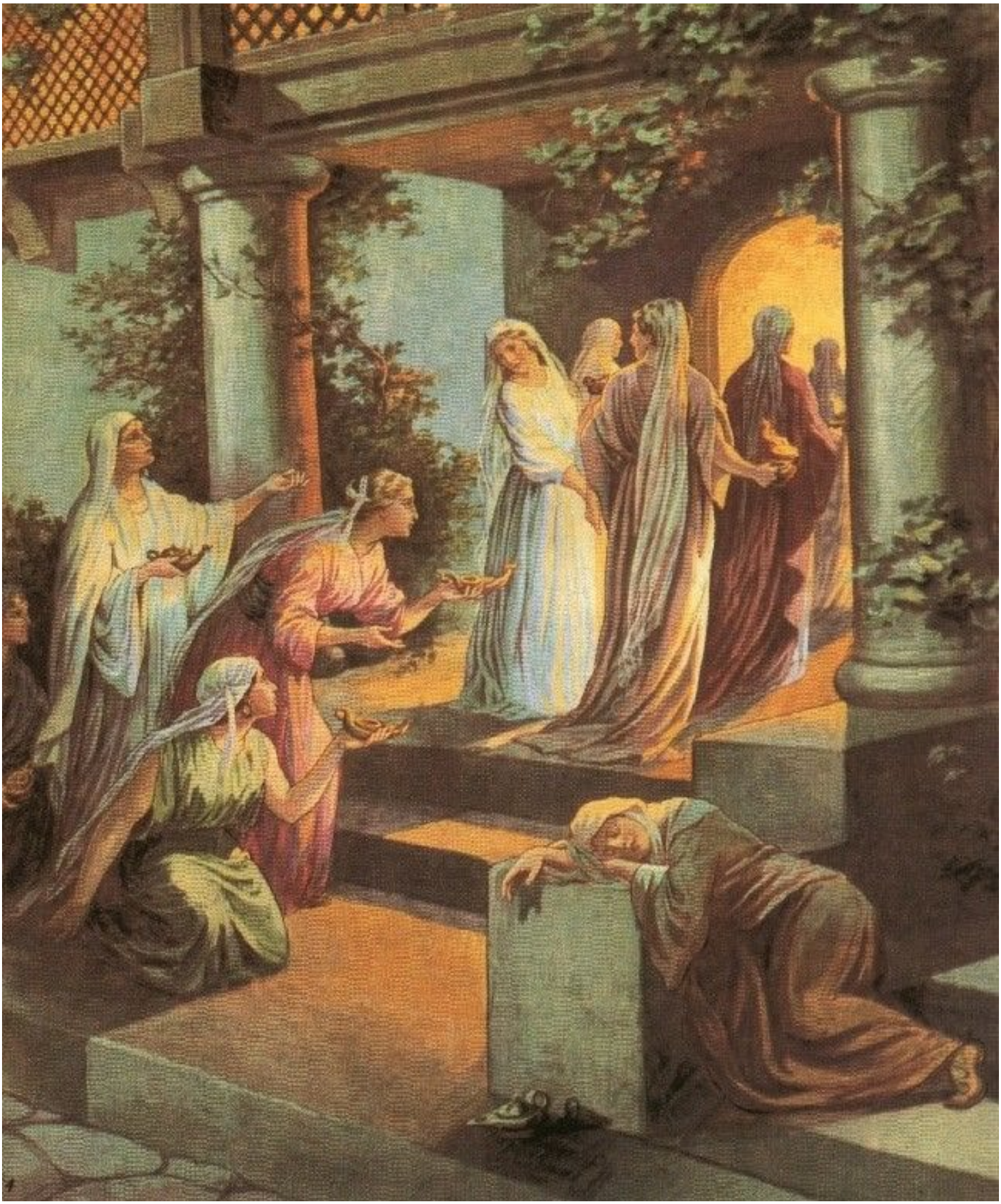


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Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2026

A warm welcome to those who are visiting us today. You may hang your coat in the entryway of the church or on the coat rack downstairs. The bathrooms are located in the lower level of this building. Before you go home today, please sign our guest book located on the podium in the entry way. Also, refreshments are served in the fellowship hall after our service this morning. We invite you to join us for something to eat and drink.

Our lower level is wired for sound. If you need to take your child out during the service, you won't miss any of the sermon. The service is also simulcast on the church's Facebook page.

In the unlikely event of an emergency during this morning's service, you can exit the building using the main entryway or the exit to the right of the chancel. Our building does have a fire alarm system which is wired directly to the fire department. Remember, we follow the "Run, Hide, Fight" response in an emergency.

