St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Canton, Ohio

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 15, 2022

Welcome to St. Paul's

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

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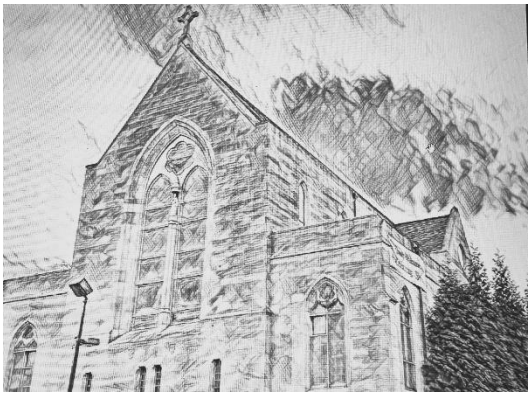

Our mission

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.

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Holy Eucharist Rite 2

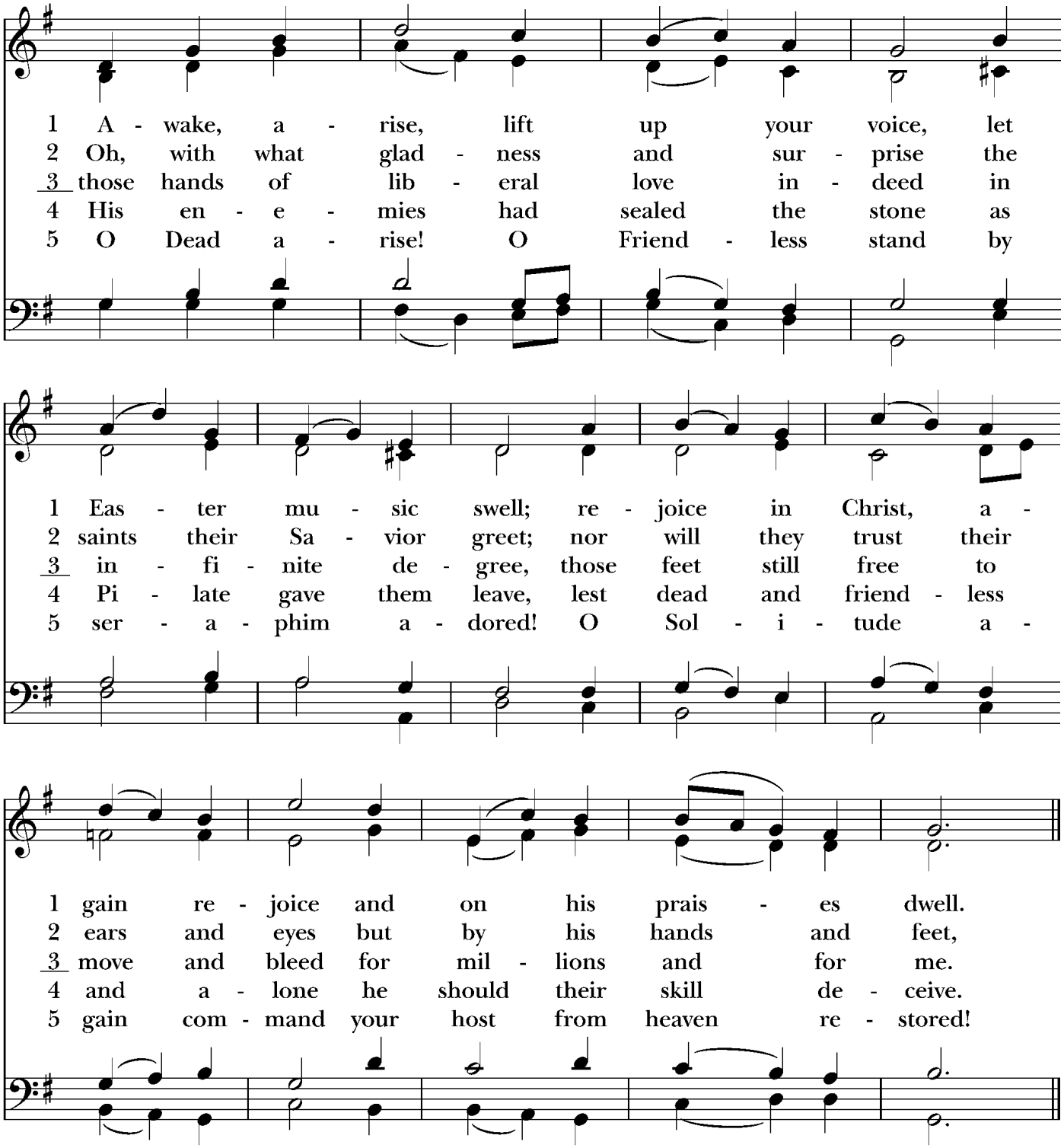
Readings and Psalm

Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35

Prelude: Hymn Prelude on *Richmond* by Alan Viner

The Word of God

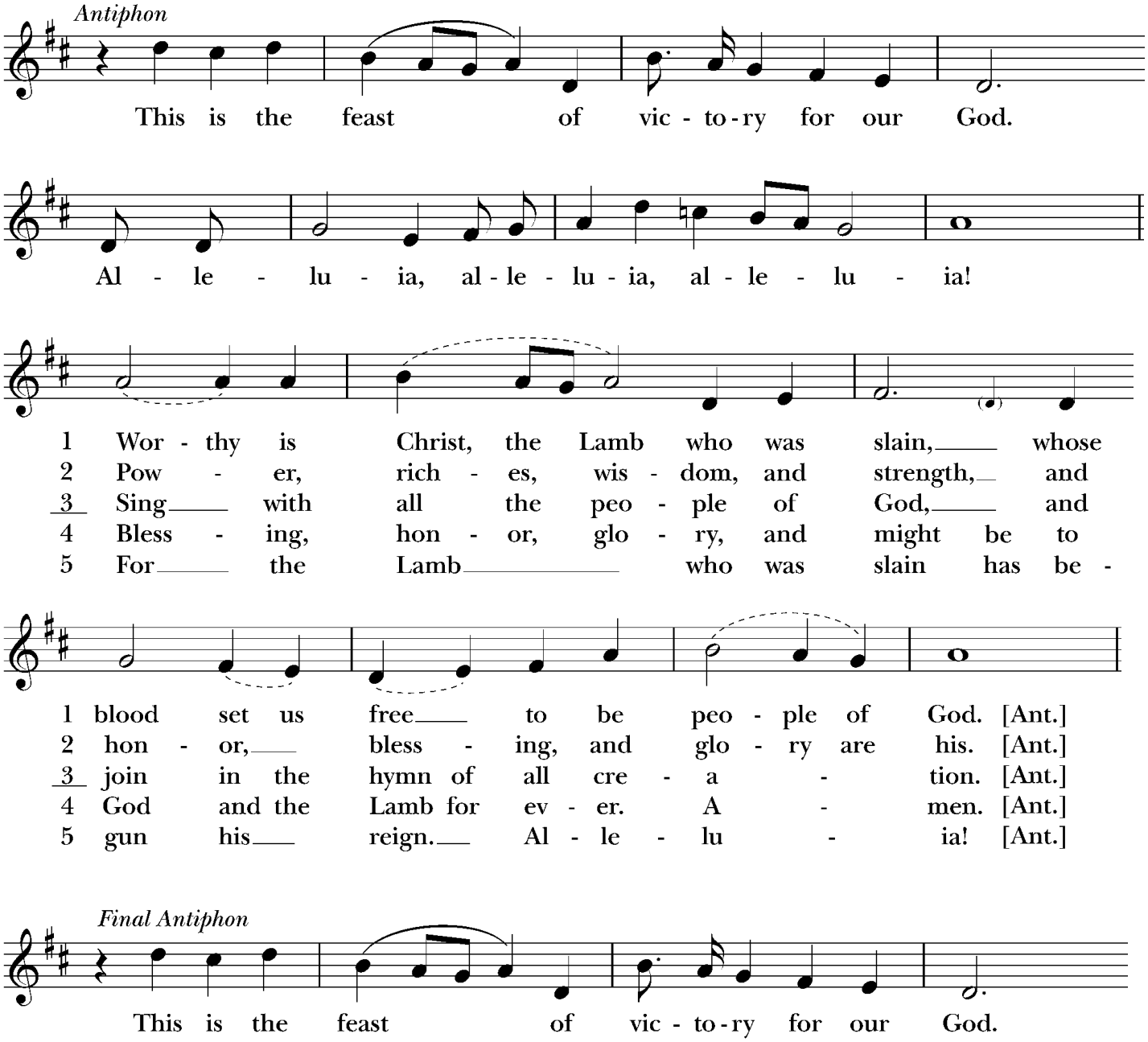
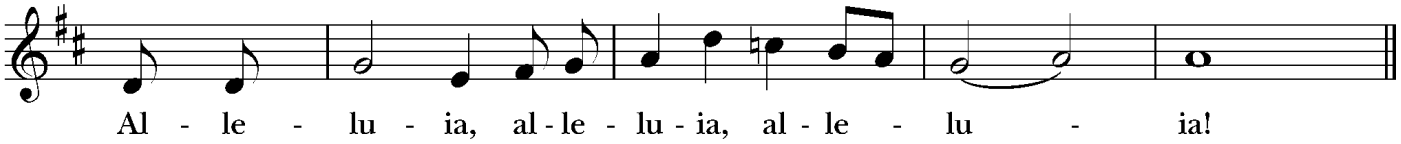
Entrance Rite

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: HYMN 212 ***Awake, arise, lift up your voice (Richmond)***

OPENING ACCLAMATION *(Remain standing)*

Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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: H417 *Festival Canticle*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

The Lessons *(Please be seated)*

FIRST READING: Acts 11:1-18 A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

1 Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the
word of God. 2 So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized
him, 3 saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" 4 Then Peter began to
explain it to them, step by step, saying, 5 "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a
vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its
four corners; and it came close to me. 6 As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of
prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. 7 I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and
eat.' 8 But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my
mouth.' 9 But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must
not call profane.' 10 This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. 11 At
that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. 12 The
Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six
brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. 13 He told us how he had seen the
angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; 14 he
will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' 15 And as I began to
speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. 16 And I remembered
the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the
Holy Spirit.' 17 If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord
Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" 18 When they heard this, they were silenced. And
they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to
life."

