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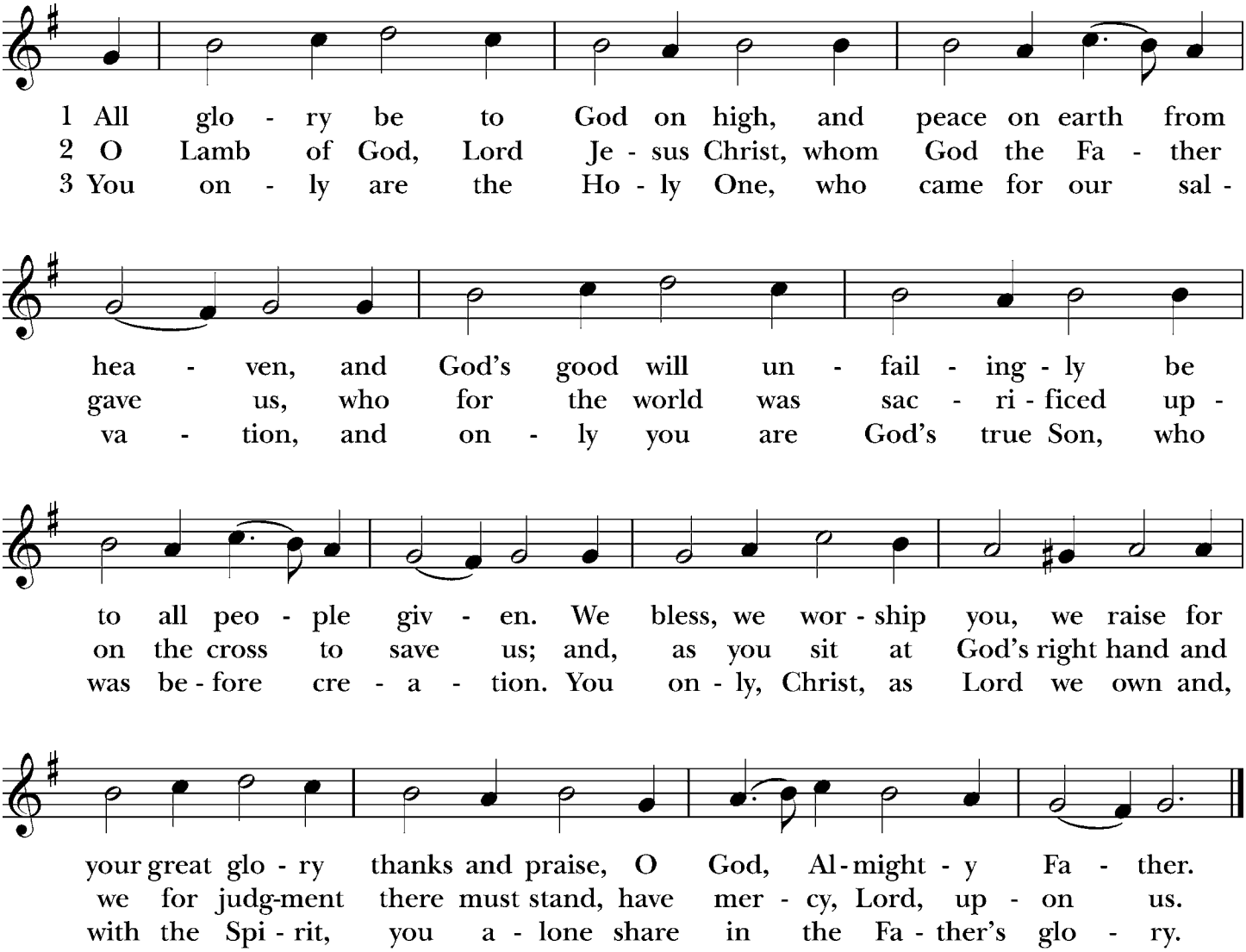
The 25th Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2026 • 10 a.m.

Welcome! Everything you need to follow along with today's service can be found in this liturgy guide.