Before Service Prayer: Lord God, heavenly Father, You have called Your church to wait for her Bridegroom with repentance and hope. Call to our attention the ways we have been unprepared for Christ's return, that we may meet Him with joy when the eternal wedding feast commences; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Today's Theme

THE BEGINNING OF THE END – IT'S TIME TO WATCH FOR THE FINAL EVENTS

Imagine you are planning to take the family out to dinner. You all have to wait for someone to get ready. Minute after minute passes. What can happen in that situation? It's easy to focus on something else and even forget the original goal. Perhaps as you wait, you even fall asleep.

As we wait for Christ to return, as day after day passes, it can be easy to get distracted, to lose vigilance, to become spiritually drowsy. It's the beginning of the end. Why does it have to take so long? God forbid that Christ should return and find us spiritually asleep. Today we are reminded that the time between Christ's first and second coming is a time for watchfulness.

Opening Hymn: CW702 “Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake”

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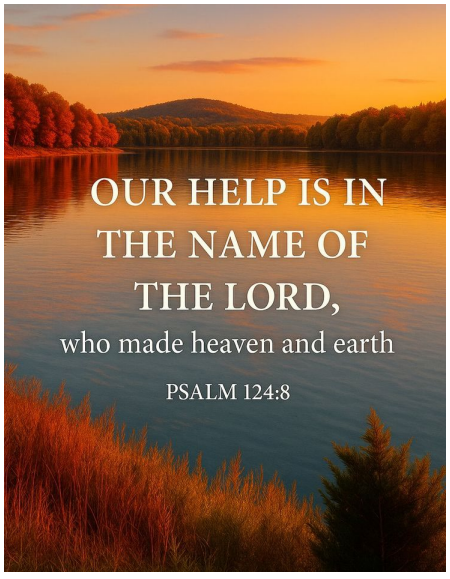
Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

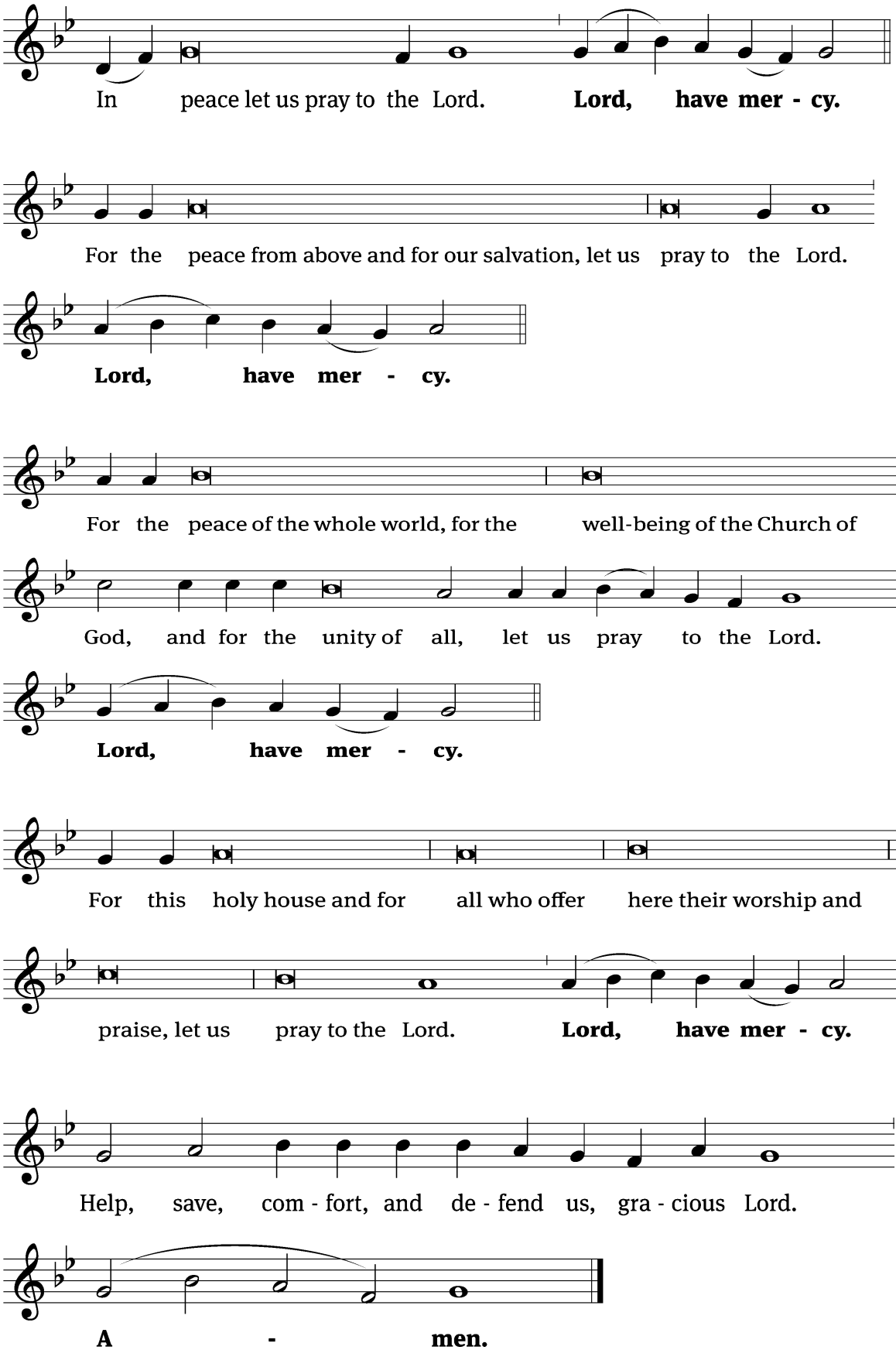
P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C: the maker of heaven and earth.
P: Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.
C: Almighty God, merciful Father,
I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart.
In what I have done and left undone,
I have pursued my ways instead of your ways.
I have not loved others as you command.
For this I deserve your punishment now and forever.
I am sorry for my sins.
I repent of them.
I beg for your mercy.

