St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Canton, Ohio

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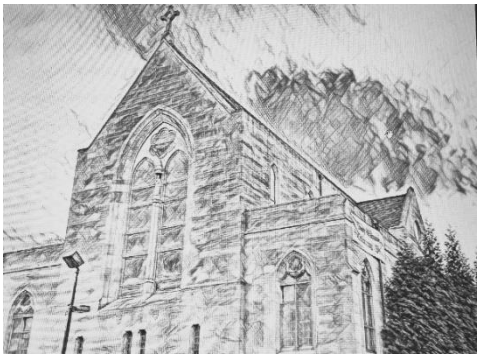
Sunday, May 21, 2023

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Ascension Sunday

Welcome to St. Paul's

Online and in-person services begin with music at 10:25 a.m.



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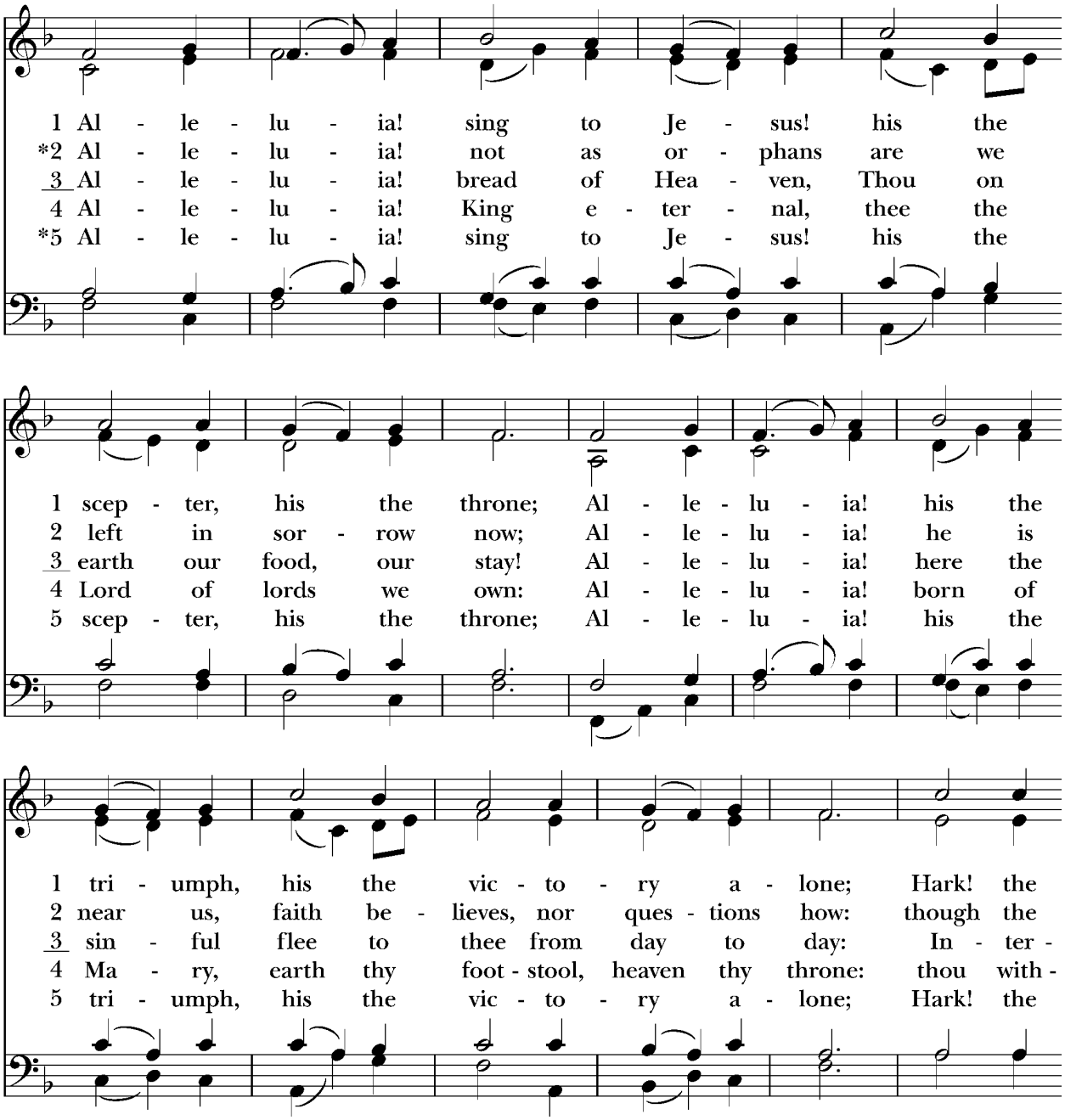
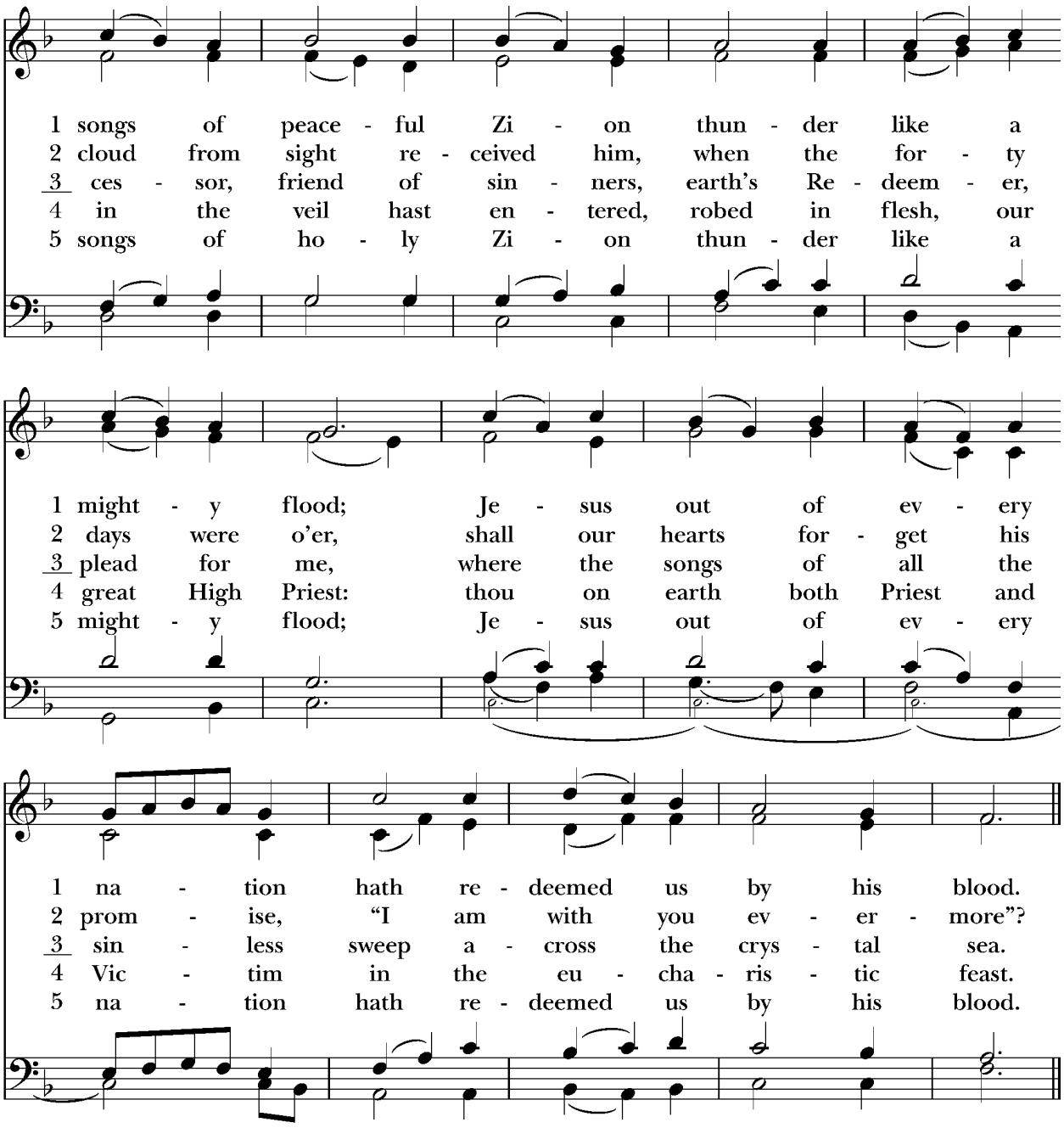
Our mission
St. Paul's is a radically welcoming Episcopal community in downtown Canton, grounded in faith, called by God's Love to minister to the world.