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering Hymn

All glory be to God on high — *Hymnal 421*



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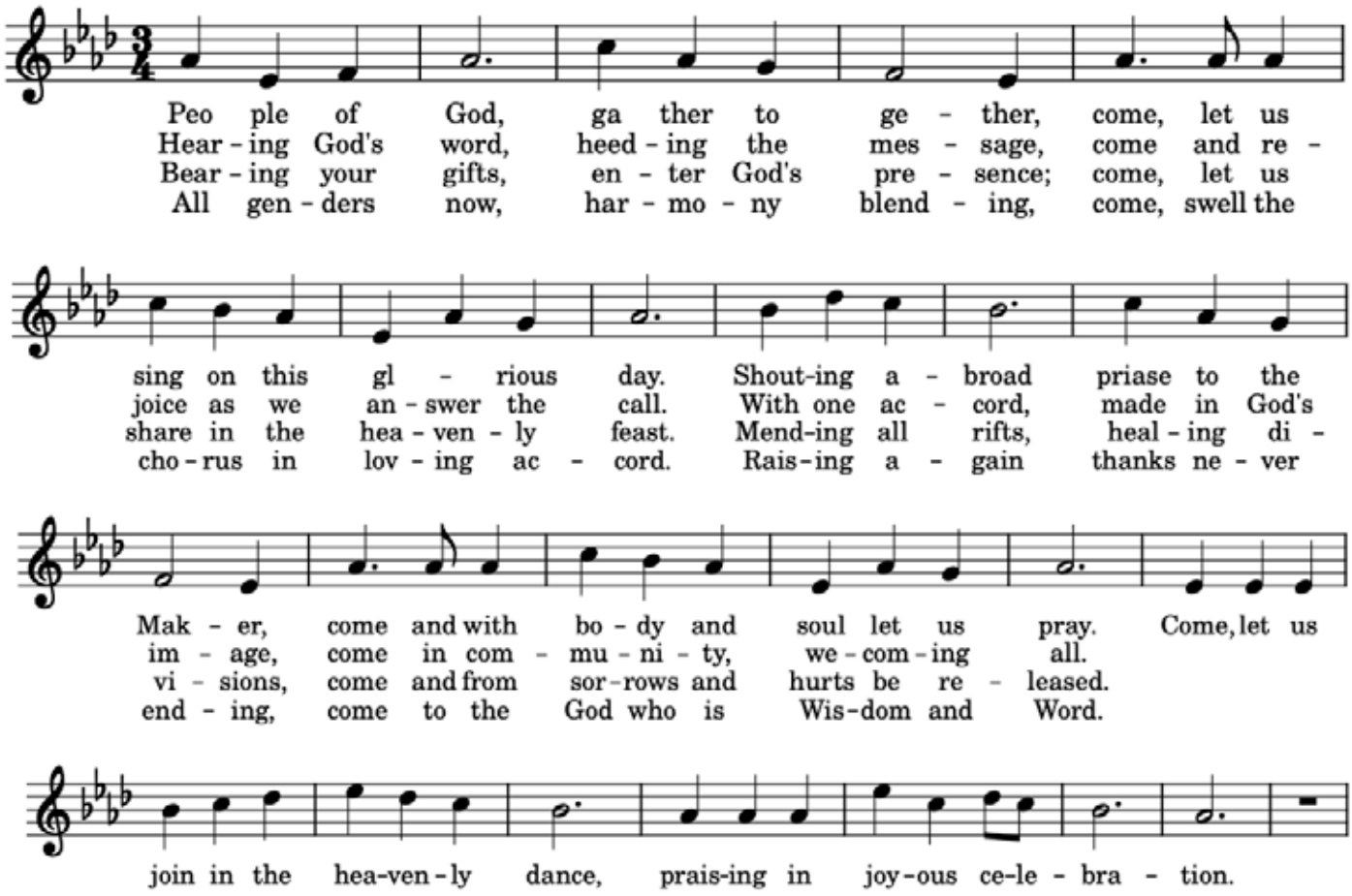
Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Presider prays the Collect for Purity, and the People respond, '**Amen**.'*

Song of Praise

People of God, gather together *Voices Found 109*



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

*The Presider prays the Collect of the Day, and the People respond, '**Amen**.'*

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Reading

After the reading:

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90:1-8

The Lector leads the reading of the Psalm.

[1] O God, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday
when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

8 Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

The Second Reading

After the reading:

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn

In Christ there is no east or west *Hymnal 529*

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Please enjoy listening to the music!

The Holy Gospel

The Gospel is processed around the assembly. You may touch, kiss, or reverence the Gospel as it passes.

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to _____.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**
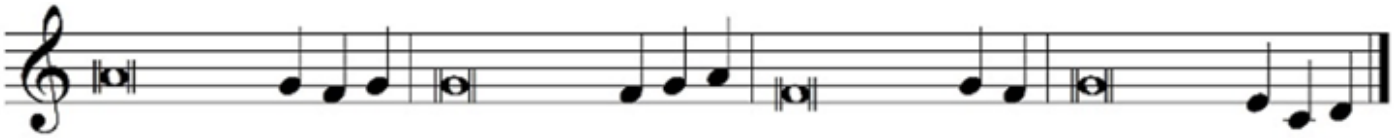
After the Gospel is proclaimed:

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

All stand, as able.



We believe / in one God,
The Father, / the Almighty,
Maker of heaven / and earth,
Of all that is, / seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, / Jesus Christ,
The only / Son of God,
Eternally begotten of / the Father,
God from God, / Light from Light,

True God / from true God,
Begot / ten, not made,
Of one Being with / the Father.
Through him all / things were made.