(Silence for meditation and reflection)
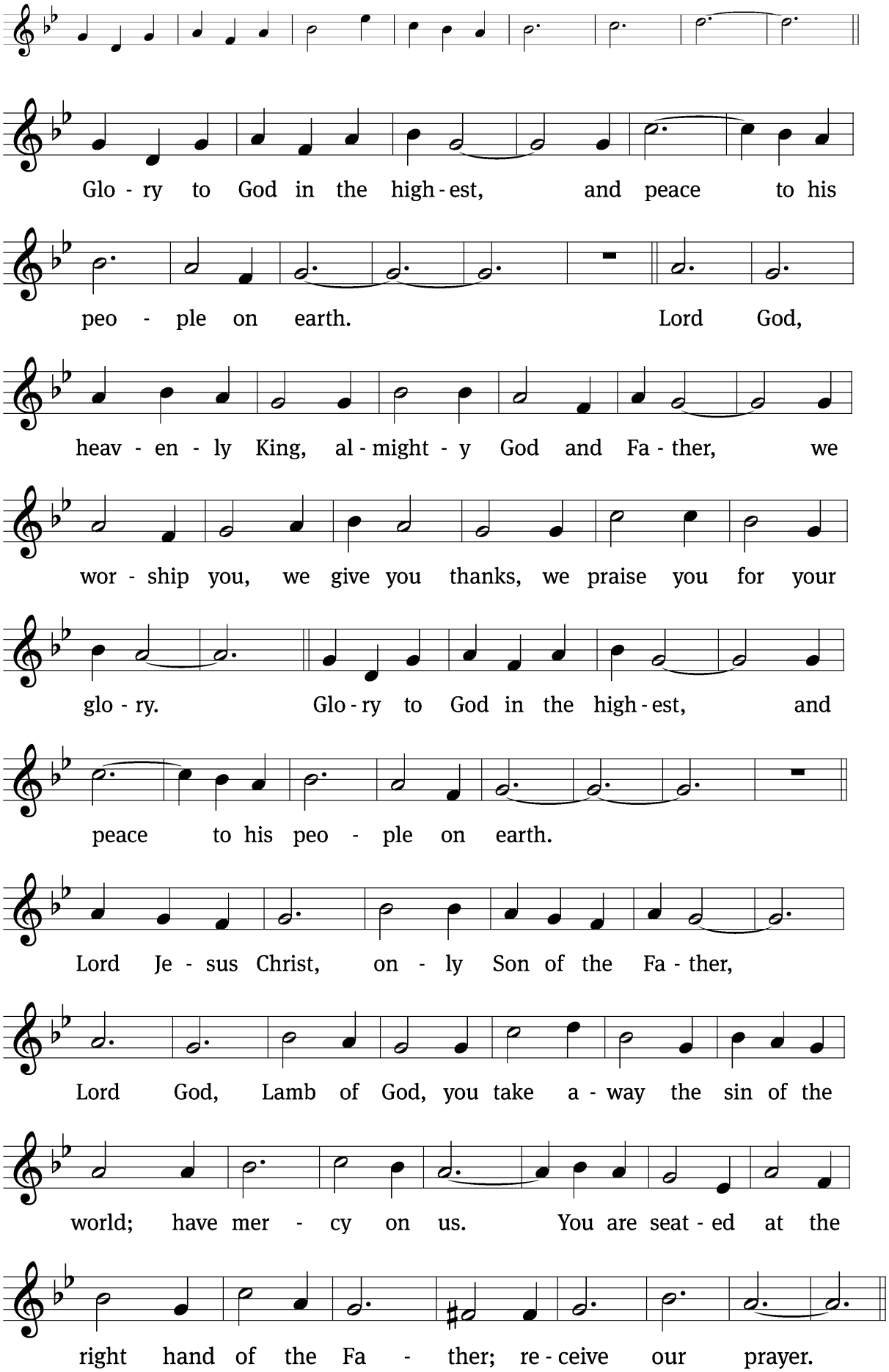