Seventh Sunday of Easter: Ascension Sunday

Readings and Psalm
First Lesson: Acts 1:1-11
Psalm: Psalm 93
Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23
Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

Prelude: Prelude on *Hyfrydol* by Ralph Vaughan Williams

The Word of God

ENTRANCE HYMN: ***"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" (Hyfrydol) (H 460)***

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

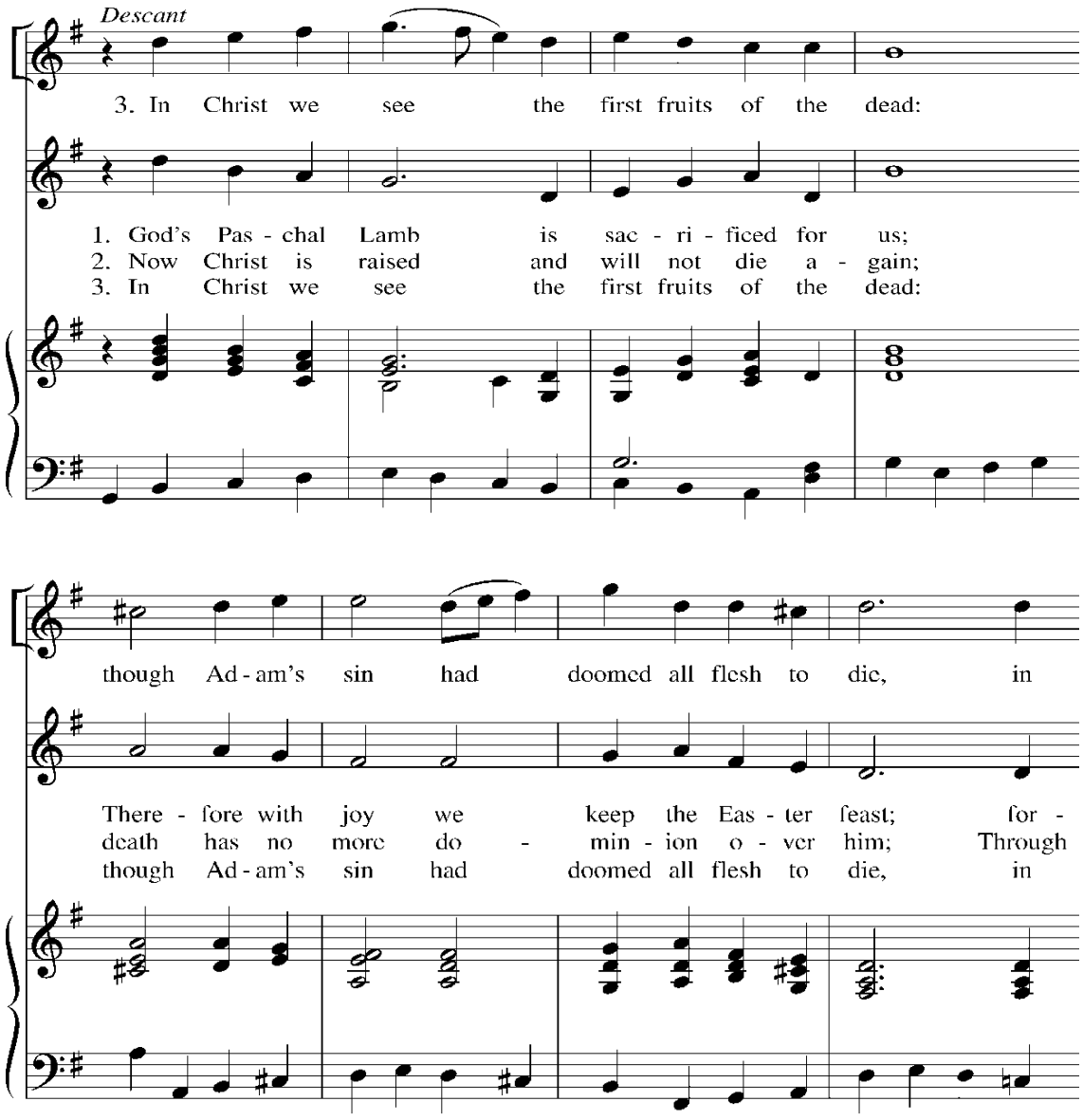
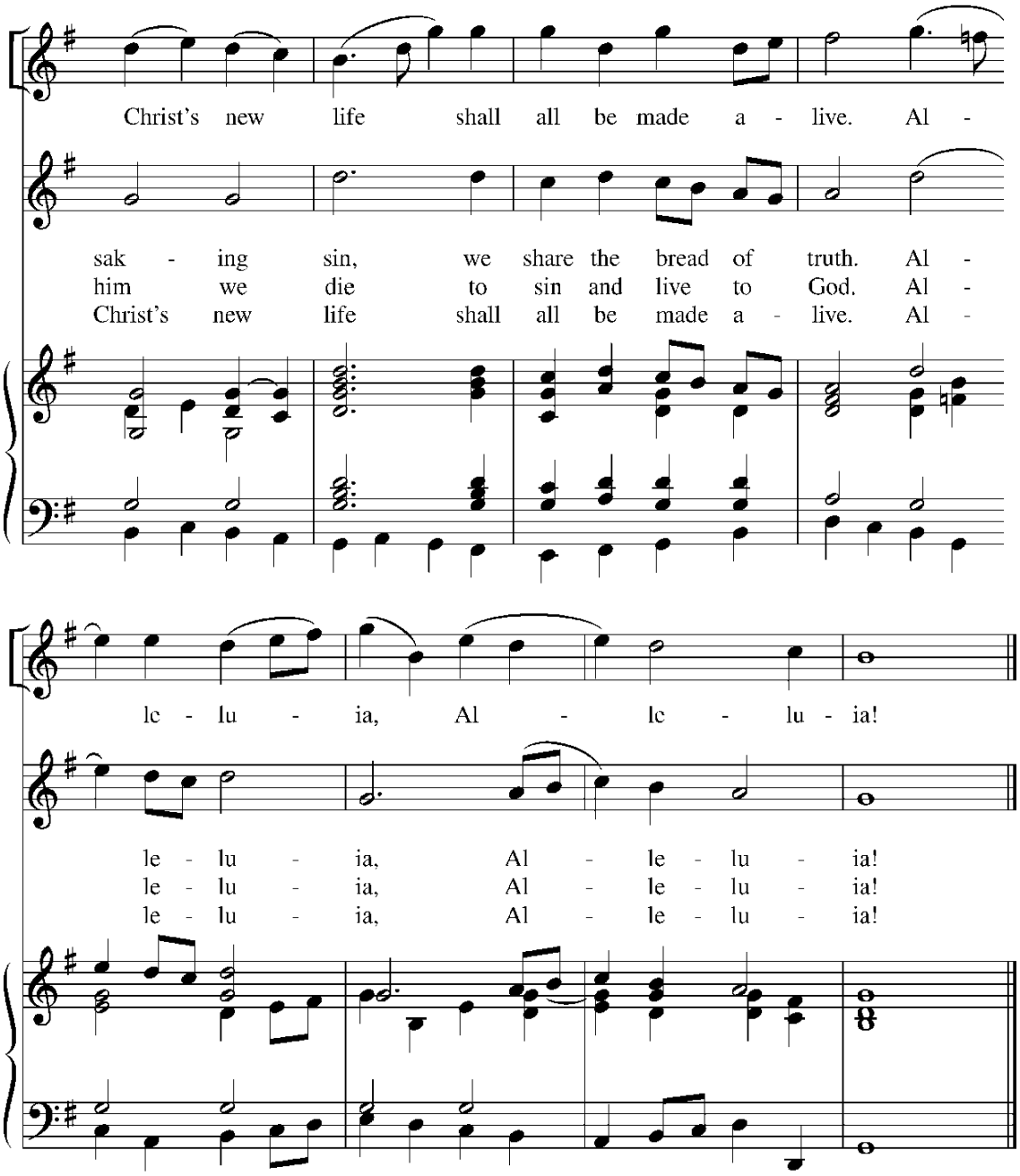
The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia. Alleluia!

COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)
The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SONG OF PRAISE *"Christ Our Passover"* (WLP 880)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 325)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

[1]In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the
beginning [2]until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions
through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. [3]After his suffering he
presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during
forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. [4]While staying with them, he ordered
them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he
said, "is what you have heard from me; [5]for John baptized with water, but you will be
baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

[6]So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you
will restore the kingdom to Israel?" [7]He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or
periods that the Father has set by his own authority. [8]But you will receive power when
the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all
Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." [9]When he had said this, as they were
watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. [10]While he was going
and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.
[11]They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus,
who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him
go into heaven."

Reader	The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 93

Remain seated.

[1]The LORD is King;
he has put on splendid apparel; *
the LORD has put on his apparel
and girded himself with strength.
[2]He has made the whole world so sure *
that it cannot be moved;
[3]ever since the world began, your throne has been established; *
you are from everlasting.
[4]The waters have lifted up, O LORD,
the waters have lifted up their voice; *
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.
[5]Mightier than the sound of many waters,

mightier than the breakers of the sea, *
mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.
6Your testimonies are very sure, *
and holiness adorns your house, O LORD,
for ever and for evermore.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

The people sit.

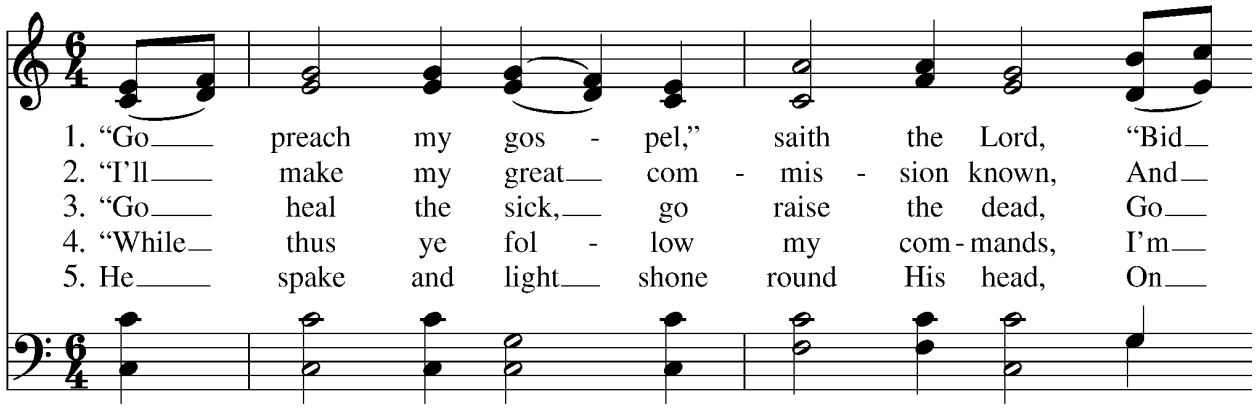
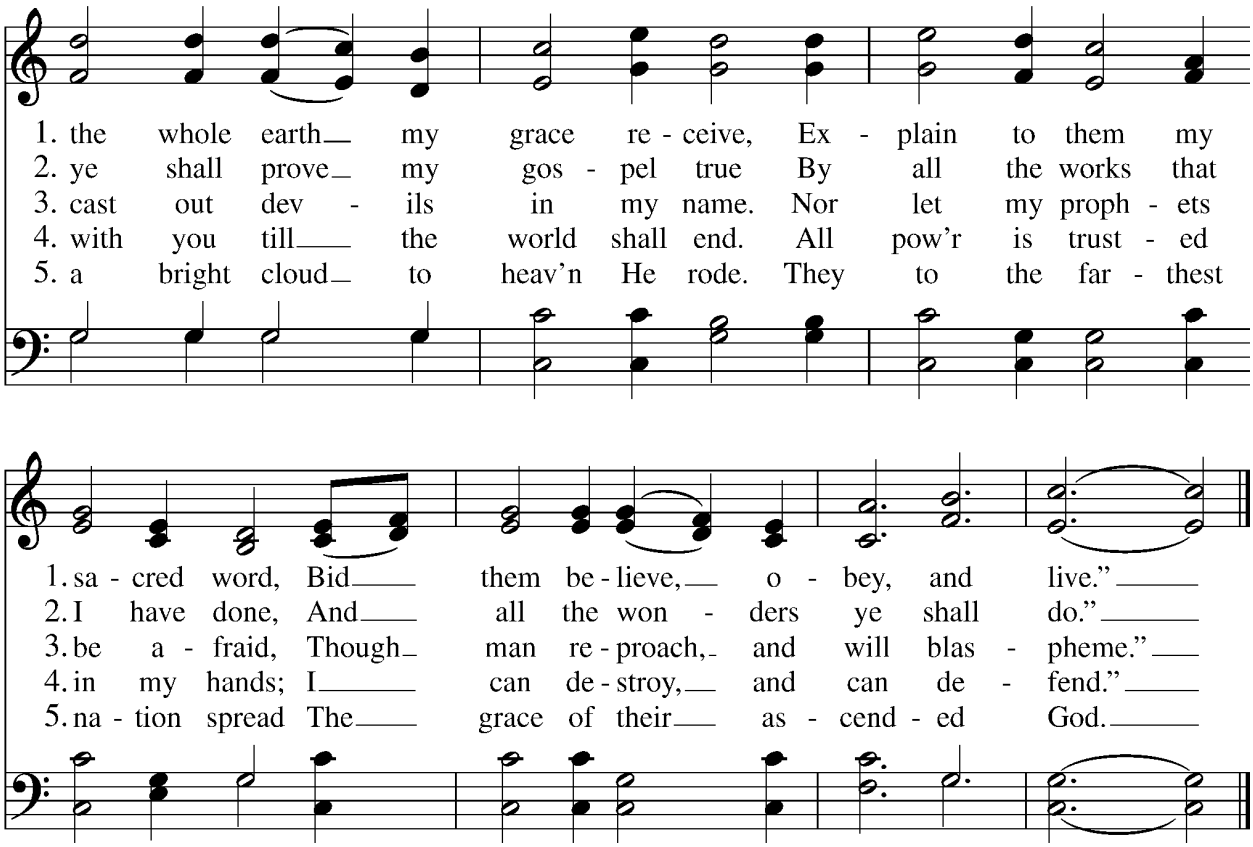
A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus.

15I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason 16I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. 17I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 20God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 22And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, 23which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN: ***"Go Preach My Gospel" (LEVAS 161)***

All stand.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53
All stand.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

44 [Jesus said to his disciples,] "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still
with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the
psalms must be fulfilled."45 Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,
46 and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the
dead on the third day, 47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in
his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things.
49 And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until
you have been clothed with power from on high."
50 Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.
51 While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.
52 And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; 53 and they were
continually in the temple blessing God.

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

SERMON: ***Rev. Dr. Joyce Penfield***

THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

All stand.