For us and for / our salvation
He came / down from heaven:
Was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Vir/gin Mary,
And became / truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under / Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death / and was buried.
On the third day he rose / again
In accordance / with the scriptures.

He ascended / into heaven
And is seated at the right hand / of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and / the dead,
And his kingdom will / have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the gi/ver of life,
Who proceeds / from the Father.
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped / and glorified.
Who has spoken / through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apo/stolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgive / ness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of / the dead,
and the life of the world to / come. Amen.

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The Prayers of the People

After each petition:

Intercessor Lord, in your goodness;
People **Hear our prayer.**

*The Presider prays a concluding Collect, and the People respond, '**Amen**.'*

The Confession and Absolution

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
People **God of all mercy,**
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us,
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

*The Presider pronounces the Absolution, and the People respond, '**Amen**.'*

The Peace
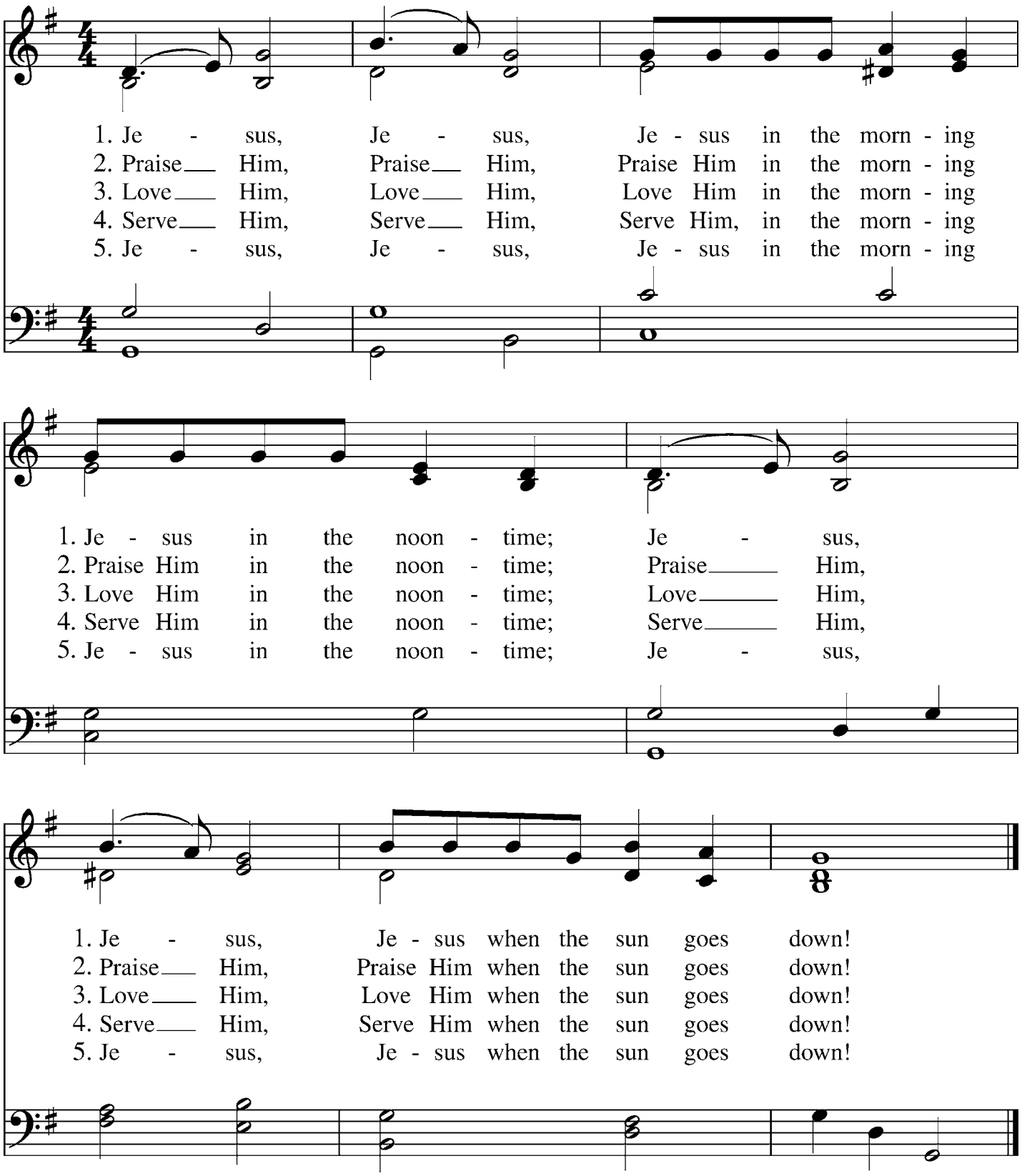
Presider The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The People share a sign of God's peace with one another.