P: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.
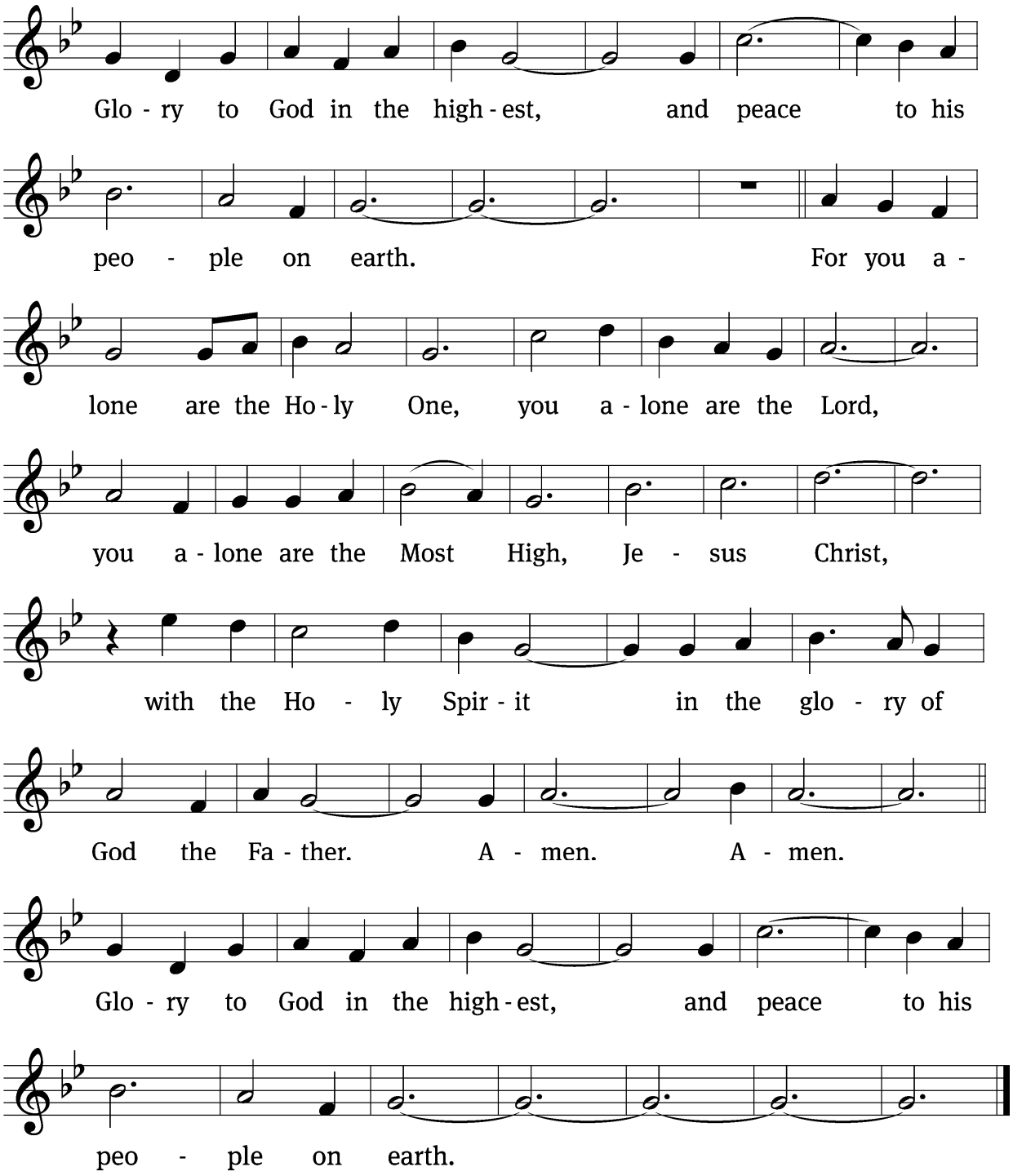


