For Us

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Calvary Lutheran Church

March 15th, 2026

We are so thrilled to have you join us!

Calvary is a place for everyone, regardless of age or background. Whether you are young or simply young at heart; single, married, or widowed; a life-long believer or just getting started, you can find a home here. We are a congregation that worships, studies, and serves together.

A Special Welcome to Those With Young Children

First, please relax and enjoy your time here. Jesus knows that young children tend to wiggle, fuss, cry, or even giggle - so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Children are welcome here at Calvary!

Each Sunday your child may pick up a pew activity bag at the back of the sanctuary. Please return the pew bags after the service.

Feel free to sit wherever is most comfortable for your family. To make things a bit easier for your family, dare to sit closer to the front so your child can see all the activity going on at the altar. We encourage you to help them to be a part of the service by leading them to stand/sit, sing along, and chime in on responses, such as "Amen" and "Thanks be to God!"

If needed, we have a parent's room available at the back of the church, with windows into the sanctuary and audio as well, so that you can both see and hear the service.

Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us will be rejoicing in Jesus's words, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Luke 18:16). We know that children are a blessing to the church!

Communion at Calvary

Every week, Calvary celebrates the Lord's Supper with confidence and gladness in the forgiveness of sins that is offered by Jesus Christ at his table. This gift is more than a symbol; it is the true presence of Christ with us in his body and blood through the bread and wine. Our Lord invites to his table all baptized believers who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us.

If you are unsure of the beliefs and practices of the Lutheran Church, are questioning salvation in Christ Jesus, or do not believe, please speak with the pastor about receiving communion. We welcome you to come to the table with arms crossed upon your chest to indicate you would like a blessing.

When receiving, please know that the white cups are wine and the red cups are juice.

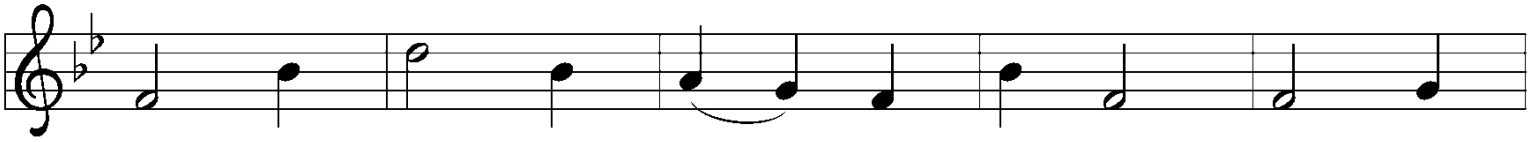
If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Harris.

+ THE GATHERING +

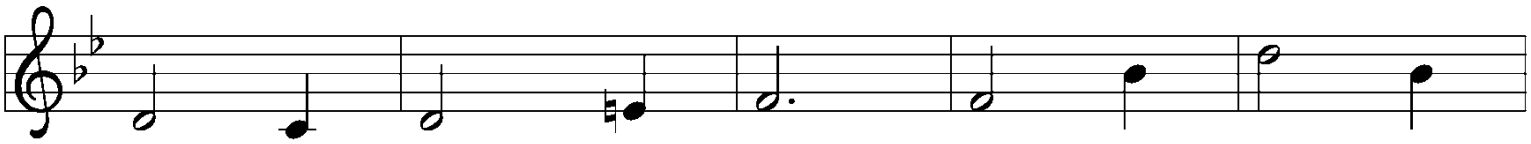
We talked about angels during Midweek of Lent 1. Tonight, we will talk about the darker side of the story—that is, demons. Demons are fallen angels who rebelled against God and His giving of Himself to us. Demons, with Satan chief among them, seek to undermine everything God is and does, even today. In our sermon tonight, we will hear how Jesus heals a man with a demon (Mark 5:1–13) and how that work of healing continues today.

PRELUDE

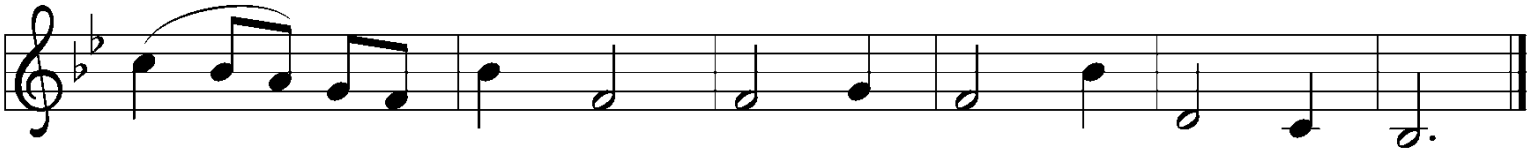
HYMN *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
love up - on my way, from the cross the
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872
Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815–1867

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C: Who made heaven and earth.