Offertory Hymn & Procession

Jesus in the morning *Lift Every Voice & Sing II 76*

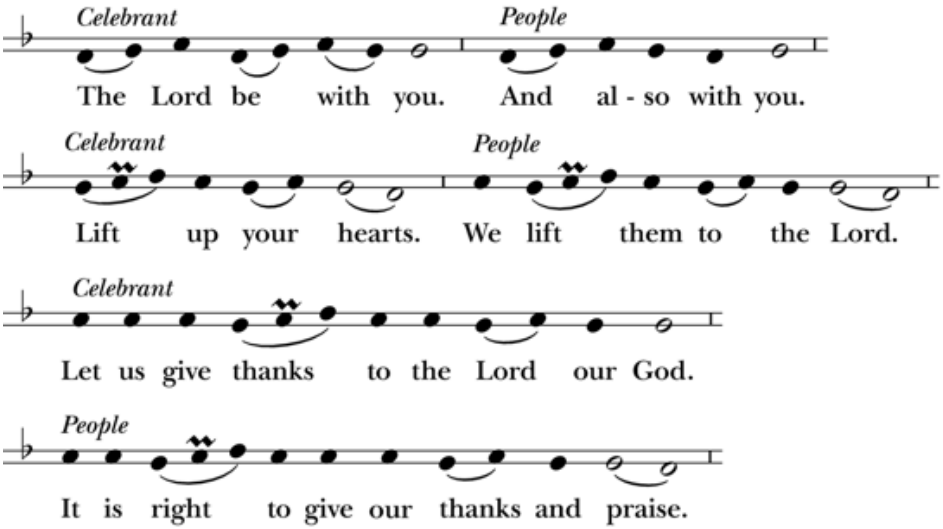
All are invited to come forward as we offer not only ourselves, but the gifts from our lives: bread and wine, funds, and other food that supports the Inter-Faith Council's food bank. This presentation is in the form of a procession towards the altar, where you may offer your gifts to God, including yourselves. ***Give to the Advocate online:*** *https://tinyurl.com/GiveToAdvocate*



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The Great Thanksgiving — Eucharistic Prayer A

All stand, as able. Children are invited to gather around the altar.

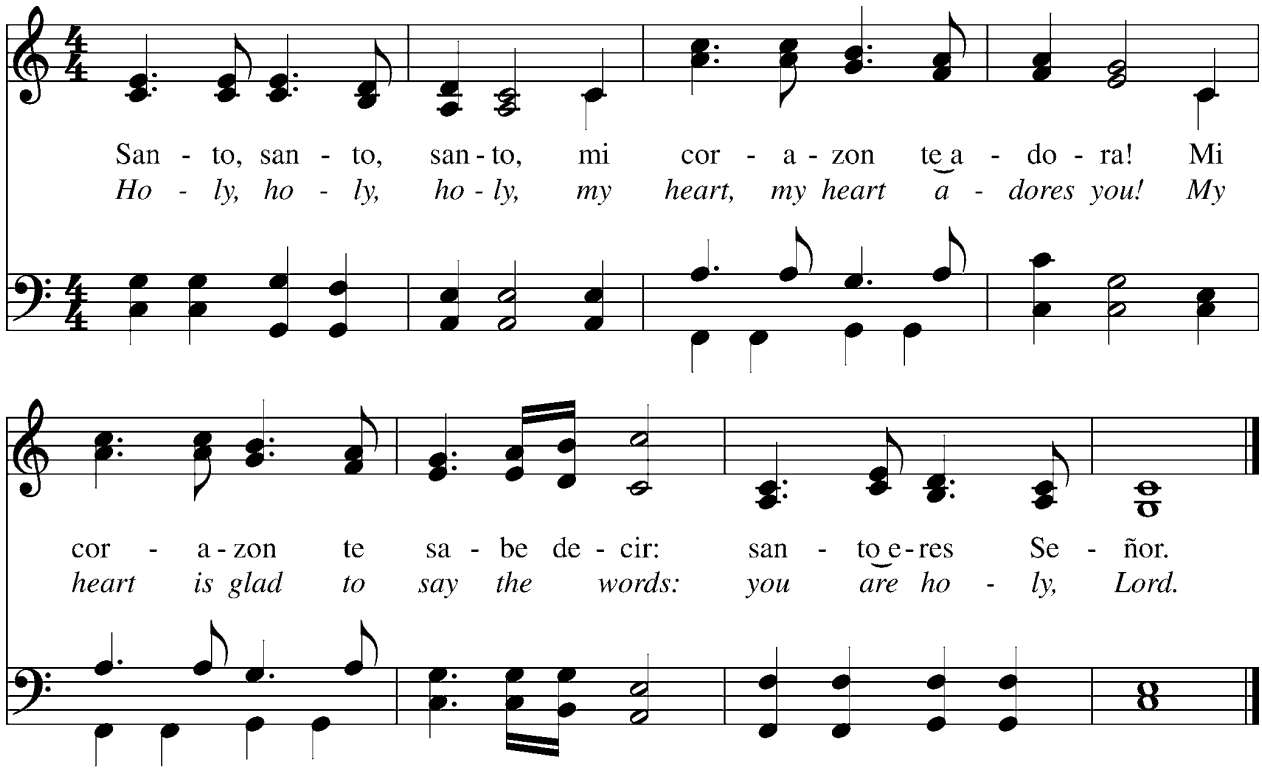


The Presider prays a Proper Preface, then continues.

