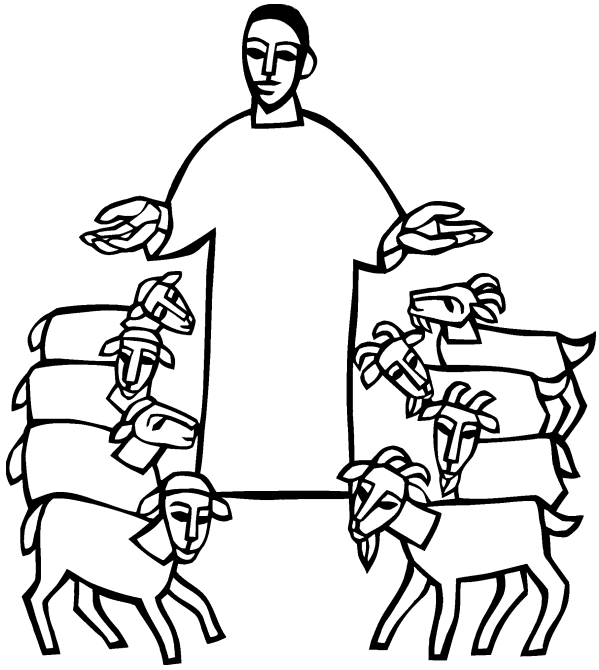
Sunday, November 22, 2026 -Christ the King

Welcome to worship at Shepherd of the Bay. If you are visiting today, Hello! We are so glad you are here. Whether you are here for a week, a month, or the whole summer season, we hope you will find this community a warm and welcoming spiritual home while you're in Door County. If you have questions, please ask. If you are interested in a formal affiliation with Shepherd of the Bay, contact Pastor Honig.

Enter to worship. As the prelude begins, worshippers are encouraged to conclude conversation and quietly prepare to enter into the experience of worship.

PRELUDE *Sonata, Op.2 no.8: Prelude, Sarabande* Arcangelo Corelli
Jim Honig, trumpet

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Flowers today are from Mike & Marcia Eischen.



On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

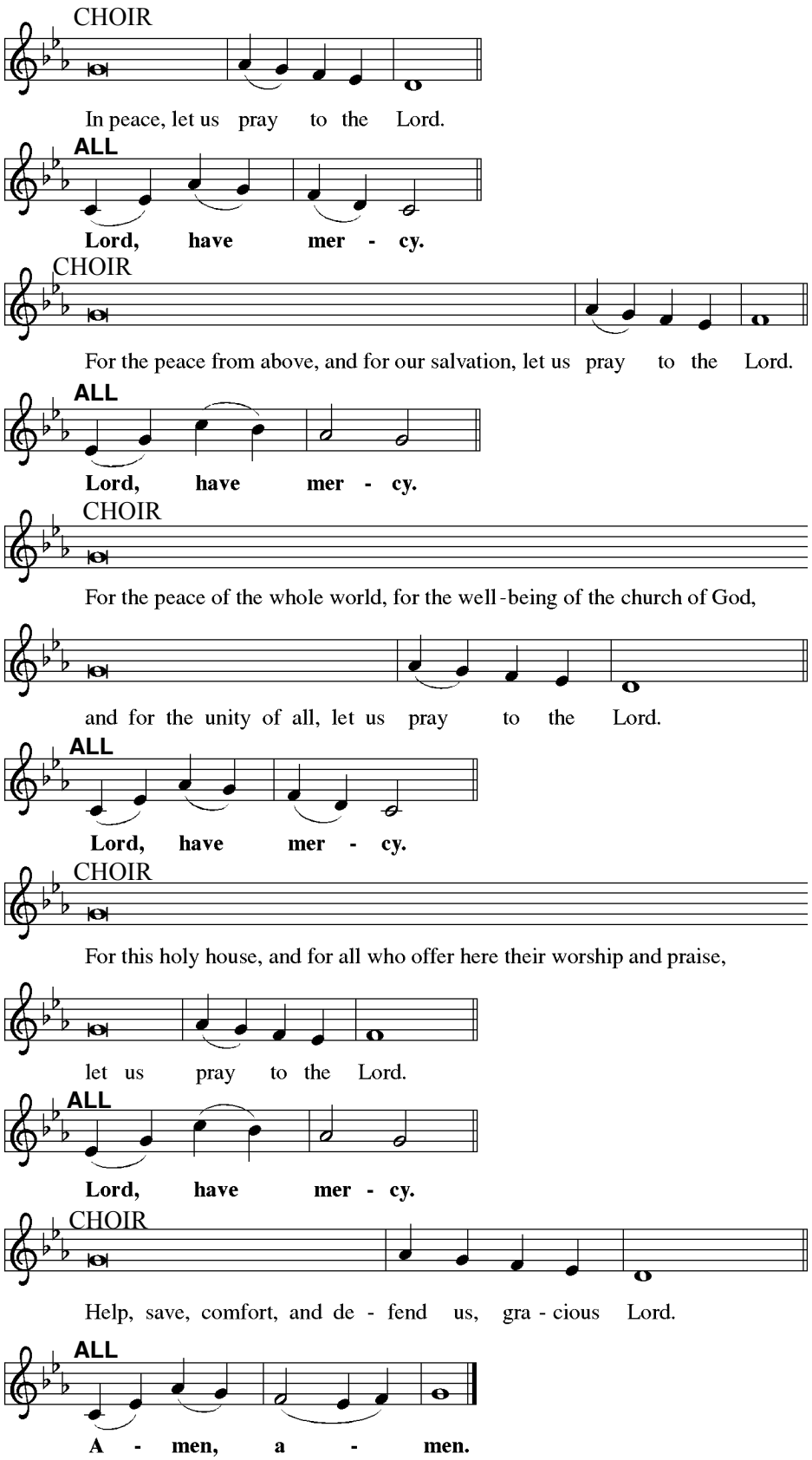
(Congregation recites **bold** print responses.)