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

PSALM: Psalm 148 *(Responsively by verse)*

[1]Hallelujah!
Praise the LORD from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.
[2]*Praise him, all you angels of his; **
praise him, all his host.
[3]Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.
[4]*Praise him, heaven of heavens, **
and you waters above the heavens.
[5]Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *
for he commanded, and they were created.
[6]*He made them stand fast for ever and ever; **
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
[7]Praise the LORD from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
[8]*Fire and hail, snow and fog, **
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
[9]Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;
[10]*Wild beasts and all cattle, **
creeping things and wingèd birds;
[11]Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;
[12]*Young men and maidens, **
old and young together.
[13]Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven.
[14]*He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, **
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6

A Reading from the Revelation of John.

[1]I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away,
and the sea was no more. [2]And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of
heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. [3]And I heard a loud voice from
the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
[4]he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

[5]And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he
said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." [6]Then he said to me, "It is done! I
am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a
gift from the spring of the water of life."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God*
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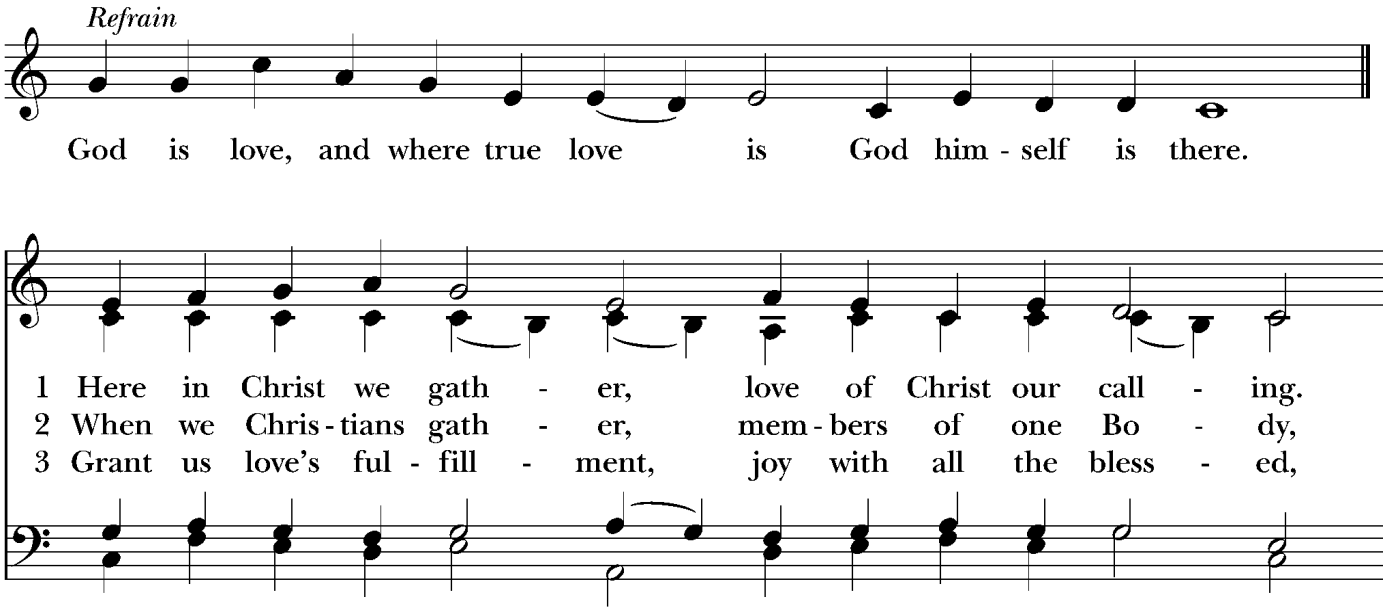
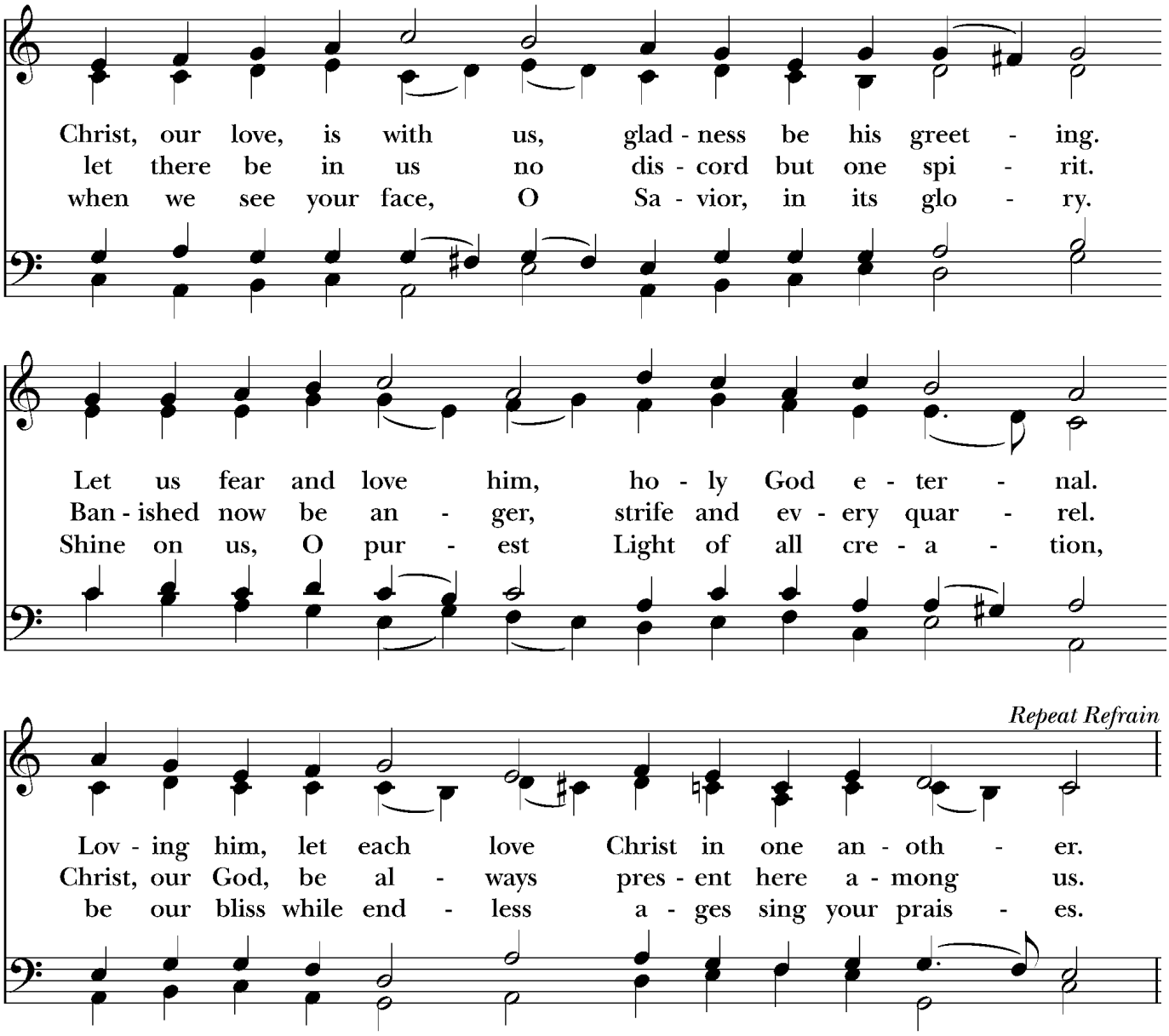
(*All stand)*