Presider Therefore we praise you, joining with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Santo, santo, santo — *Wonder, Love, and Praise 785*
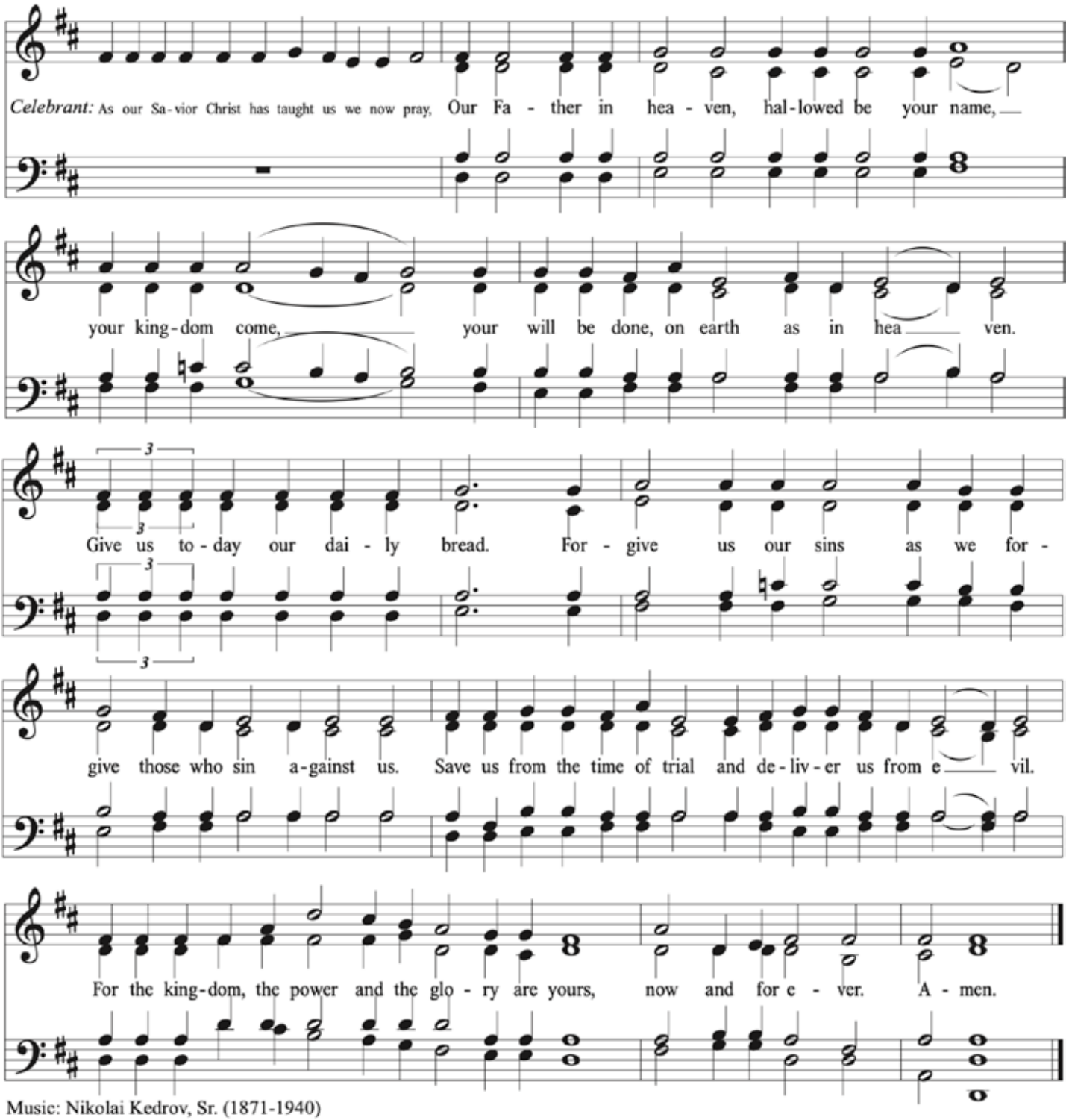


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The Presider recalls God's work in creation, humanity's fall away from God, and the redemption of the world by Christ. After recalling Christ's Last Supper, the Presider and People pray:

Presider Therefore we proclaim the Mystery of Faith:

People **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.w**

*The Presider prays that the gifts and People may be sanctified by God. After the Presider has completed the Eucharistic Prayer, the People respond in a loud voice, '**AMEN**!'*



Music: Nikolai Kedrov, Sr. (1871-1940)

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence follows.