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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
he has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP p. 359) The Easter Victory
https://grace-episcopal.org/easter-sunday-bulletin/
All remain standing.

Leader: Let us pray, thanking God for the victory that Jesus, God's Son and our Brother, has won by his death and resurrection. It is for us that he has triumphed. *Silence*

Leader: Christ died for all, in order that they who are alive may live no longer for themselves, but for him who died for them and rose again.
People: Thanks be to God who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ

Leader: If then any are in Christ, they are a new creation; the former things have passed away: behold, they are made new.
People: Thanks be to God who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ

Leader: For God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, has shone in our hearts, to give enlightenment concerning the knowledge of the glory of God, shining on the face of Christ Jesus.
People: Thanks be to God who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ

Leader: For you were once in darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ

Leader: Walk, then, as children of light, for the fruit of the light is in all goodness and justice and truth, and test what is well pleasing to God.
People: Thanks be to God who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: For if we live, we live to the Lord, or if we die, we die to the Lord.
People: Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

Leader: You were buried together with Christ in Baptism, and in him also you rose again through faith in the working of God who raised him from the dead.
People: Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

Leader: "Death is swallowed up in victory! O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting?"
People: ***Thanks be to God who has given us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.***

Leader: For all who are ill and for all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

<u>YOUR INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS ARE INVITED</u>

<u>SILENTLY OR ALOUD</u>

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

CONCLUDING COLLECT
Said by all

Living God, you sent Jesus Christ so that we might know your glory and receive the gift of eternal life. Keep us ever faithful to your Word as we live and work in your world so that all may be one in your love; through Christ our Savior. Amen

CONFESSION OF SIN
The People sit, stand or kneel.

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,
we confess that 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.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.
Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

Celebrant	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People	And also with you.

The people greet each other in the name of the Lord

Church Announcements

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE
Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

OFFERTORY HYMN: ***"If You Love Me" by Malcolm Archer***

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

(Please remain standing)

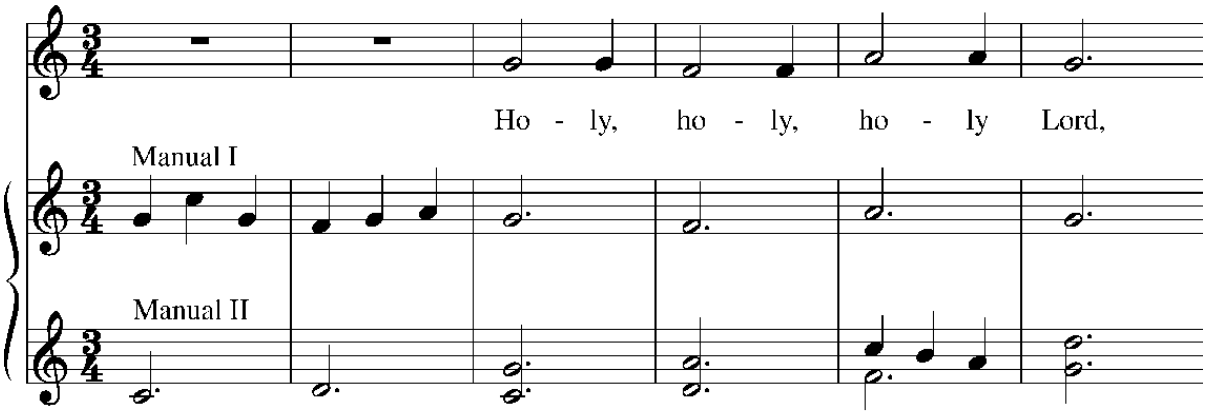
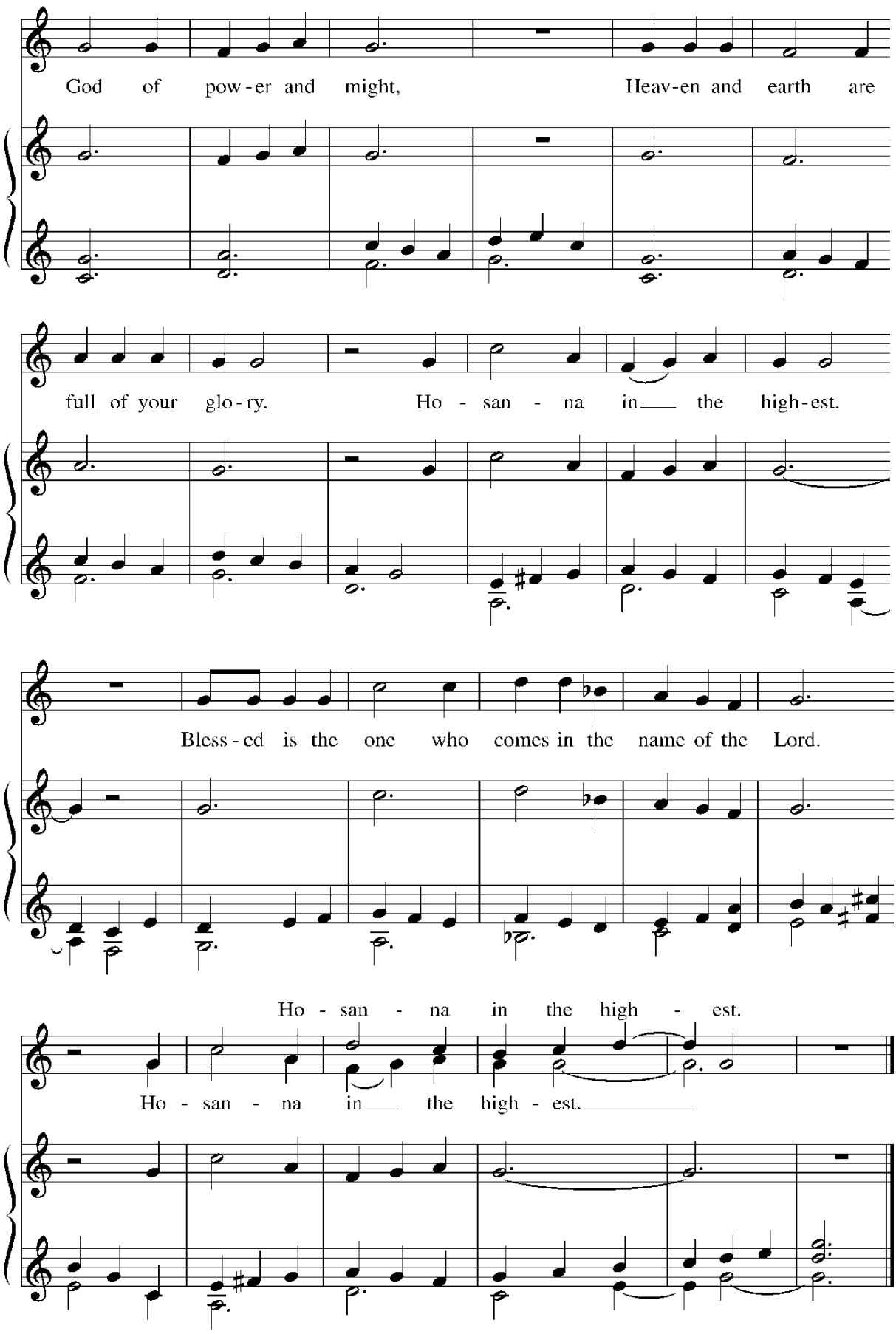
Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:, ♪ ♪ ♪

SANCTUS: (WLP 853)



God of pow-er and might, Heav-en and earth are
full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.
Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." ♪

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." ♪

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.
AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