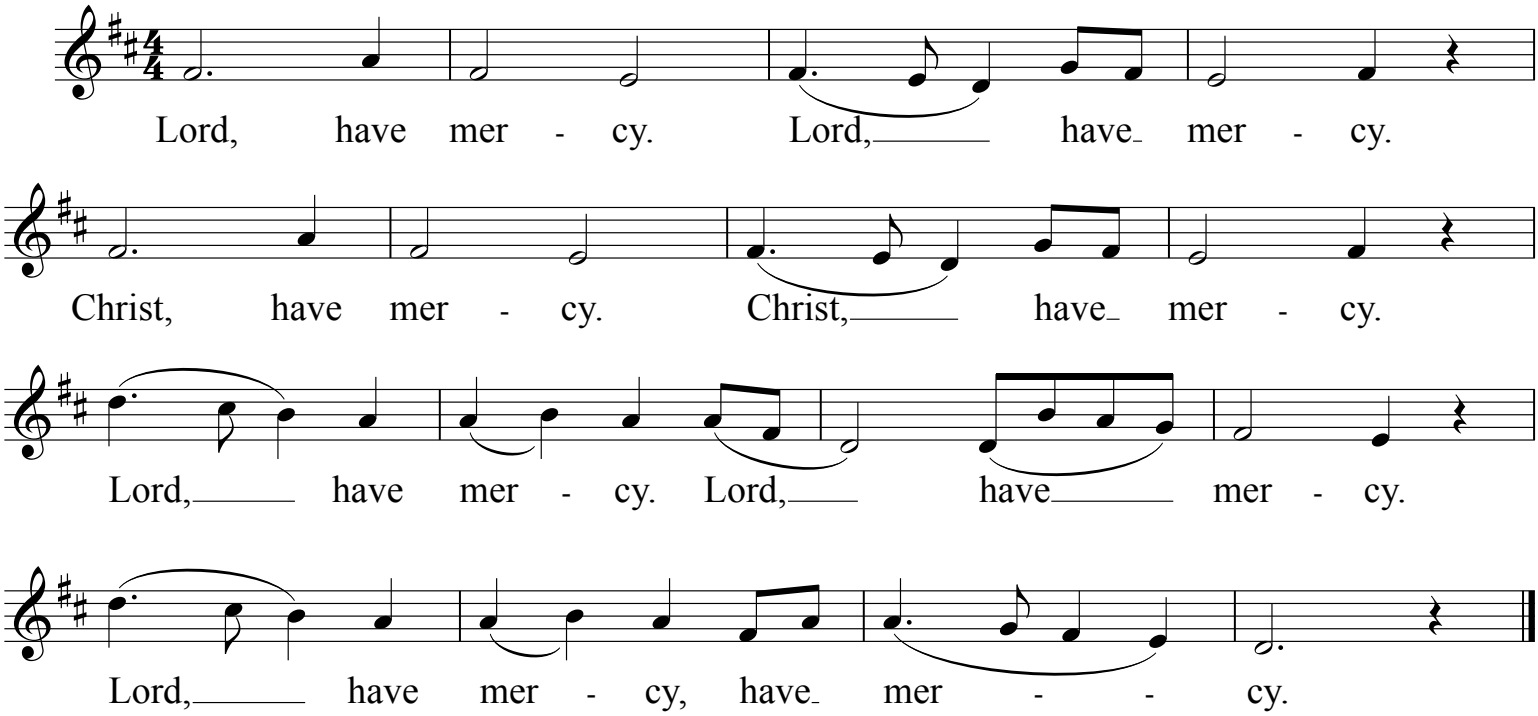
P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: **God, be merciful to me, a sinner.**

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

KYRIE



SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**

COLLECT

P: Let us pray.
Lord Jesus, You came into this created world to conquer sin and death.
C: By Your victory over the tempter as one of us, strengthen our faith whenever it is under duress.
P: Hear us, Jesus Christ, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

FIRST READING **Isaiah 50:4-11**

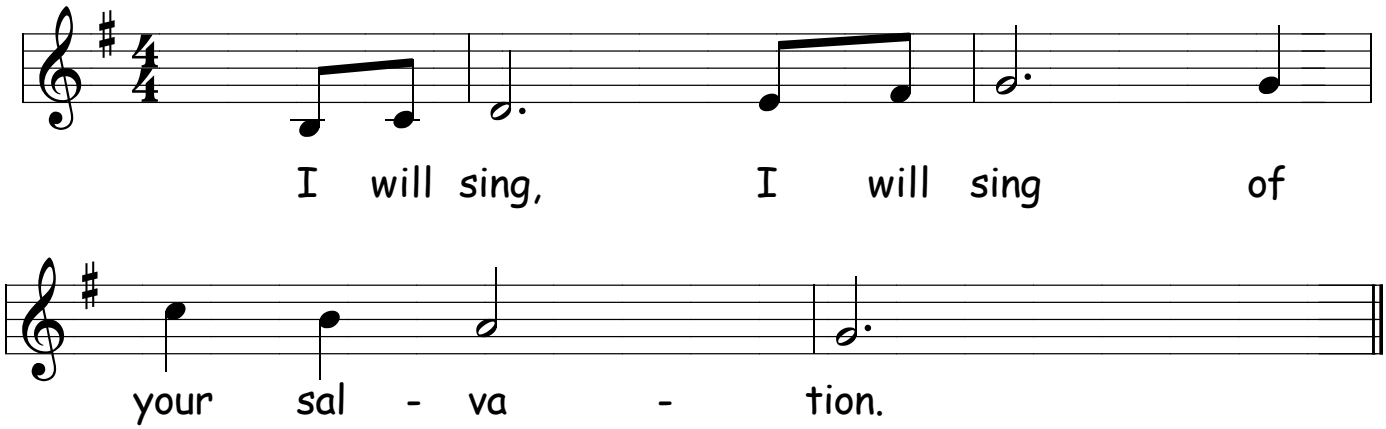
The Old Testament readings throughout Lent are the focus of the midweek service. They are the Songs of the Servant, which tell us what to look for in the Messiah.