SEQUENCE HYMN: HYMN 212 ***Here in Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling (God is love and where true love is, God himself is there) (Ubi caritas (Murray))***



GOSPEL: John 13:31-35 *(Remain standing)*

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

[31]When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.[32]If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. [33]Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' [34]I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should

love one another. [35]By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

THE SERMON

THE CREED (*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.
With the Father and the Son he 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 *(Remain Standing)*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially Holly, give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Pete Taflan, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Priest Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Priest and people

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.

Priest 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

All stand

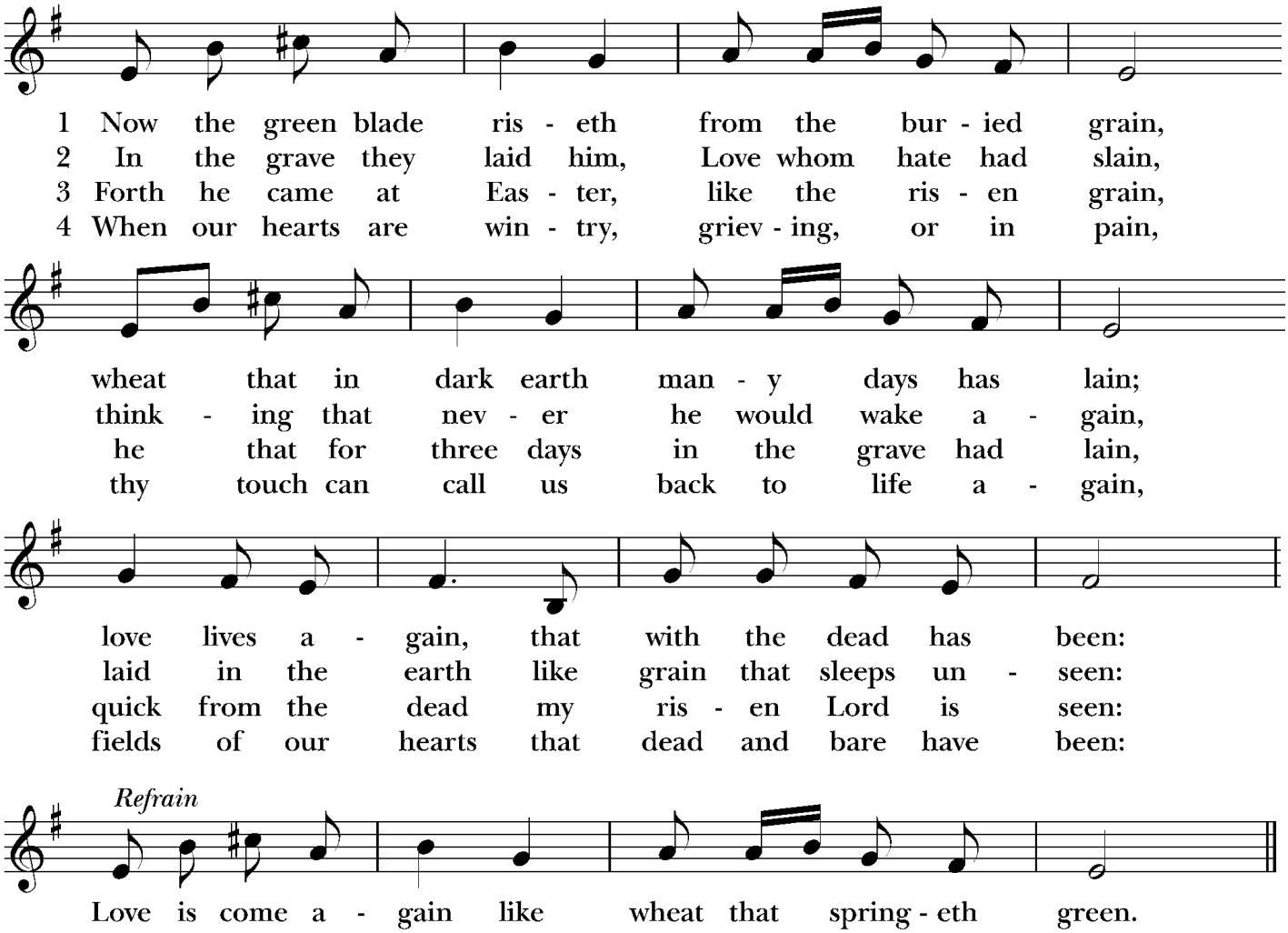
Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People *And also with you.*
The ministers and people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