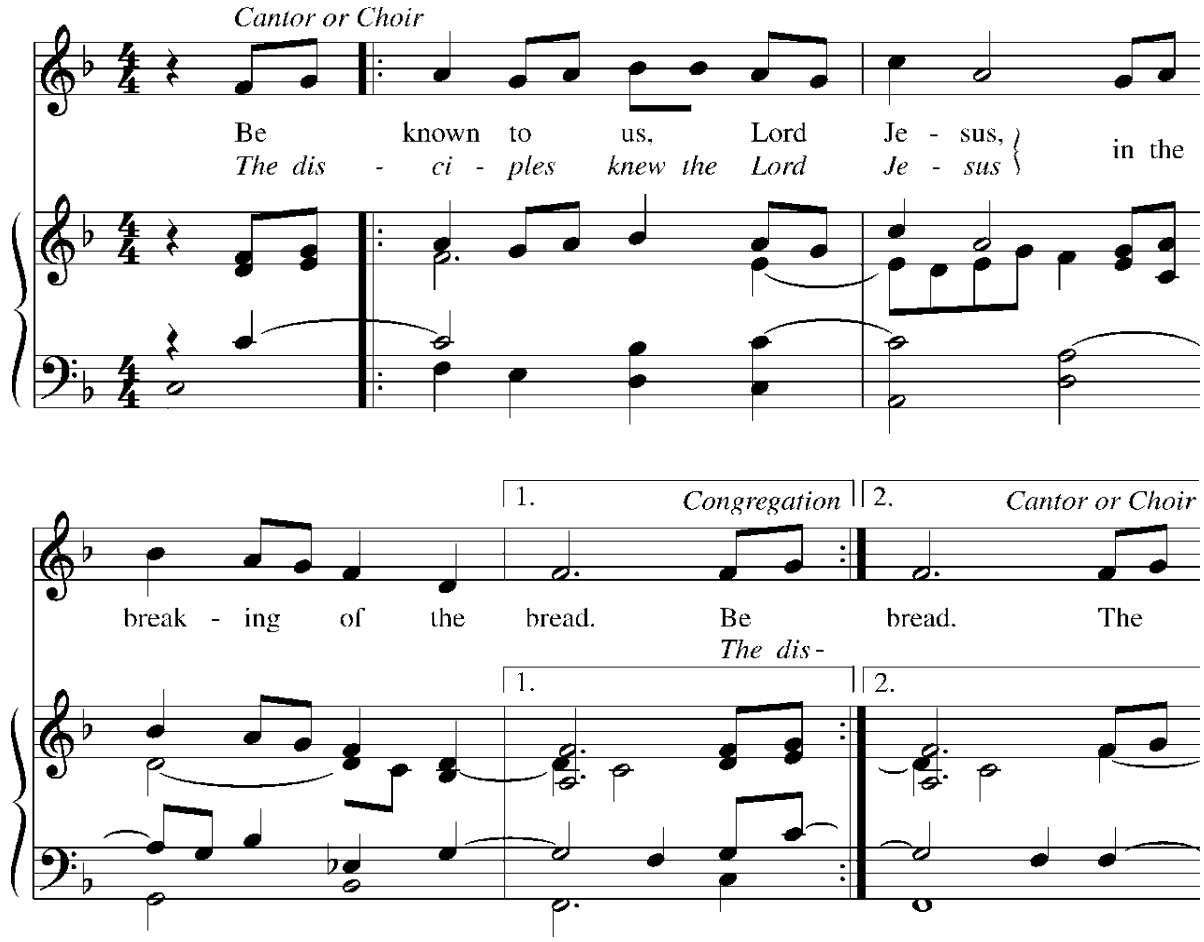
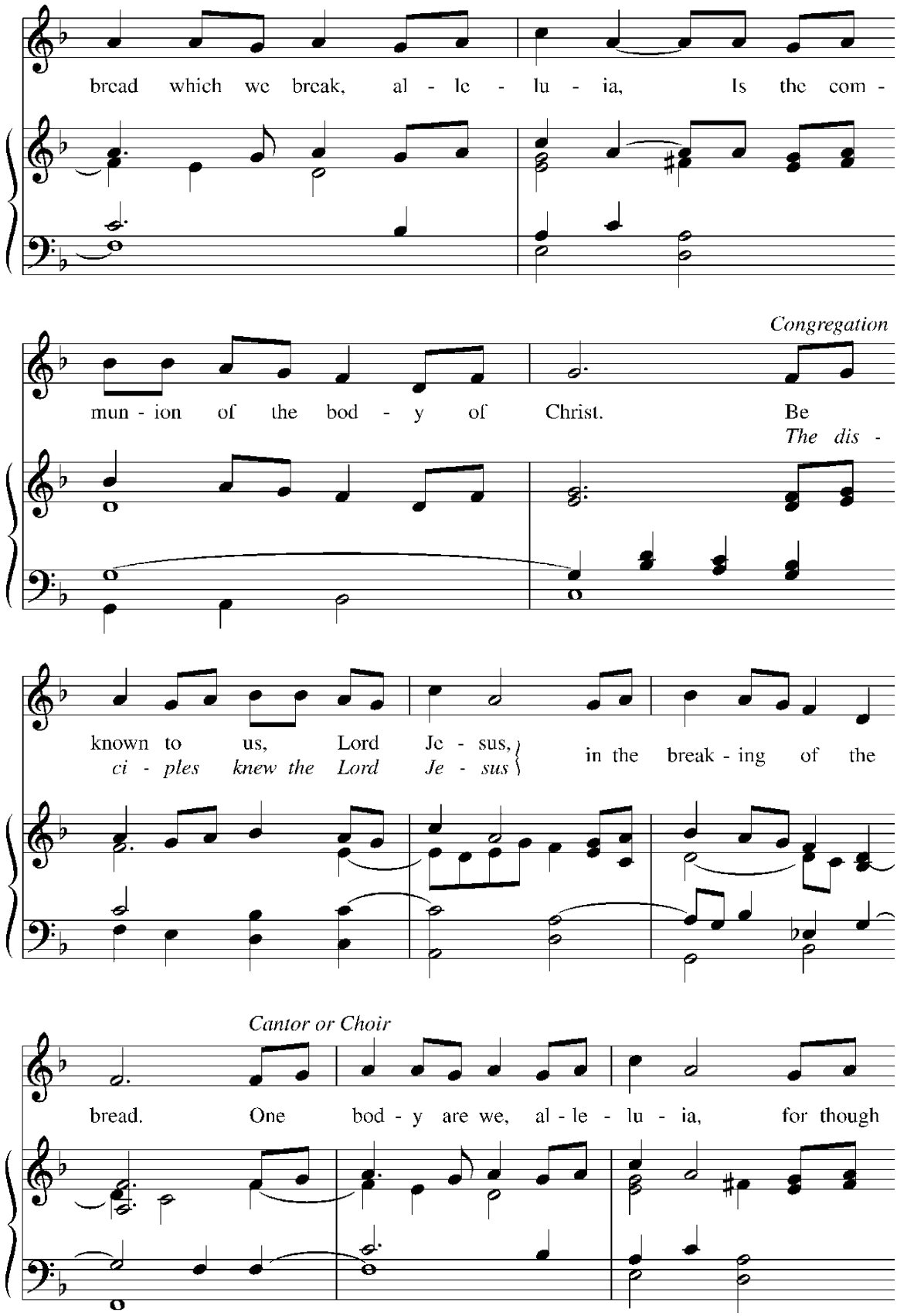
Give us this day our daily bread.