Lord, Have Mercy



Glory to God in the Highest





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THE WORD

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Be seated)

First Reading Isaiah 52:1–6

The prophet cries "Awake!" to people sleepwalking through life.

[1]Awake, awake, Zion,
clothe yourself with strength!
Put on your garments of splendor,
Jerusalem, the holy city.
The uncircumcised and defiled
will not enter you again.
[2]Shake off your dust;
rise up, sit enthroned, Jerusalem.
Free yourself from the chains on your neck,
Daughter Zion, now a captive.[3]For this is what the LORD says:

"You were sold for nothing,
and without money you will be redeemed."

[4]For this is what the Sovereign LORD says:

"At first my people went down to Egypt to live;
lately, Assyria has oppressed them.

[5]"And now what do I have here?" declares the LORD.
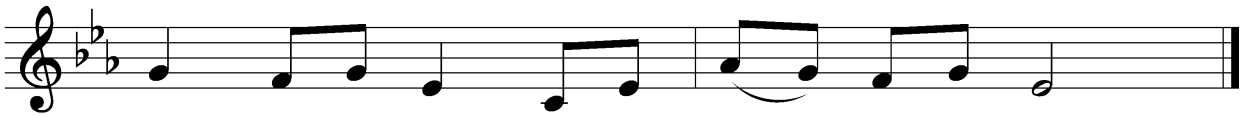
"For my people have been taken away for nothing,
and those who rule them mock,"
declares the LORD.
"And all day long
my name is constantly blasphemed.
[6]Therefore my people will know my name;
therefore in that day they will know
that it is I who foretold it.
Yes, it is I."

P: The Word of the Lord.
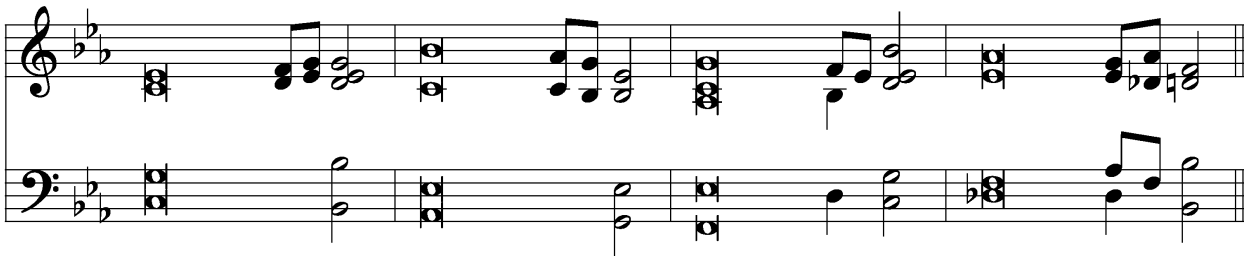
C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90B Lord, Give Success to the Work of Our Hands

Refrain



Tone



Lord, you have been our / dwelling place
throughout all gener- / ations.
A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has / just gone by,
or like a watch / in the night.

Yet you sweep people away in the / sleep of death—
they are like the new grass of the / morning:
In the morning it / springs up new,
but by evening it is dry and / withered. *Refrain*

Our days may come to / sev'nty years,
or eighty, if our / strength endures;
yet the best of them are but trouble and / sorrow,
for they quickly pass, and we / fly away.

Teach us to number / our days,
that we may gain a heart of / wisdom.
Satisfy us in the morning with your un- / failing love,
that we may sing for joy and be glad / all our days.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