Priest Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY HYMN: HYMN 204 ***Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain (Noël nouvelet)***



The Great Thanksgiving

The People 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 him thanks and praise.*

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

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:

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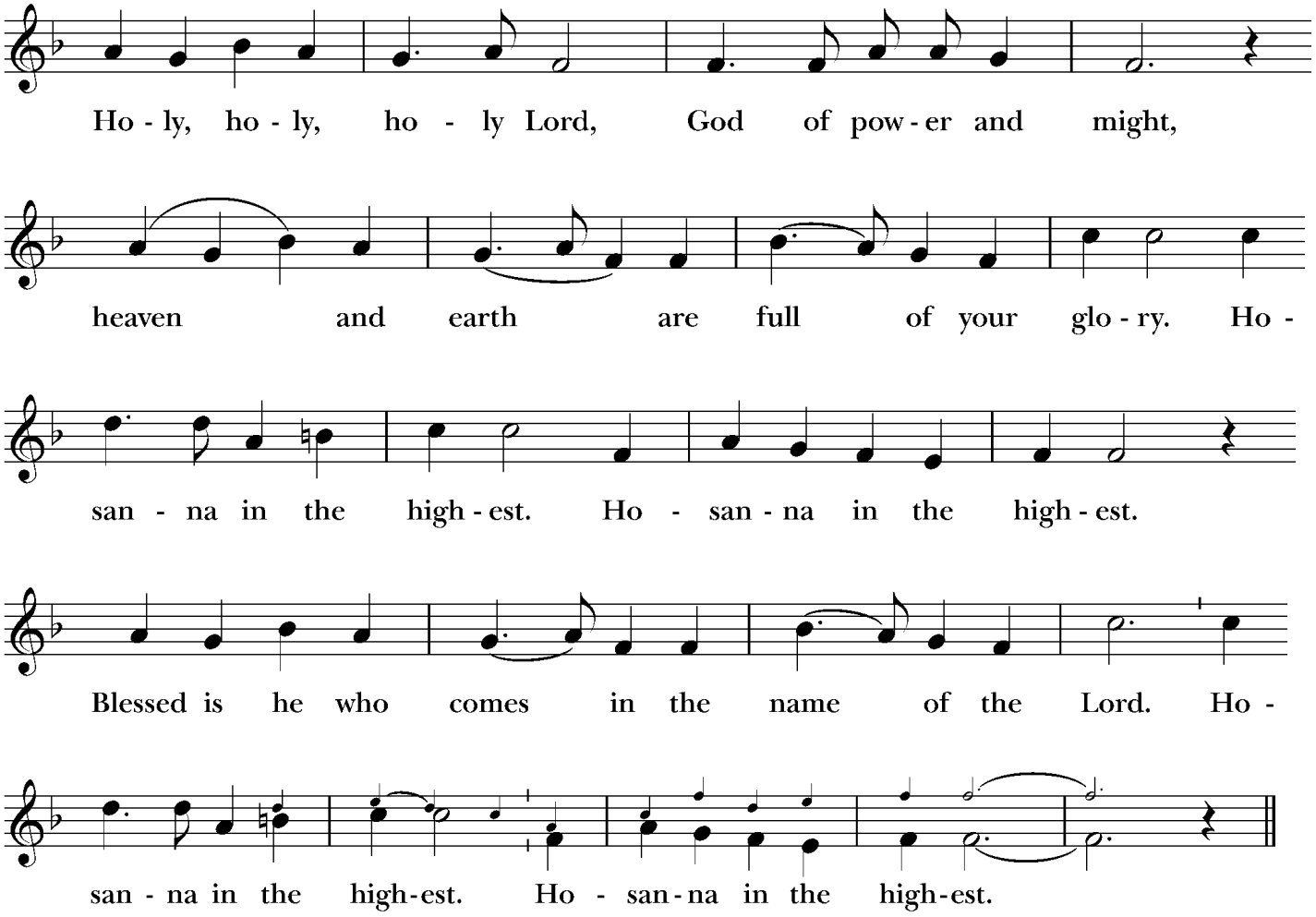