4 The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary.
Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those
who are taught.
5 The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned
not backward.
6 I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull
out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.
7 But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be
put to shame.
8 He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us
stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me.
9 Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold,
all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.
10 Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the voice of his servant?
Let him who walks in darkness and has no light
trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God.
11 Behold, all you who kindle a fire, who equip yourselves with burning
torches! Walk by the light of your fire, and by the torches that you
have kindled! This you have from my hand: you shall lie down in
torment.

P: This is the word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 71 *I Will Sing* - David Haas

Refrain/Congregation



Verses/Cantor

In you, O God, I place my fears,
Protect me from all shame.
Save me from my guilt,
Listen to me, Lord.

Refrain:

In you, O God, my hope returns,
The trust of my youth.
To you I pray,
For you are my strength.

Refrain:

My mouth shall proclaim your name,
Your praises day by day.
O God, you are my song;
Forever I will sing.

Refrain:

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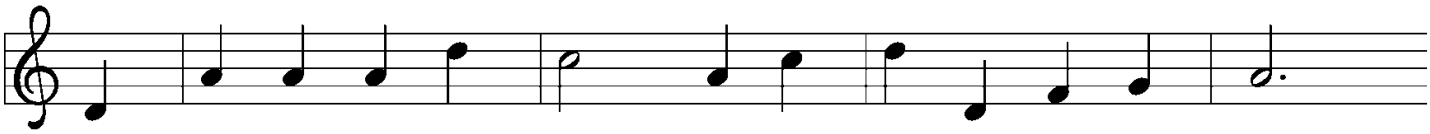
SECOND READING **Romans 8:1-11**

1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ
Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus
from the law of sin and death. 3 For God has done what the
law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the
likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in
order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in
us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the
Spirit. 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the
things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their
minds on the things of the Spirit. 6 For to set the mind on the flesh is
death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 7 For the mind
that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's
law; indeed, it cannot. 8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

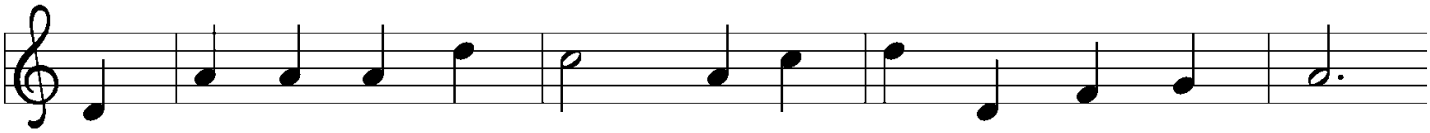
9 You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of
God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not
belong to him. 10 But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead
because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 If the Spirit
of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ
Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his
Spirit who dwells in you.

P: This is the word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

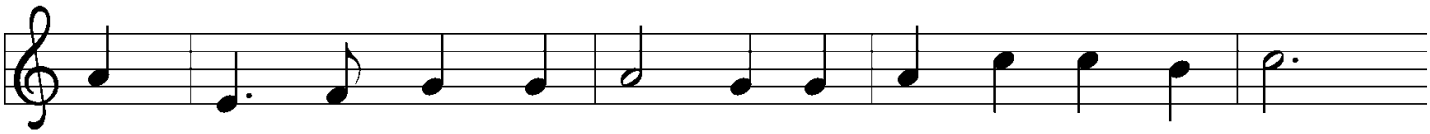
HYMN OF DAY *If God My Lord Be For Me*



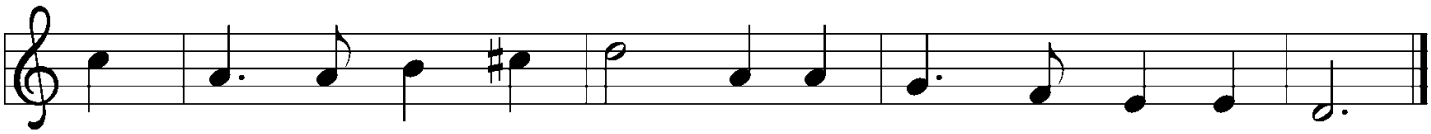
1 If God my Lord be for me, I may a host de - fy;
2 I build on this foun - da - tion, that Je - sus and his blood
3 Christ Je - sus is my splen - dor, my sun, my light, a - lone;
4 For joy my heart is ring - ing; all sor - row dis - ap - pears;



for when I pray, be - fore me my foes, con - found - ed, fly.
a - lone are my sal - va - tion, the true, e - ter - nal good.
were he not my de - fend - er be - fore the judg - ment throne,
and full of mirth and sing - ing, it wipes a - way all tears.



If Christ, my head and mas - ter, be - friend me from a - bove,
With - out him all that pleas - es will vain and emp - ty prove.
I nev - er should find fa - vor and mer - cy in God's sight,
The sun that cheers my spir - it is Je - sus Christ, my king;



what foe or what di - sas - ter can drive me from his love?
The gifts I have from Je - sus a - lone are worth my love.
but be de - stroyed for - ev - er as dark - ness by the light.
the heav'n I shall in - her - it makes me re - joice and sing.