Second Reading *1 Thessalonians 5:1–11*

Be watchful for Jesus to return. Live as children of light.
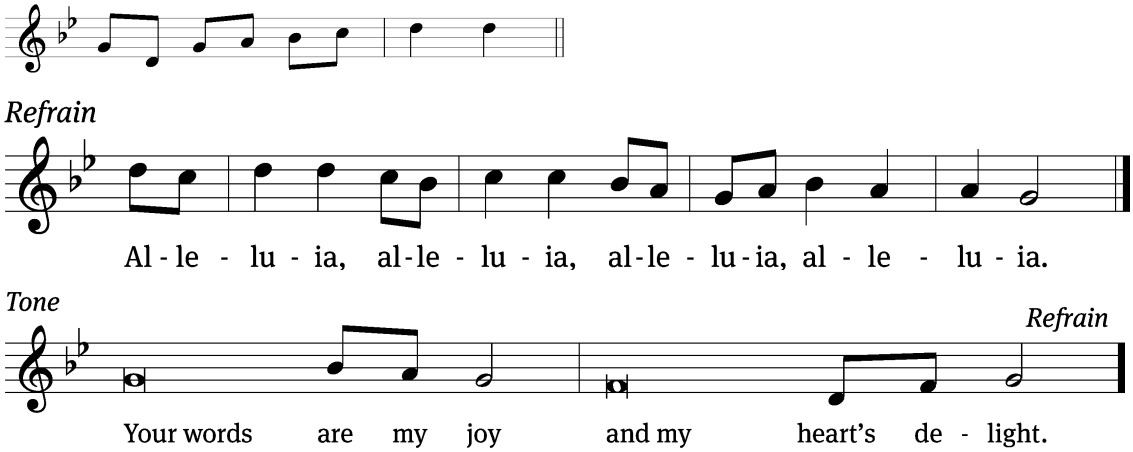
[1]Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, [2]for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3]While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

[4]But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. [5]You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. [6]So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. [7]For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. [8]But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. [9]For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. [10]He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. [11]Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

P: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation



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Gospel *Matthew 25:1–13*

Those who are watching and ready for the Bridegroom will enter into the great wedding banquet.

[1]"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. [2]Five of them were foolish and five were wise. [3]The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. [4]The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. [5]The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

[6]"At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'

[7]"Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. [8]The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.'

9 “ ‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’

10 “But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

11 “Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’

12 “But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’

13 “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

(Be seated)

Hymn of the Day: CW486 “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”

Sermon: Matthew 25:1-13 "The Wise Are Ready for the Return!"

(Stand)

Nicene Creed

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,
begotten, 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 Virgin 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 giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(Be seated)

Prayer of the Church

C: Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.

P: Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.
C: Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.

P: Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.
C: Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.

P: Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.
C: Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.

P: Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.
C: Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.

P: Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. [Pour out your special blessing on . . . Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.
C: Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

P: Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.

C: In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.
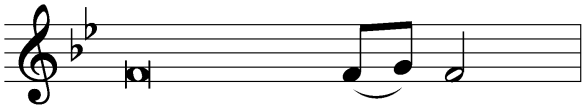
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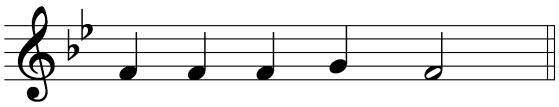
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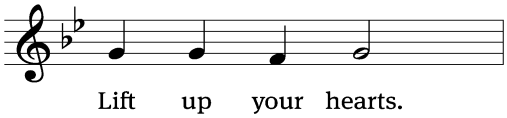
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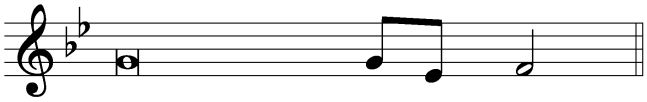
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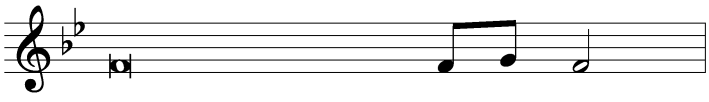
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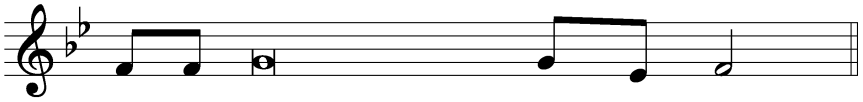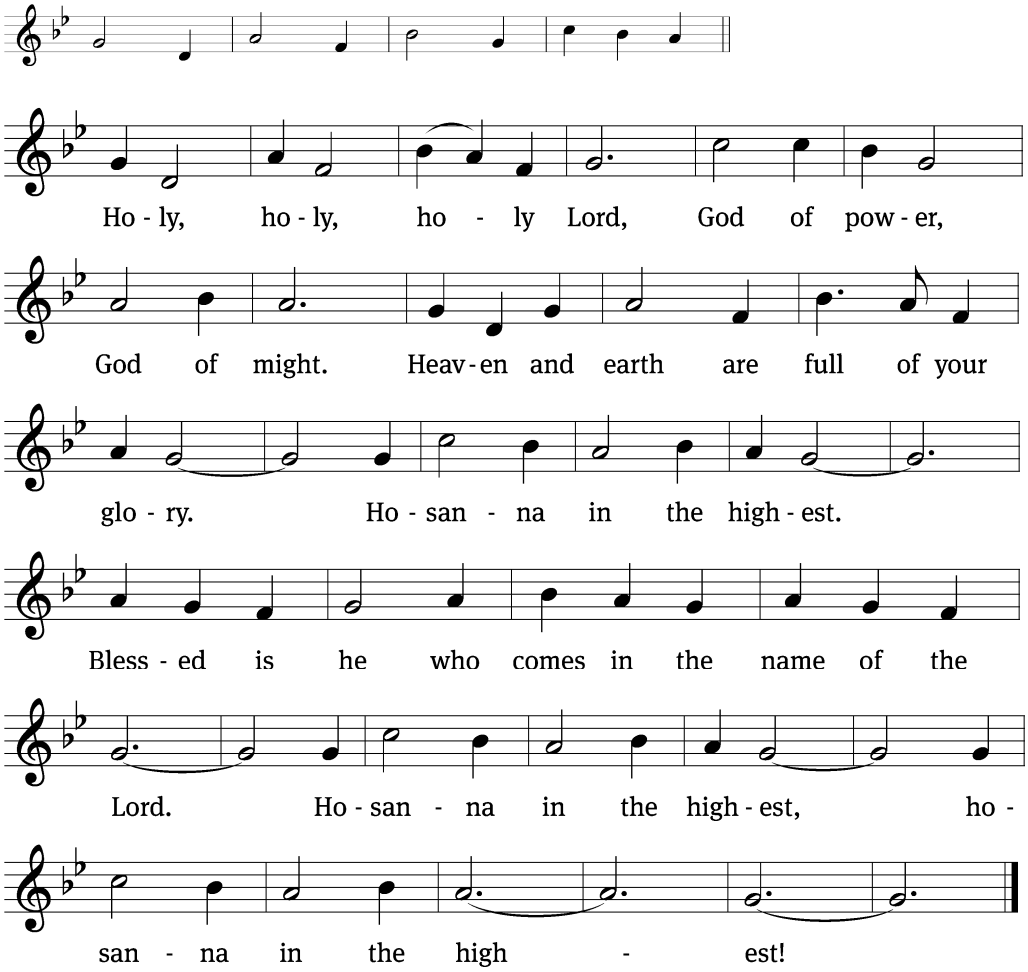