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 Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM: "*Be Known to Us*" (WLP 875) (please use italicized text…"The disciples…")

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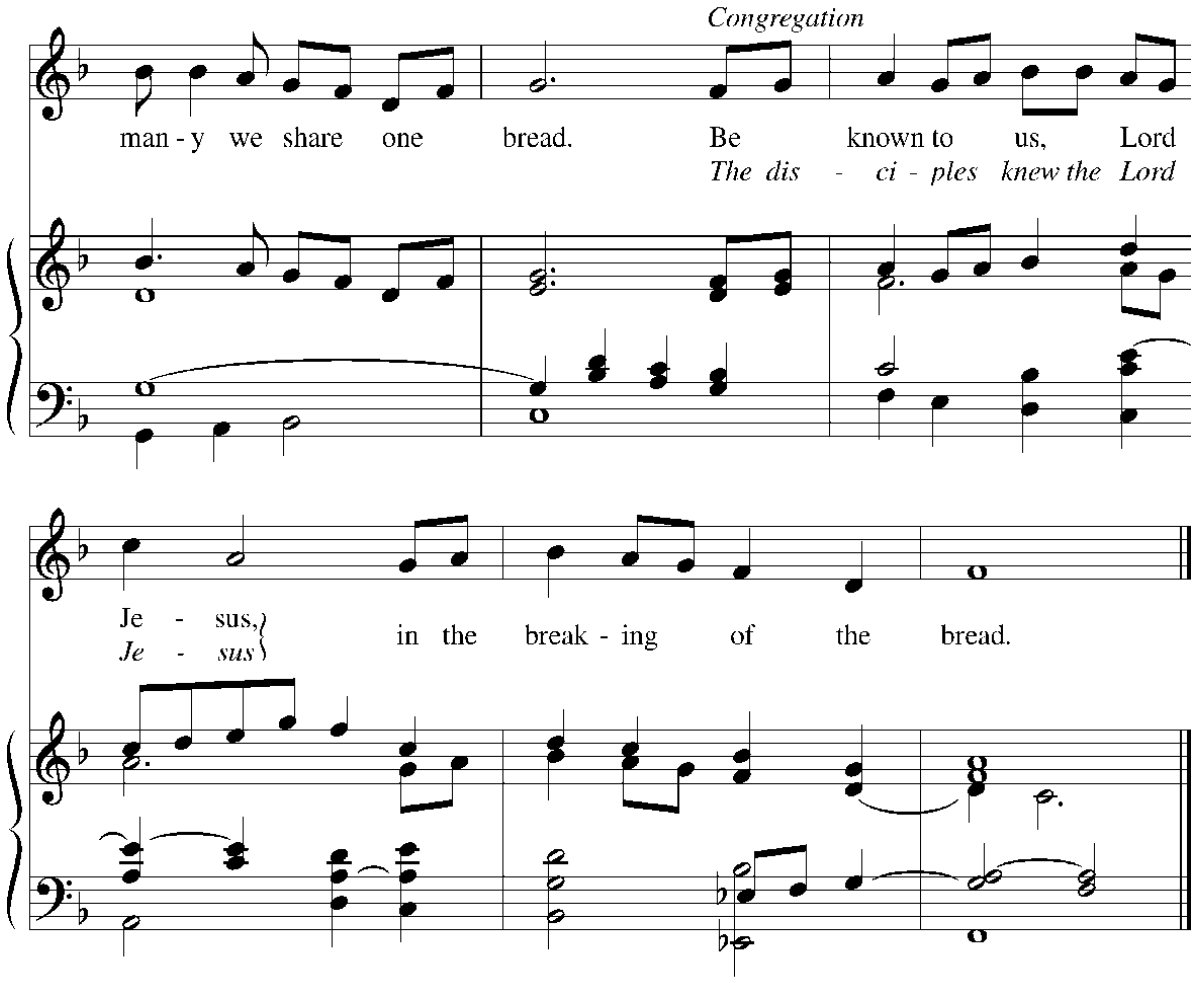
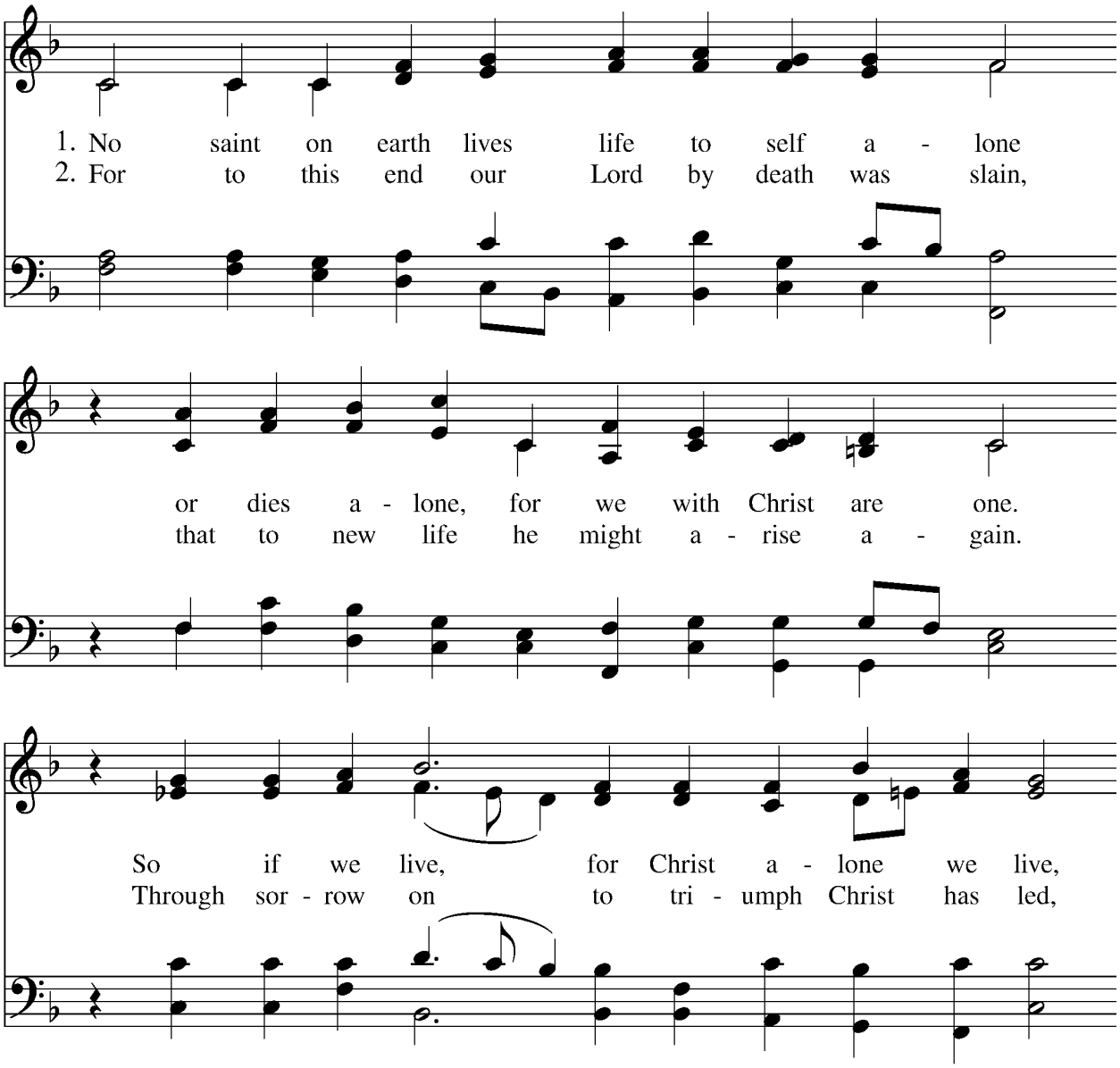
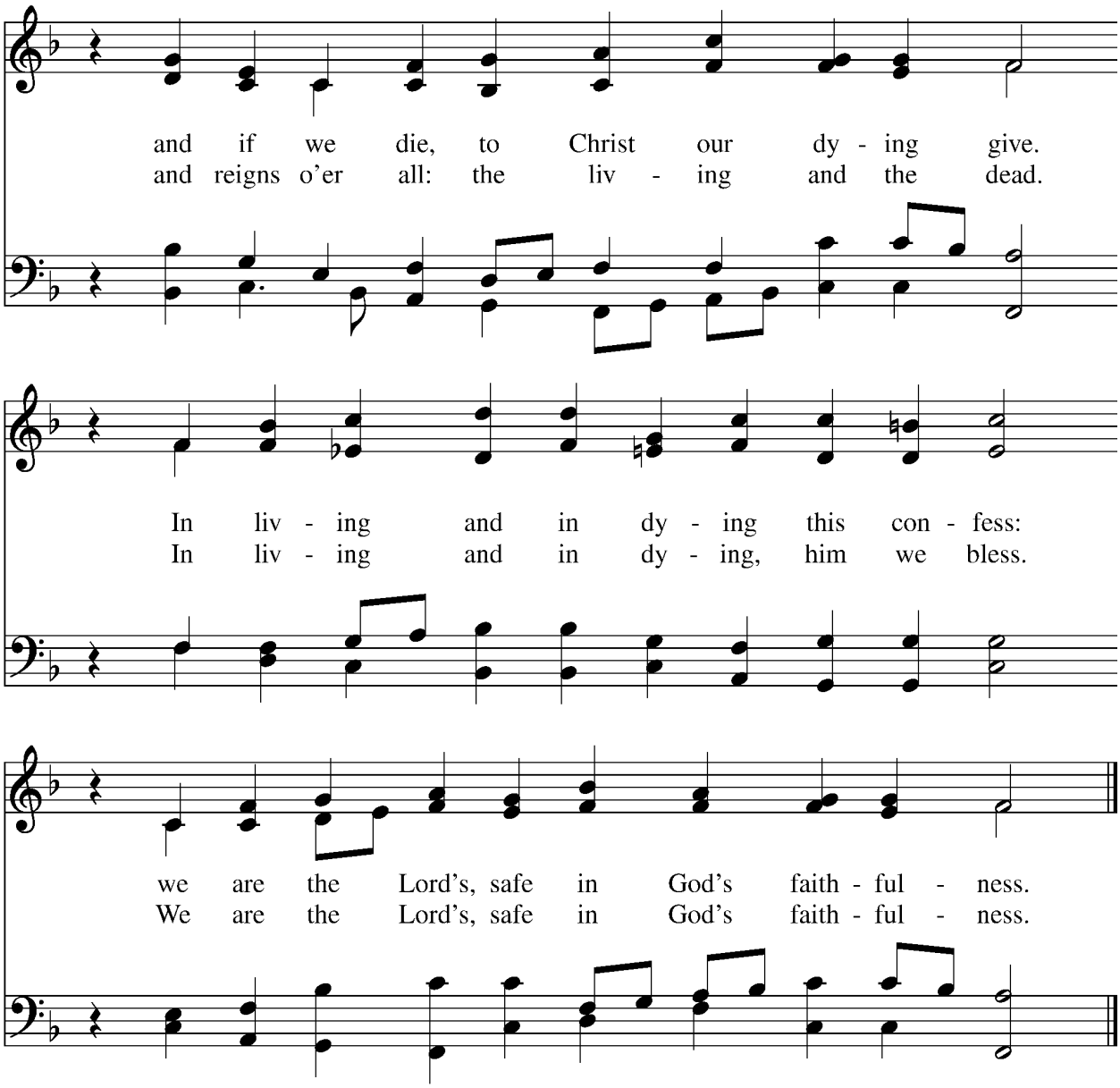