HOLY GOSPEL **Mark 5:1-13**

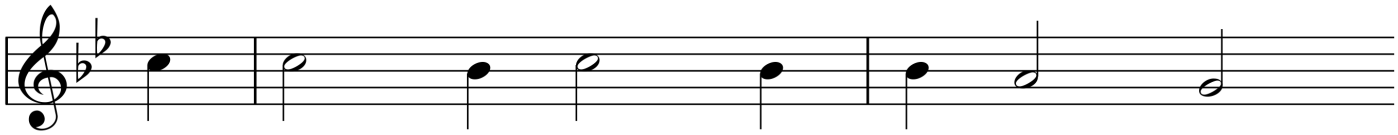
P: The Holy Gospel is from Saint Mark, the fifth chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

1 They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the
Gerasenes. 2 And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately
there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit. 3 He lived
among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a
chain, 4 for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he
wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one
had the strength to subdue him. 5 Night and day among the tombs and on
the mountains he was always crying out and cutting himself with
stones. 6 And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before
him. 7 And crying out with a loud voice, he said, "What have you to do
with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not
torment me." 8 For he was saying to him, "Come out of the man, you
unclean spirit!" 9 And Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied,
"My name is Legion, for we are many." 10 And he begged him earnestly
not to send them out of the country. 11 Now a great herd of pigs was
feeding there on the hillside, 12 and they begged him, saying, "Send us to
the pigs; let us enter them." 13 So he gave them permission. And the
unclean spirits came out and entered the pigs; and the herd, numbering
about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and
drowned in the sea.

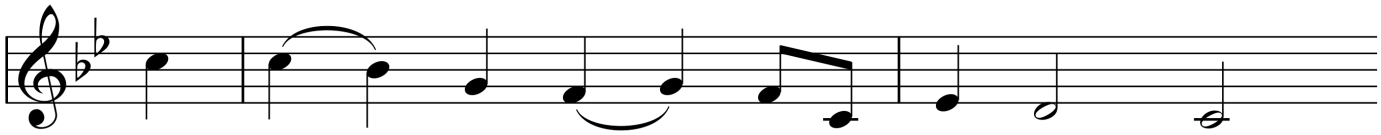
P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON **Pastor Alex Harris**

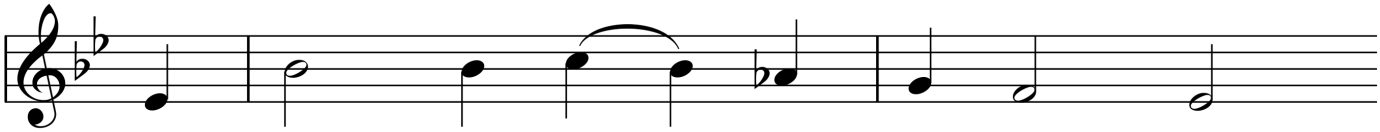
HYMN OF THE DAY *O Love, How Deep (LSB 544 verses 1-4)*



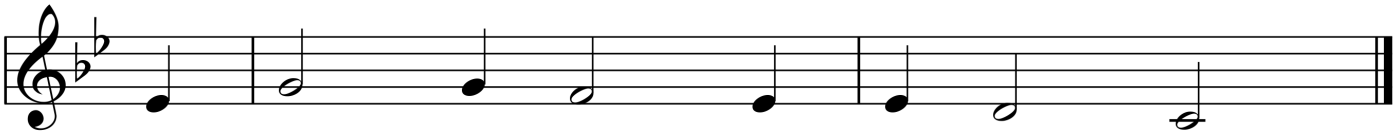
1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
2 He sent no an - gel to our race,
3 For us bap - tized, for us He bore
4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;



Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,
Of high - er or of low - er place,
His ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;
For us His dai - ly works He wrought,



That God, the Son of God, should take
But wore the robe of hu - man frame,
For us temp - ta - tion sharp He knew;
By words and signs and ac - tions thus



Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
And to this world Him - self He came.
For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
Still seek - ing not Him - self but us.

NICENE CREED

I 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 <u>for us</u> men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and became man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

I 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 worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. I believe in one, holy Christian* and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

"Us men" means all people.
Christian: The ancient text reads "catholic," meaning the whole church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
(congregation may kneel or stand during the prayers)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord:
C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:
C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:
C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:
C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:
C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:
C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:
C: **Lord, have mercy.**

