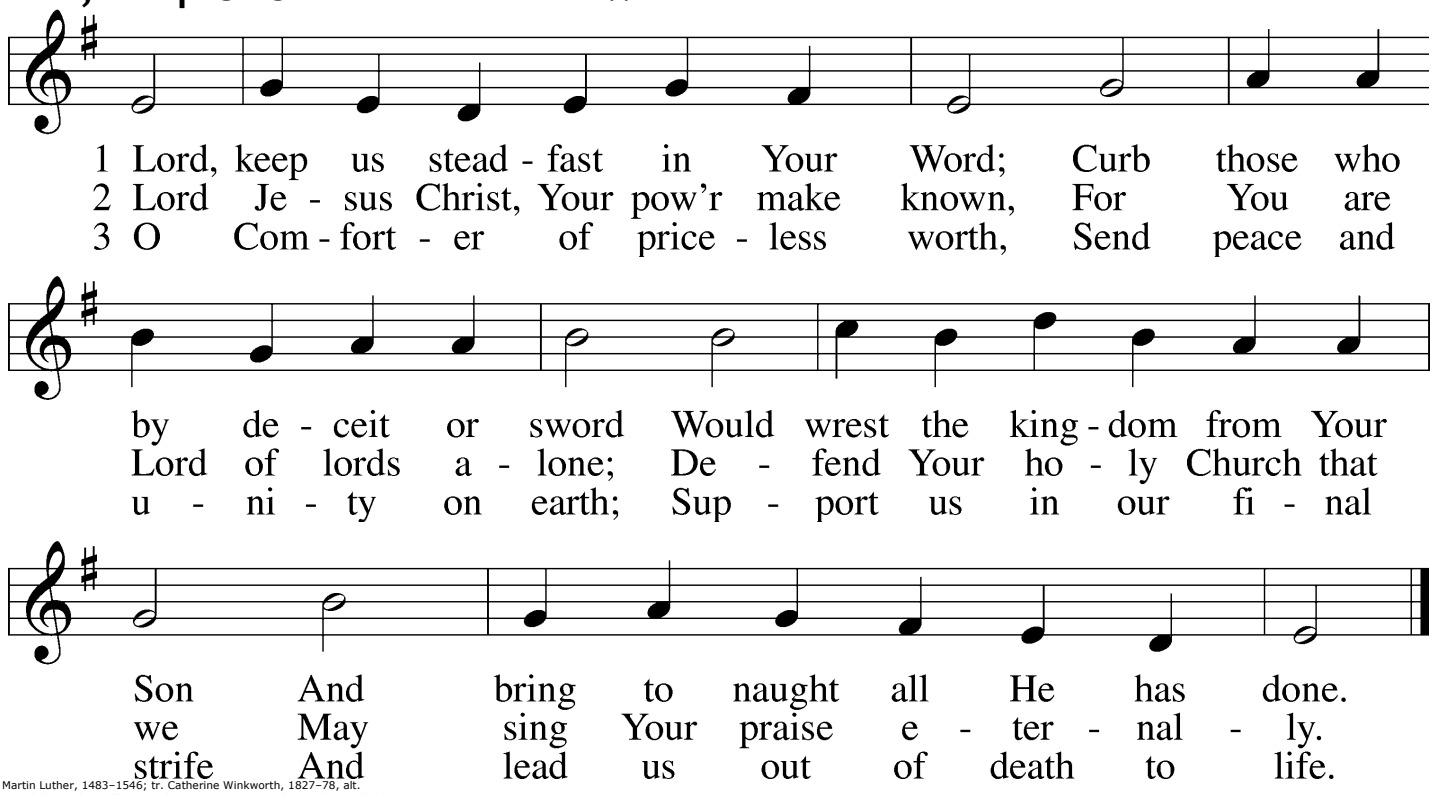


Benediction *LSB 202*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✢ give you peace.



655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



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