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Celebrant: Spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from receiving Holy Communion. Please join us in praying with our siblings in Christ who are with us online and receiving communion spiritually.

Dearest Lord Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We love you above all things and long for you in our souls. Since we are not altogether in our church today to receive the bread and wine made holy, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. Fill us with your light and nourish us all with your word and Spirit. Amen.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please tell the clergy if you need gluten-free bread. If you come to the communion station for a blessing instead, please cross your arms on your chest. If you are interested in being baptized, please contact the Deacon of the parish.

COMMUNION HYMN: ***"No Saint on Earth Lives Life to Self Alone" (Song I) (WLP 776)***

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray together

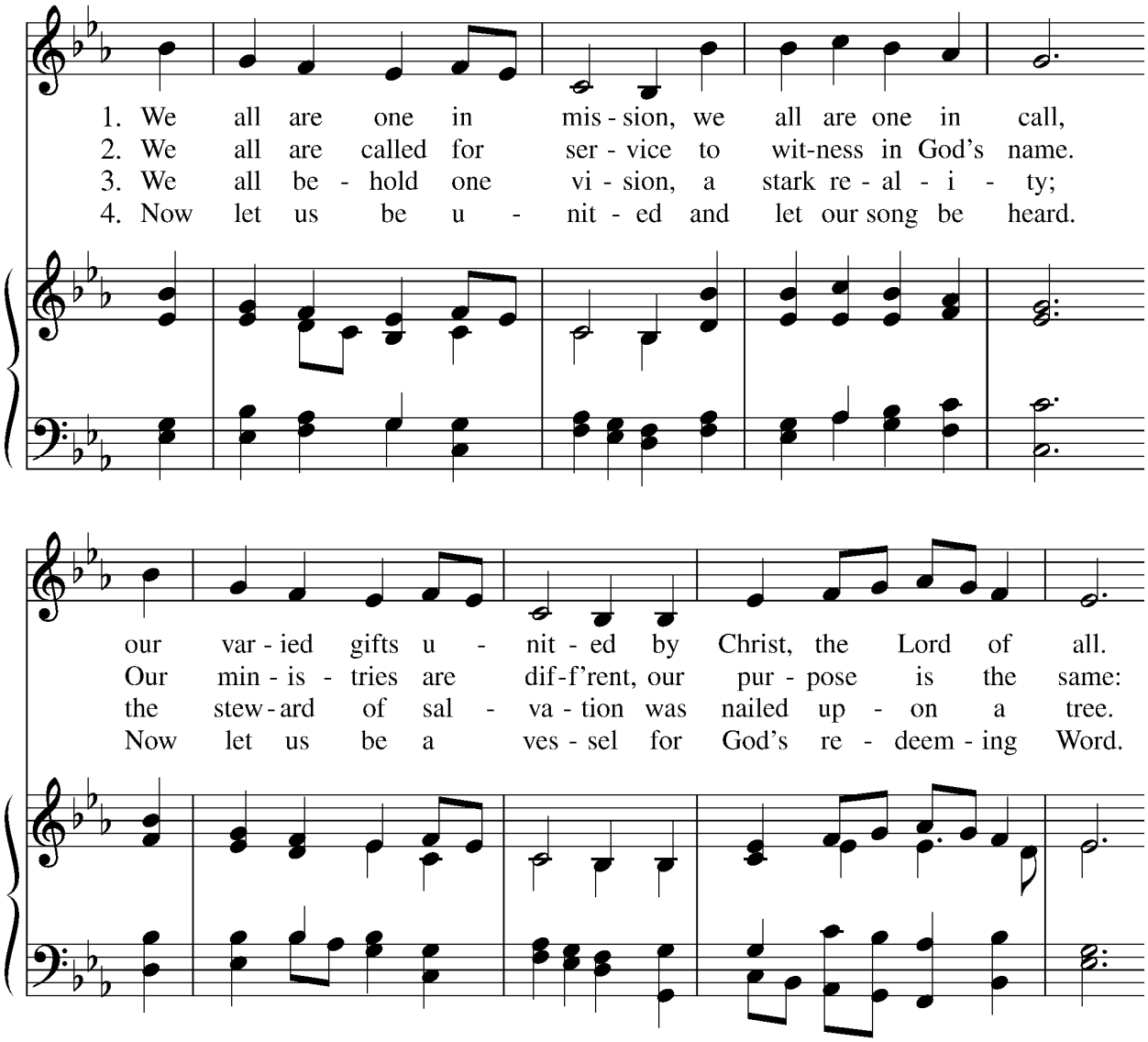
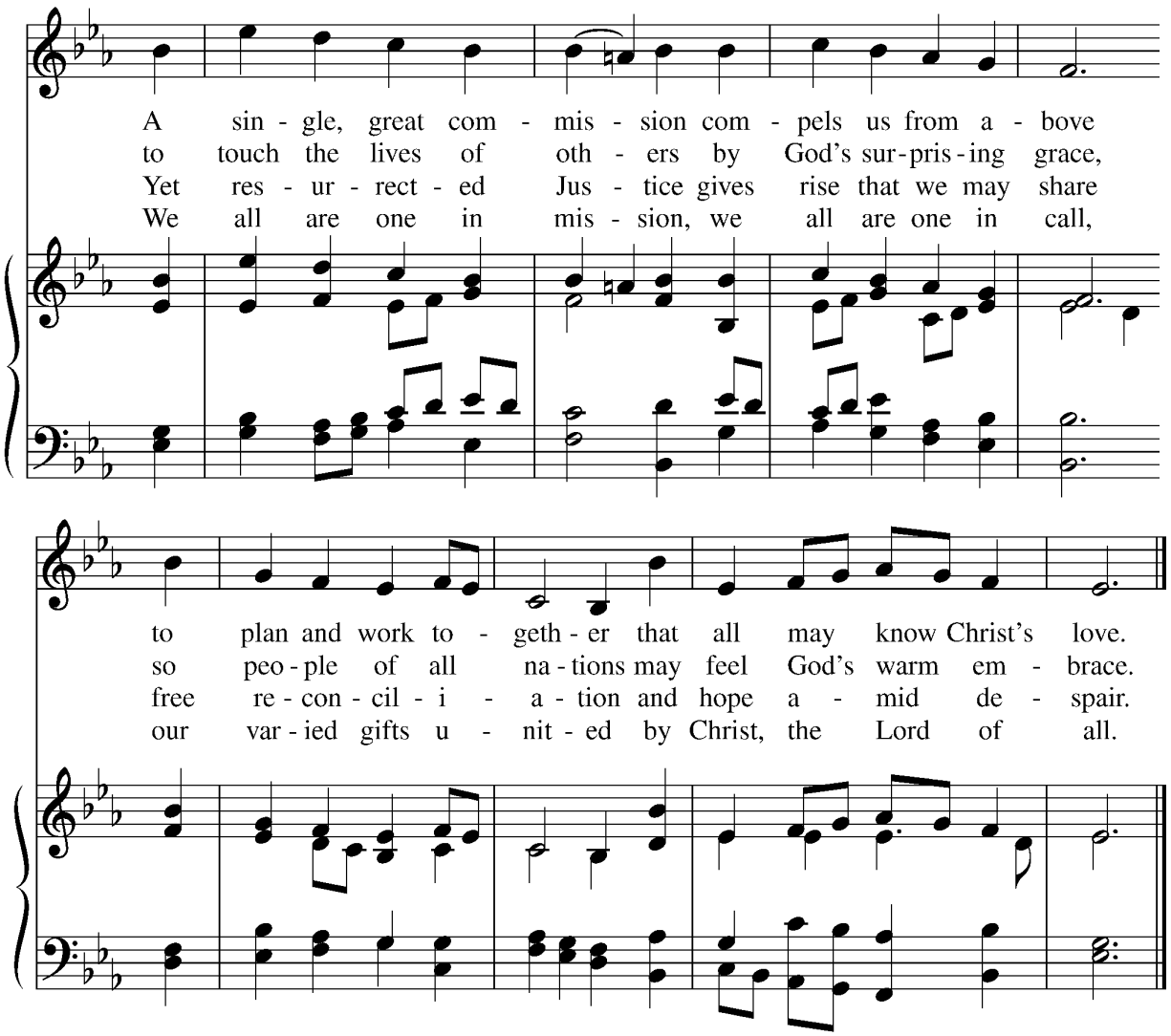
God of abundance, you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another; and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