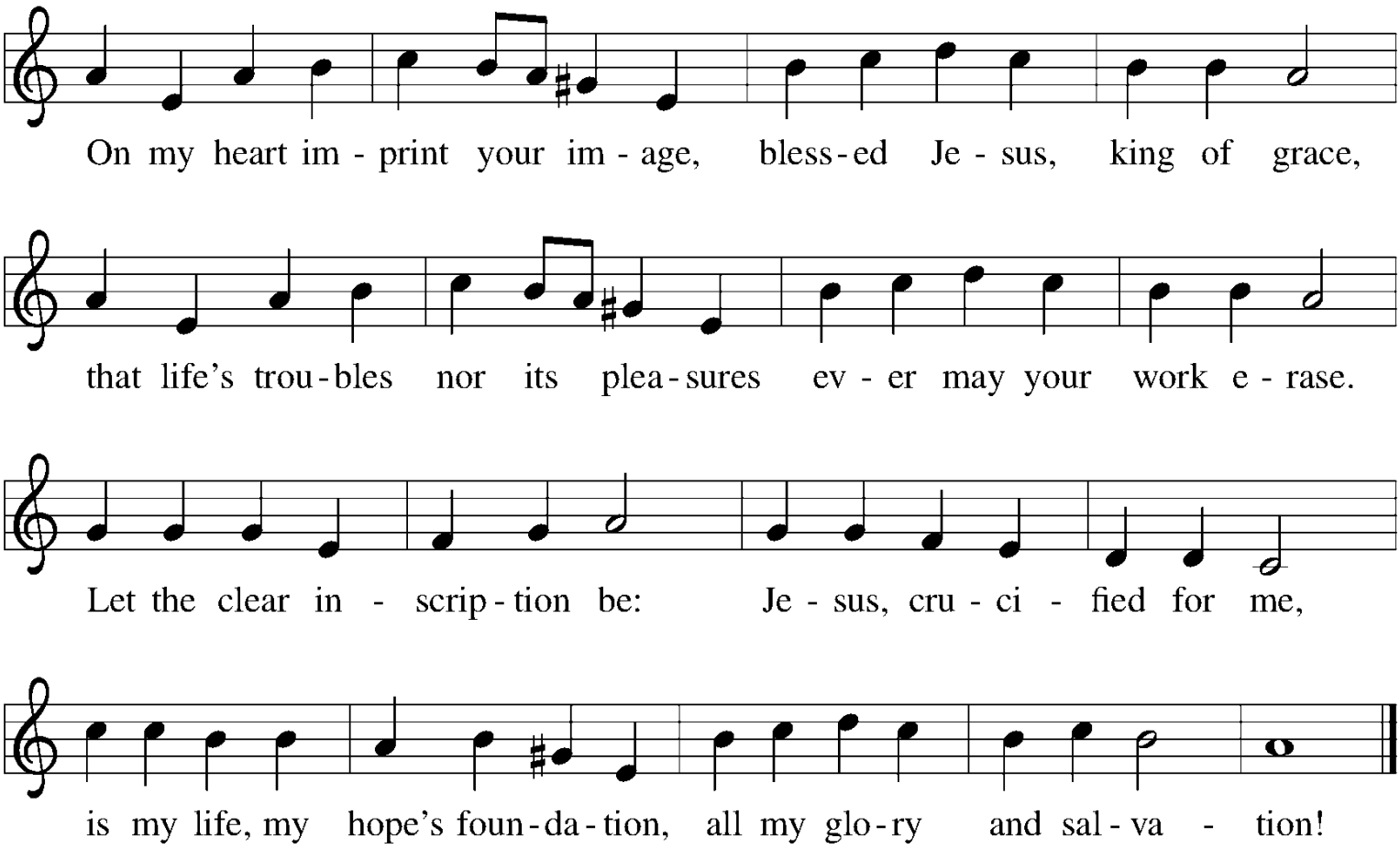
P::For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:
C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:
C: **Thanks be to God.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *On My Heart Imprint Your Image*