Presider Behold what you are.
People **May we become what we receive.**

The Presider invites the People to receive the Communion of our Lord. All we welcome to come forward.

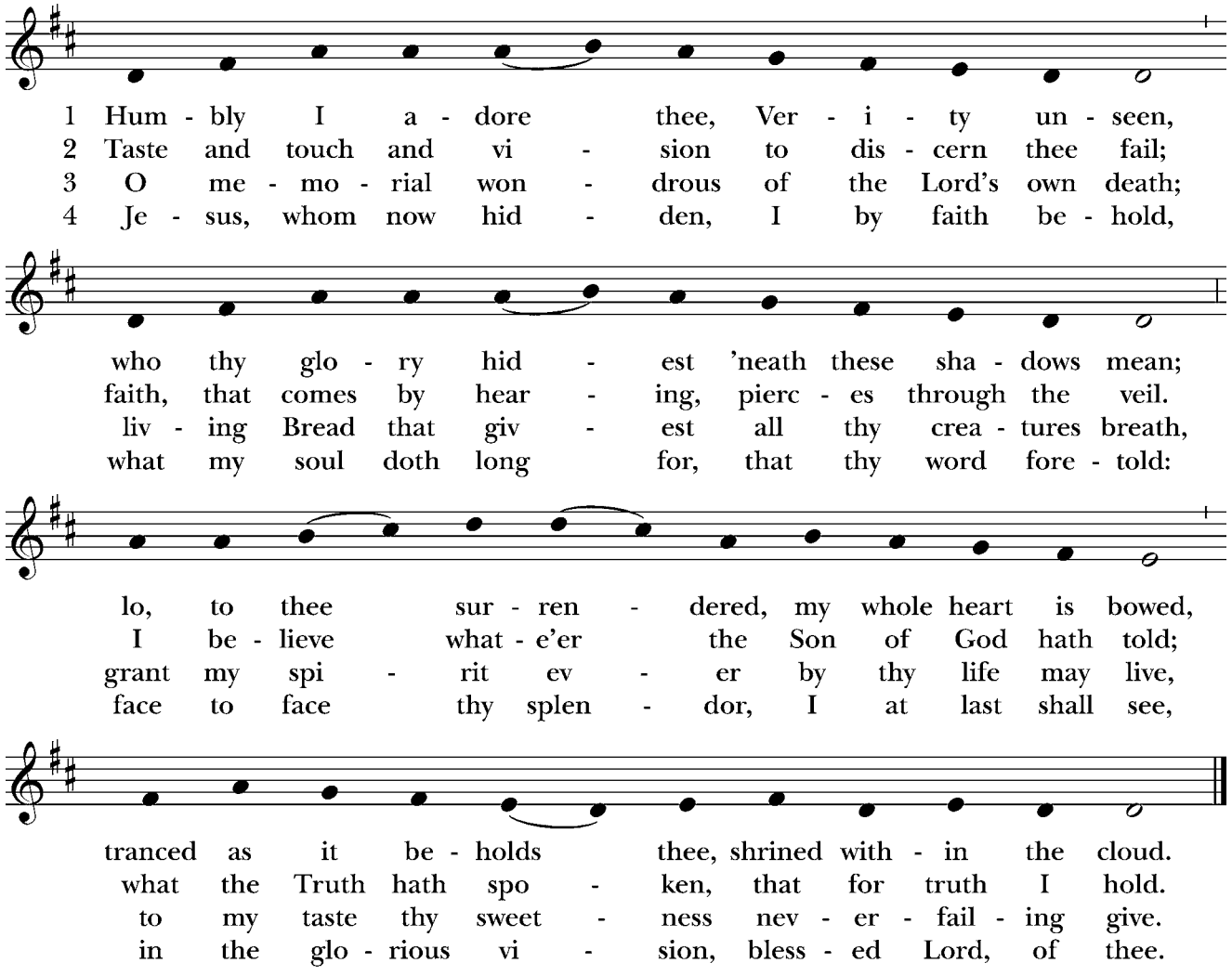
Those gathered at home are invited to pray the following prayer as those in person receive:

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered this day, we offer you praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. We believe that you are truly present in Word and Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our hearts, souls, and minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to unending peace in your glorious kingdom. Amen.