P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy



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Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

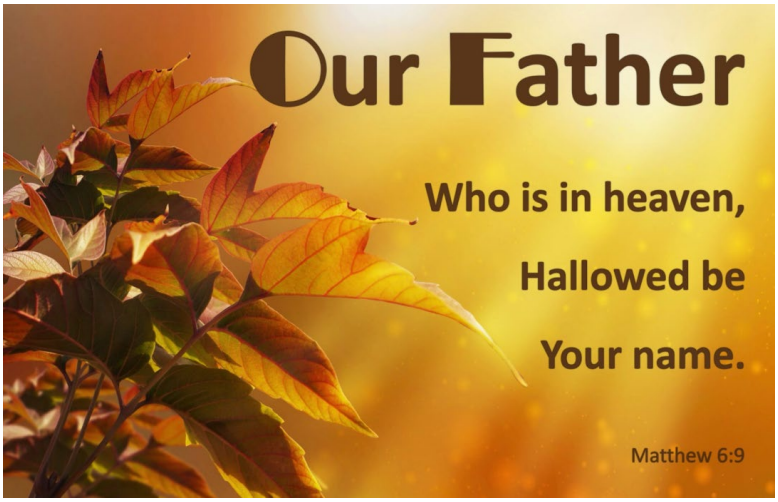
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