PREFACE

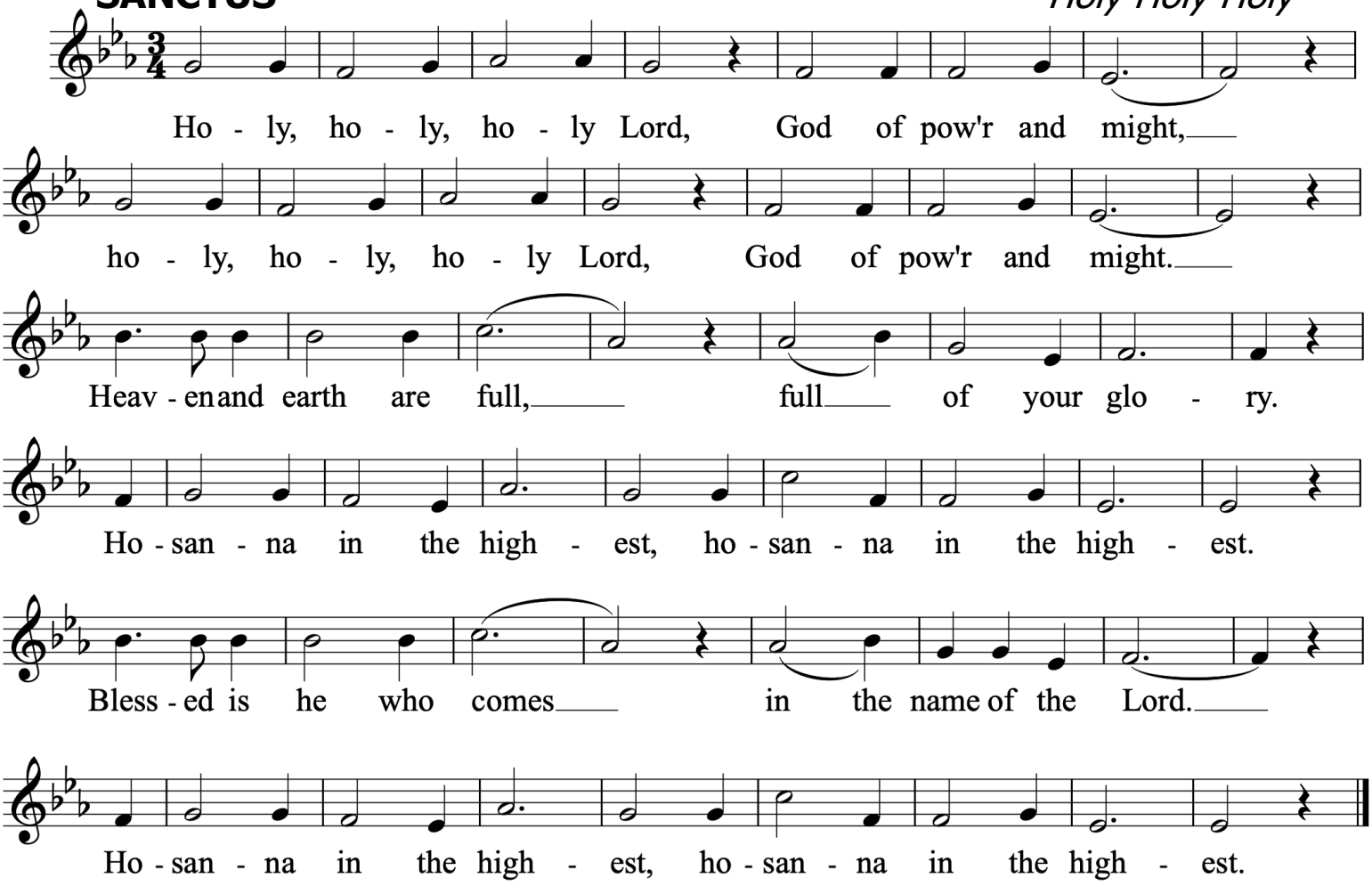
P: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is true, 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, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave his life as a ransom for the many. That with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast with sincerity and truth. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your name evermore praising you and saying…

SANCTUS

Holy Holy Holy



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have not left Your frail and wandering people but sent Your only-begotten Son. We receive His salvation today, won for us by the sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gather us together with all the faithful from the ends of the earth to celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom.

C: Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father of glory and power beyond our understanding, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

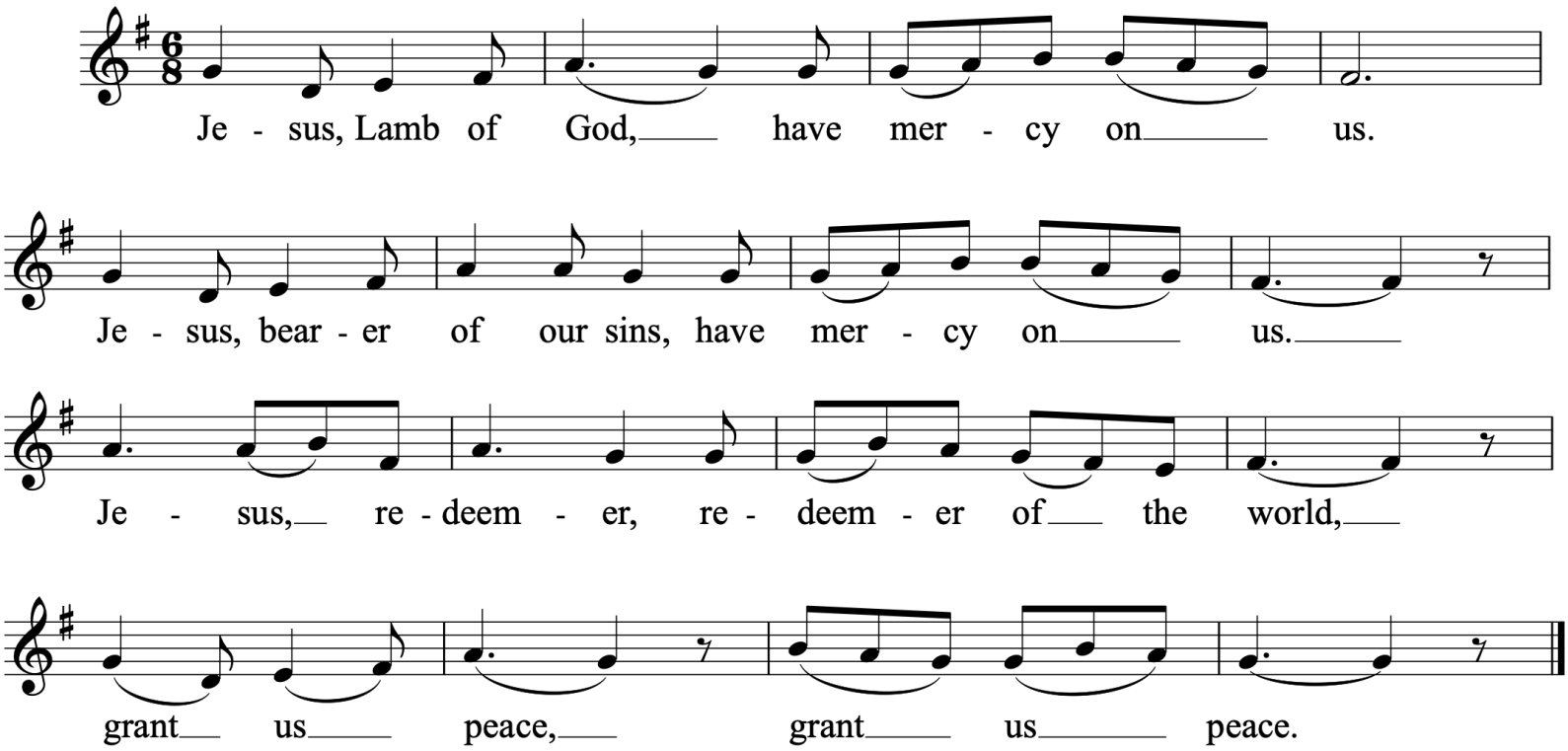
P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and Passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So 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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