Communion Hymn

Humbly, I adore thee *Hymnal 314*



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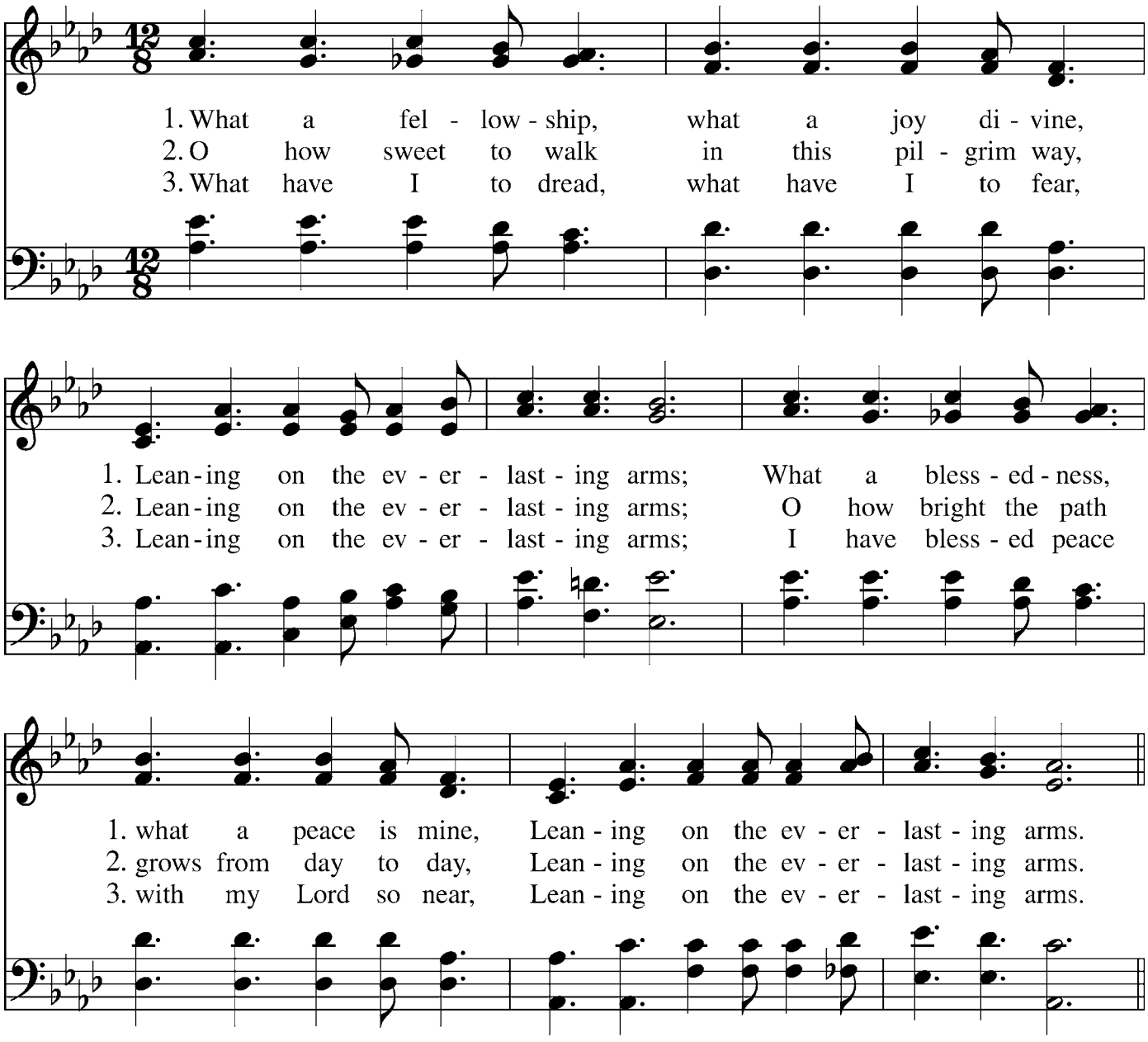
Post-Communion Prayer