The Celebrant blesses the people, saying

Beloved of God, the same power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honour at God's right hand—this same power is at work in each one of us who believe! So go from here in confidence and peace, knowing that God's presence and power go with you. *Amen.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN: ***"We All Are One in Mission" (Nyland) (WLP 778)***

All stand.

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE: *"Ascension"* by Rosalie Boninghton

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGY:

Deacon-in-Charge:	The Rev. Dr. Robin Woodberry
Guest Priest:	The Rev. Dr. Joyce Penfield
Director of Music:	Edward T. Grimes
Greeters:	M.L. Schultze
Lector:	M.L. Schultze
Eucharistic Minister:	Douglas Colmery
Crucifer:	Douglas Colmery
Camera/Audio:	David Lewis, David Rotthoff
Altar Guild:	Shirley Brown, Karen Swope
Counters:	Jeff Nowlin, Carol Sutek

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Wednesday Small Group Study
The group will resume meeting this week on Wednesday, 24th, at 10:00 a.m.

TODAY!!!! Chamber Recital and Reception
Today at 3:00 p.m. join us for a grand recital featuring St. Paul's very own Edward T. Grimes for a delightful afternoon of spectacular music. This event is free and open to the public. Donations will be accepted to benefit StarkFresh. A light reception will follow.

H.O.T. Lunch
HOT lunch will be held on Saturday, May 27th, at 11:00 a.m. Please make sure that you sign up in the Narthex even if you are a regular helper. Thanks.

Pentecost Sunday!
Remember to wear your red on Sunday, May 28th, for Pentecost Sunday!

Upcoming Commemorations

John Eliot: Missionary among the Algonquin, 1690
Sunday, May 21, 2023

Nicolaus Copernicus and Johannes Kepler: Astronomers
Tuesday, May 23, 2023

John Cassian, Abbot at Marseilles, 433
Tuesday, May 23, 2023

Jackson Kemper, Bishop and Missionary, 1870
Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Bede, Priest and Historian, 735
Thursday, May 25, 2023

Augustine of Canterbury, First Archbishop of Canterbury, 605
Friday, May 26, 2023

Bertha and Ethelbert, Queen and King of Kent, 616
Saturday, May 27, 2023

May 2023 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 21 **10:30 am Service** **Rev. Joyce Penfield** **3 pm** **Recital & Reception**	**May 22**	**May 23** **7 pm** **Social Justice Book Group**	**May 24** **10 am** **Bible Study Group**	**May 25** **7 pm** **Choir Rehearsal** **7 pm AA (Blue Room)**	**May 26**	**May 27** **11 am HOT Lunch** **7 pm AA (Library)** **7:30 pm** **NA (Cmty Rm)**
May 28 **10:30 am Service** **Rev. Christopher Hofer** **PENTECOST SUNDAY!**	**May 29** **MEMORIAL DAY!**	**May 30**	**May 31** **10 am** **Bible Study Group**			

May Birthdays

15th-Karen Swope
22nd- Frances Beacon
24th- Rachel Valentine

Anniversaries

24th-Donald & Mary Lou Stauffer
29th-Richard & Dorothy Oloya

God willing and the people of God consenting
The Right Reverend Mark Hollingsworth, Jr.
Bishop of Ohio
will ordain

Robin R. Woodberry

to the Sacred Order of Priests
In Christ's One Holy Catholic
and Apostolic Church

On Saturday, the Third day of June,
Two thousand and Twenty-three
at Ten O'clock in the Morning

at
St. Paul's Church
425 Cleveland Avenue SW
Canton, Ohio

*Clergy are invited to Process wearing Red Stoles

*Reception Following

This Mental Health Month, challenge yourself to examine your world and how it can affect your overall health. Look around, look within – from your neighborhood to genetics, many factors come into play when it comes to your mental health.

Sermon Notes

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Bishop
The Right Reverend Mark Hollingsworth, Jr.

Deacon-in-Charge
The Reverend Dr. Robin Woodberry

Officiating Clergy
The Reverend Dr. Joyce Penfield

Staff
Edward T. Grimes, Director of Music

Peggy Neidig, Office Manager

Paul Schmucker, Sexton

Music Begins at 10:25 am. The services are also live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube.

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