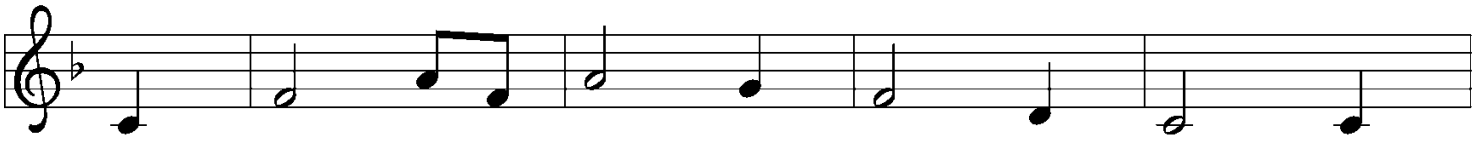
Greet one another in the name of the Lord: "Peace be with you."

ANGUS DEI

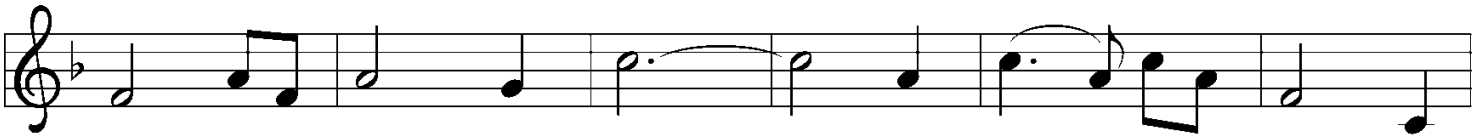


THE DISTRIBUTION

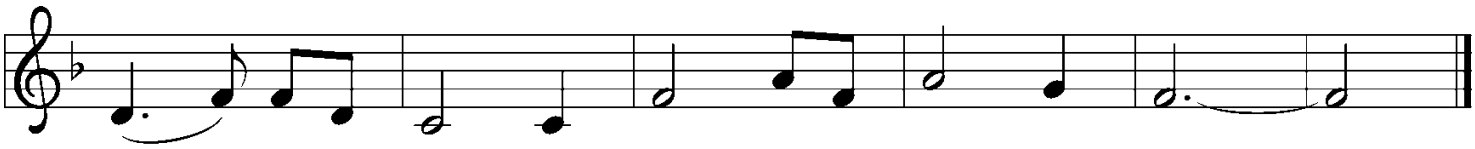
DISTRIBUTION HYMN *Amazing Grace*



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



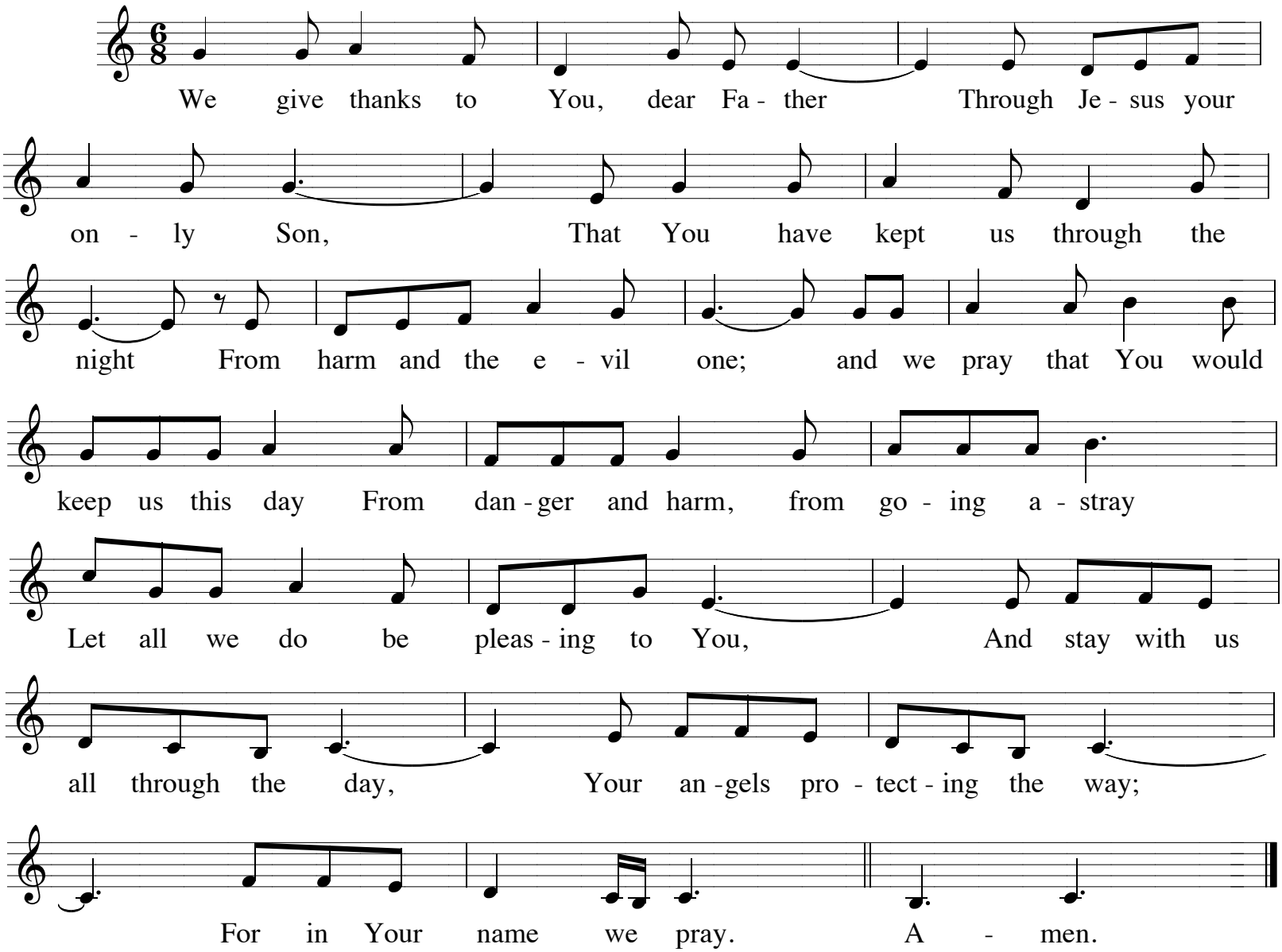
now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

THE POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the truly present Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in body and soul unto life everlasting. Go in peace.

C: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING *Luther's Morning Prayer*