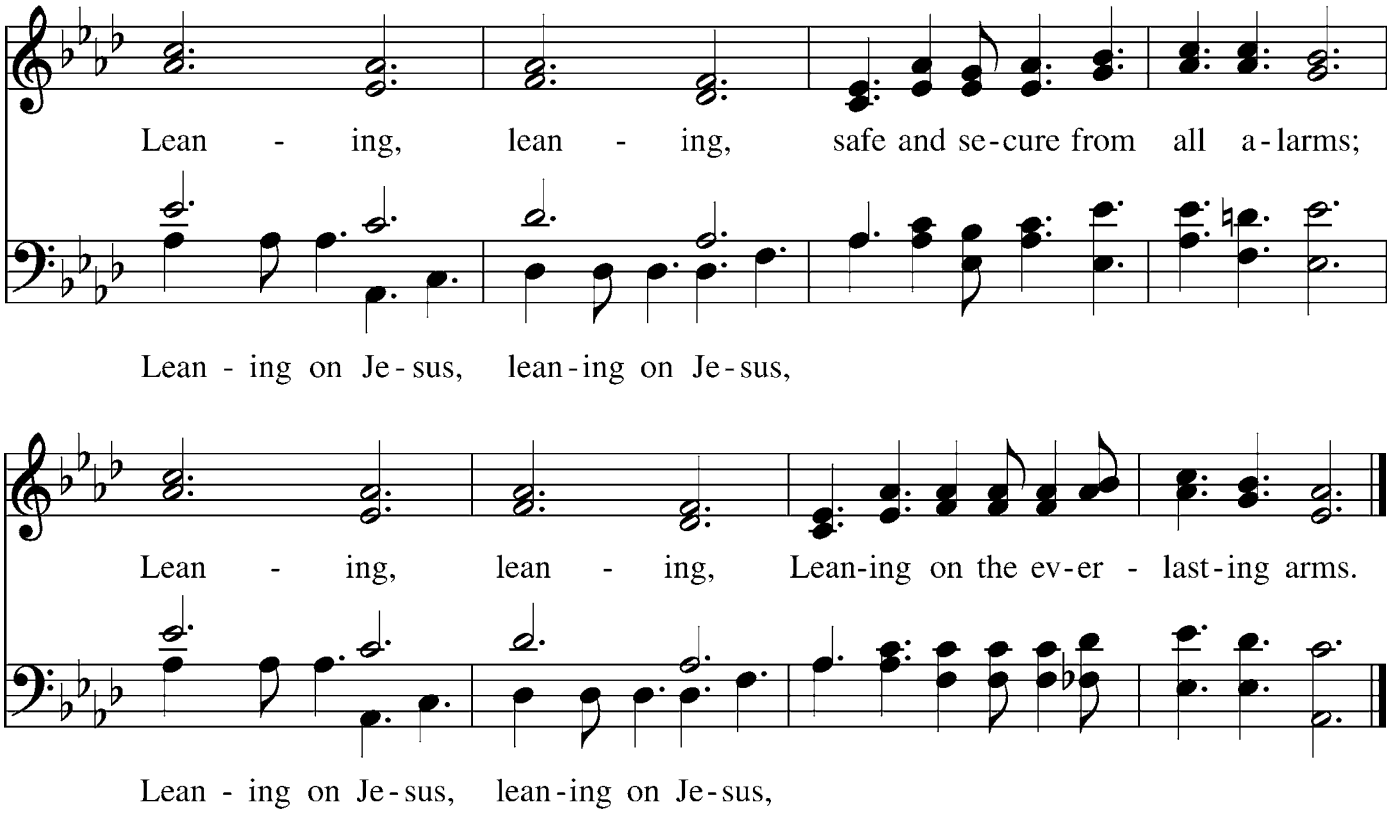
Presider Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father,**
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Going-Forth Hymn

Leaning on the everlasting arms *Lift Every Voice & Sing II 196*





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Dismissal

*The Dismissal is given, and the People respond in a loud voice, '**Thanks be to God!**'*

Welcome to The Episcopal Church of the Advocate

We're glad you chose to worship with us today.

At the Advocate, we welcome you—just as you are. We believe that all of us are made in God's image, and it is our work to see and celebrate that image in each other. So we welcome all ages and stages of life and faith to worship together, trusting that God's love is bigger than anything that may appear to divide us.

Our work looks like: gathering for worship, joyfully praising God, singing, praying, and sharing the bread and wine that makes Jesus present to us. It looks like everyone gathering for lunch after the later service, and getting to know one another well. And once we are fed and inspired, it looks like going out into the world as people transformed, with compassion, to work for justice and to share a vision of what community can be.

We encourage you to participate fully in our worship today, in the way that is right for you: singing, praying, and being present together. Worshippers of all ages need to move around sometimes, and we welcome that. If caregivers need to leave the Chapel to help someone become re-centered, please return when you're ready. If you have something to say, please say it with respect for those around you who may be listening or praying. The best time to speak is when everyone is speaking. The best time to be quiet is when only one person is speaking. If your need today is to be silent, please know that response is also welcome.

We encourage parents and caregivers to help young children engage in the service. You might point out what is going on ("She's reading a story from the Bible," or "Here's the hymn we're singing now"). You might hold the Liturgy Guide or Hymnal so your child may follow along, or even move your finger under the lines. Most importantly, sing, pray and respond yourself: your child will learn to participate by following your example.

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We encourage all adults to affirm our children, and anyone who may worship differently from you, with comments such as, "It was wonderful to worship with you today," or, "I'm so glad to see you today." This honors the personhood, rather than the behavior, of the individual. Children often can't distinguish between being laughed "at" or laughed "with," so we try to accept their contributions for what they are: an integral part of our common life and work.

We have an interesting story to tell, and we want to share it with you. You may discover more about our history, our worship, our property and our mission to the community on our website and our social media pages.

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