(The People stand or kneel)

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:

Priest 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,

Priest and People

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

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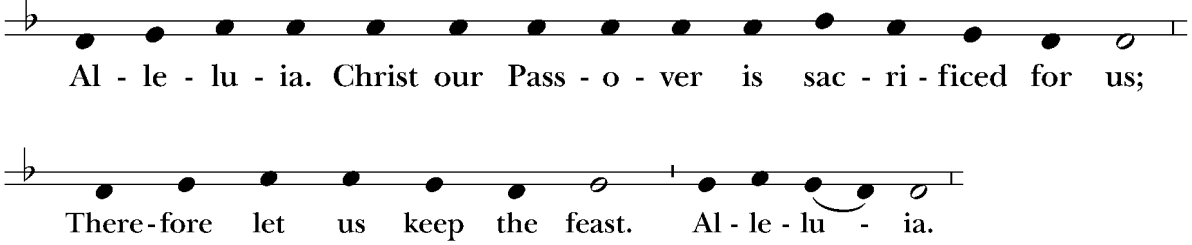
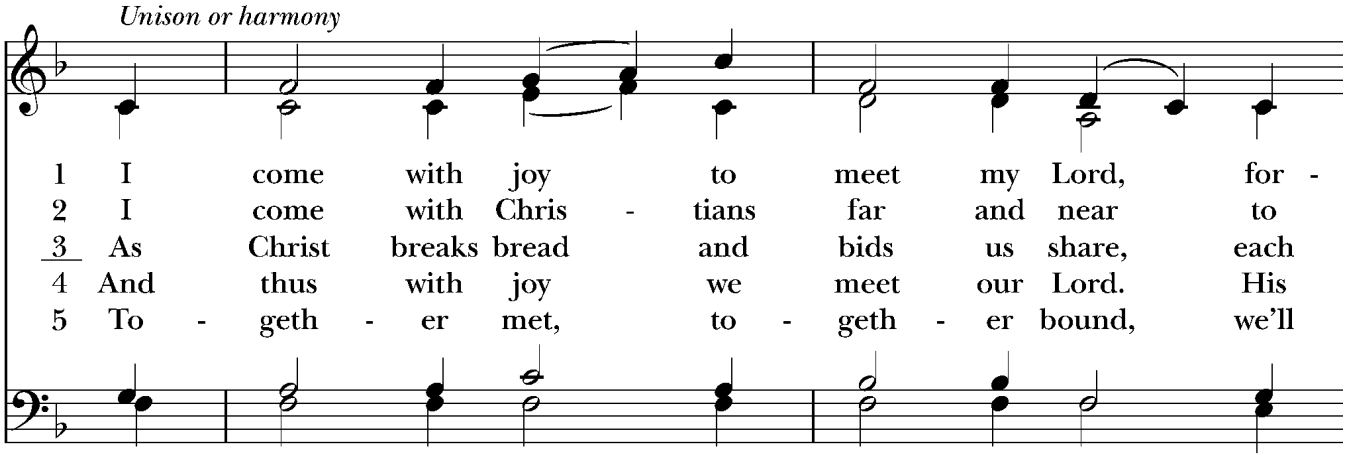