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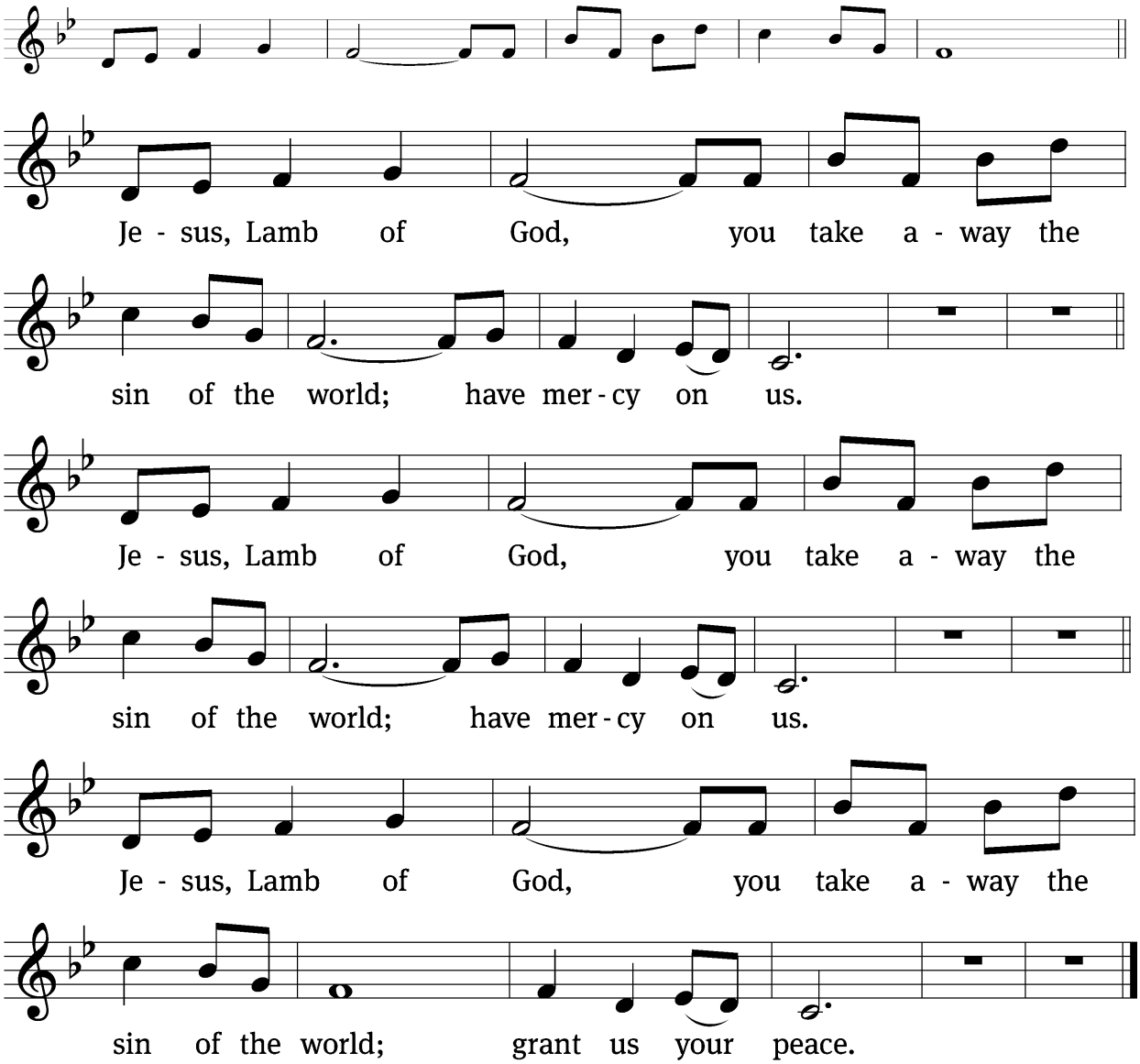
P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my T body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my T blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: Amen.



Jesus, Lamb of God



(Be seated)

Distribution

Distribution Hymn: CW820 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

(Stand)

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
C: his mercy endures forever.

P: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

P: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and T give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: CW784 "Now the Light Has Gone Away"

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Cleaning this Week: Berg/Bolzman

Today—Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Communion Service at 9:30 AM
Fellowship at 10:30 AM
Adult Bible Class and Sunday School at 10:45 AM

Monday—Online Bible Study at 6:30 PM

Wednesday—Veteran's Day
Catechism Class from 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Friday—Men's Bible Study at 11:30 AM

Saturday—Ukraine Study Group from 9 AM-3 PM

Next Sunday— Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Communion Service at 9:30 AM
Fellowship at 10:30 AM
Adult Bible Class and Sunday School at 10:45 AM

BAKERS WANTED!

Shoreland Lutheran High School in Somers, Wisconsin is having a craft and bake sale on Saturday, November 21st from 9 AM to 3 PM. If you would like to contribute some baked goods to the sale, please put them in nonreturnable containers and drop them off at church between Wednesday, November 18th and before noon on Friday, November 20th. All proceeds from the bake sale (which is hosted by the Shoreland High School Students for Life) will go to the Christian Life and Resource Centers in Mundelein and Milwaukee. Questions? Please contact Kelly Daugherty at 847-338-4986.

FELLOWSHIP SIGN-UP SHEET

The fellowship sign-up sheet is quite empty for the month of November and December! Please consider signing up for a slot. Fellowship snacks are casual; nothing fancy is required – a coffee cake or donuts and fruit, cookies and cheese and crackers, muffins or bagels. . .anything like this (or whatever you would like to bring) will be great. All paper and plastic supplies (plates, cups, forks) are provided. Thank you!