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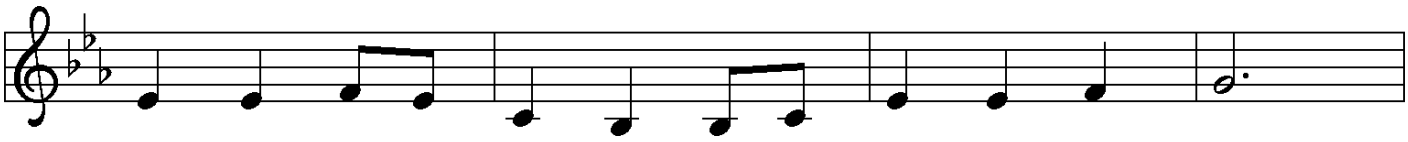
BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

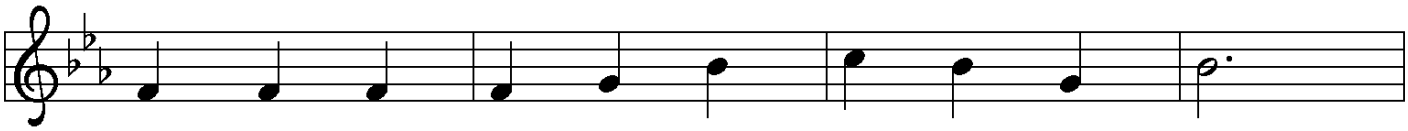
P: Our loving Father—whose love is so deep, broad, and beyond all thought—His ✠ Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, and the Holy Spirit, accompany you now and always.

C: **Amen.**

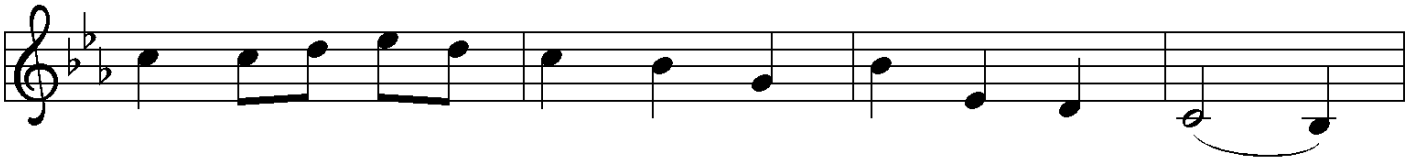
RECESSIONAL HYMN *Be Thou My Vision*



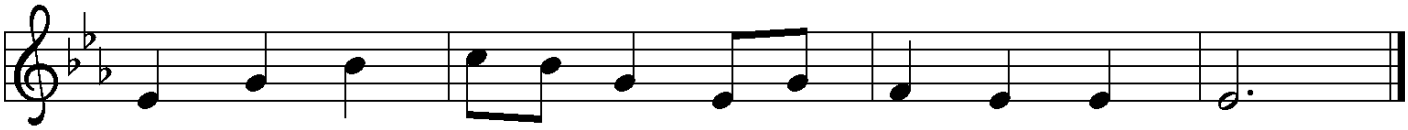
1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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