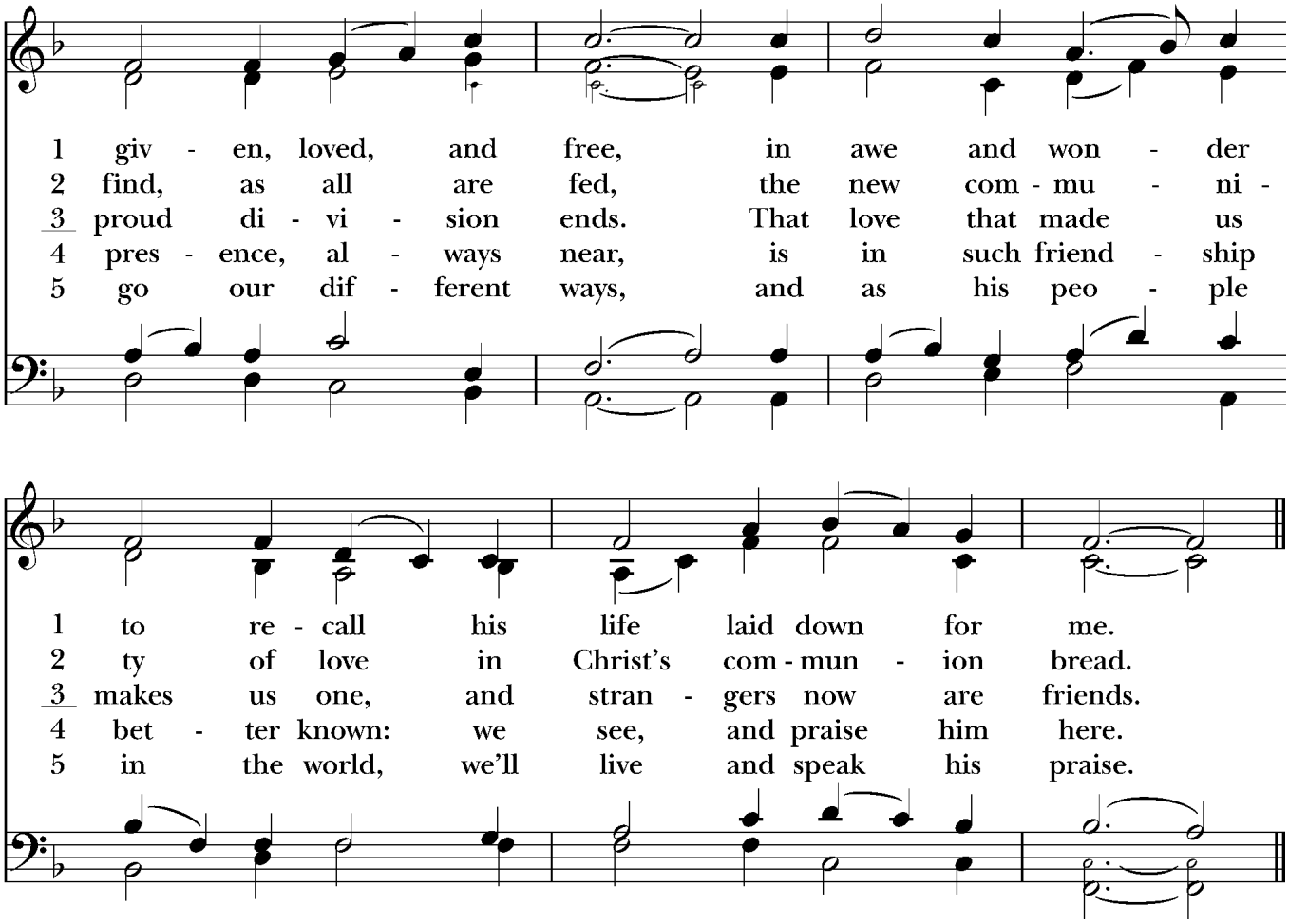
This setting may be sung full by all, or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.

Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God.

CHORAL ANTHEM: *Love the Lord* by Mark Schweizer

COMMUNION HYMN: HYMN 304 ***I come with joy to meet my Lord (Land of Rest)***





POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Priest and People

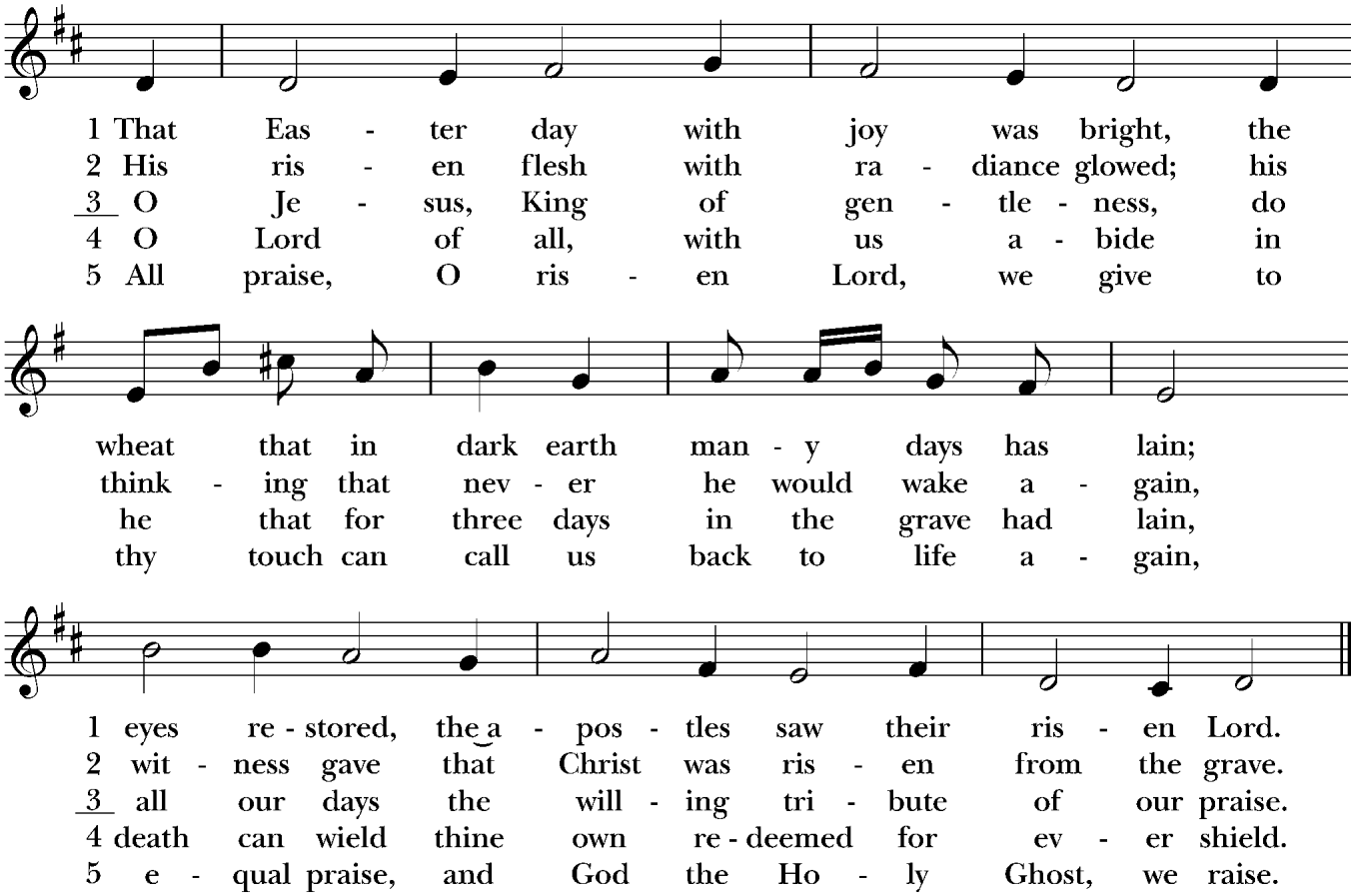
Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness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

BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God

Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen*

RECESSIONAL HYMN: HYMN 193 ***That Easter day with joy was bright (Puer nobis)***



DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

Postlude: Toccatinetto by Christopher Tambling

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Liturgy participants:

Celebrant: Fr. Christopher Hofer+
Music Director: Edward Grimes
Crucifer: Douglas Colmery
Lector: Douglas Colmery
Greeter: Beth Paynter
Video/Audio: David Lewis
Altar Guild: Shirley Brown and Beth Paynter
Counters: Cara Warren and M.L. Schultze

Announcements:

The flowers on the altar this morning are in loving memory of Pete and Lennie Taflan, given by his son, Peter, and daughter, Deborah Findlay. After today's Holy Eucharist service, Fr. Christopher+ will officiate at the inurnment service for Pete, followed by cake in the Guild Hall celebrating Pete's 100 years with us and seven decades to service at St. Paul's.

HOT lunch is back on its regular schedule, and we'll be sharing a meal with our Canton neighbors this coming Saturday from 11-12:30. If you'd like to volunteer (your time or treasure or treasured cooking skills), please let Carol Sutek know.

The Social Justice Book Group is about to begin its newest book, "Memphis," a novel built around three generations of a Southern Black family. The New York Times Book Review calls the debut novel by Tara Stringfellow "a rhapsodic hymn to Black women." The book is free and available at StarkFresh, 325 Cherry Ave. NE, one of our Courageous Conversation partners. The book group meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month via Zoom. For more information, email David Swope at swopedavid@yahoo.com

The committee charged with the search for a new bishop for the Diocese of Ohio plans to complete its first-round interviews later this month and will meet in August for extended interviews. It will submit the top candidates for a vote at the Diocesan Convention this fall

Please note that St. Paul's livestreams and posts videos of all our services on Facebook. If you would prefer to remain off camera, please ask an usher to seat you below the balcony.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion (for those who are live-streaming)

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

MAY/JUNE CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 15 5th Sunday of Easter 10:30 am Service Pete Taflan's Inurnment service (following Holy Eucharist)	May 16	May 17	May 18 10 am Book Study	May 19 7pm AA (Library)	May 20 7:30pm NA (Comm. Room)	May 21 H.O.T. Lunch 11-12:30 Guild Hall 7 pm AA (Library) 7:30 pm NA (Comm Rm)
May 22 6th Sunday of Easter 10:30 am Service	May 23 Communi-cations Committee 6 p.m.	May 24 Social Justice Book Group	May 25 10 am Book Study	May 26 7 pm AA (Blue Room)	May 27 7:30 pm NA (Comm. Room)	May 28 7:30 pm NA (Comm. Room)
May 29 7th Sunday of Easter 10:30 am Service	May 30 Memorial Day	May 31	June 1 10 am Book Study	June 2 7 pm AA (Blue Room)	June 3 7:30 pm NA (Comm. Room)	June 4 7:30 pm NA (Comm. Room)
June 5 Pentecost Sunday 10:30 am Service Recital 2 pm Sanctuary	June 6	June 7 Courageous Conversations Leadership Team	June 8 Finance Committee 6 pm (Zoom)	June 9 7 pm AA (Blue Room)	June 10 7:30pm NA (Comm. Room)	June 11 7:30 pm NA (Comm. Room)

1st Tuesday each month – Courageous Conversation Leadership Team
2nd Tuesday each month – Social Justice Book Group (SJBG)
3rd Tuesday each month – Courageous Conversations
4th Tuesday each month – Social Justice Book Group (SJBG)
Every Wednesday 10am – Book Study (Library)

Sunday Services begin with music at 10:25 a.m. and are live-streamed on Facebook.