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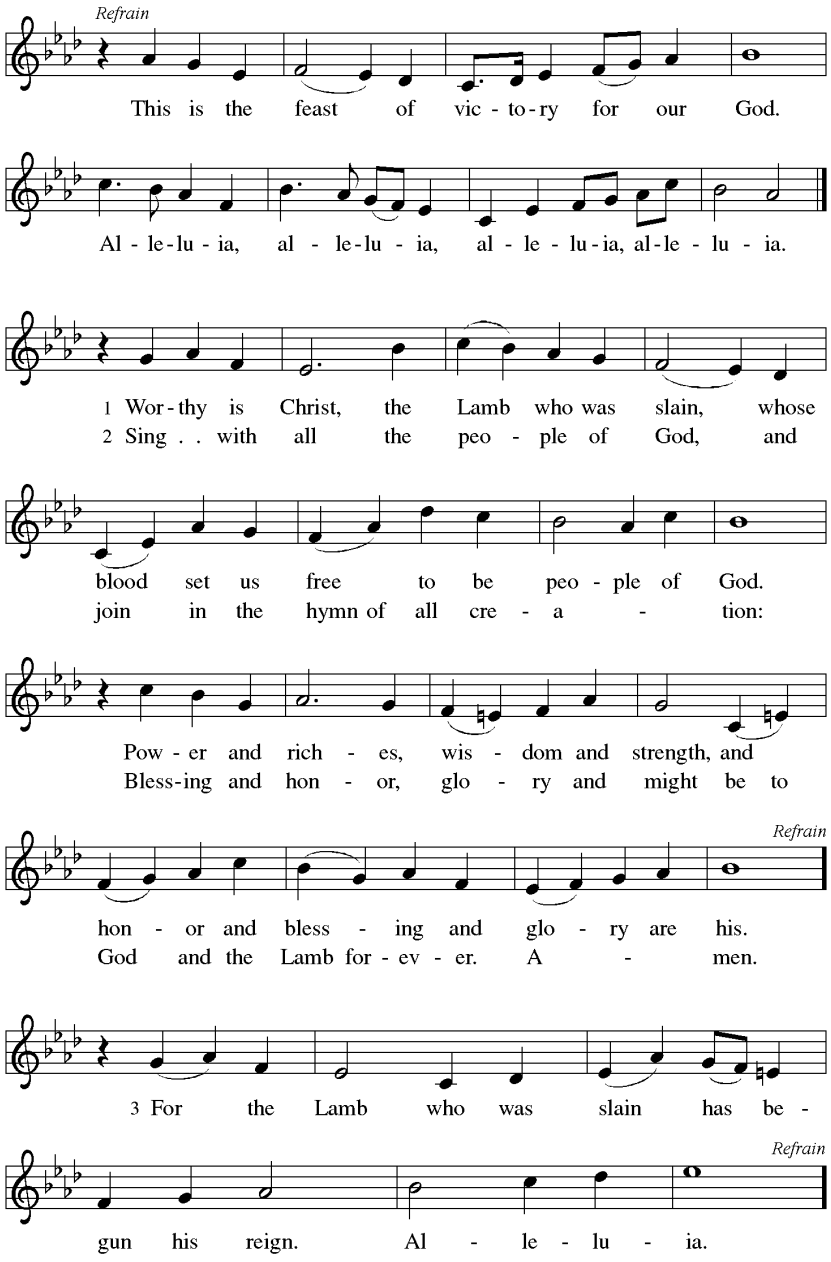
GATHERING HYMN
HYMN 855 Crown Him with Many Crowns

GREETING
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE


CHOIR
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
ALL
Lord, have mer - cy.
CHOIR
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
ALL
Lord, have mer - cy.
CHOIR
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.
ALL
Lord, have mer - cy.
CHOIR
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.
ALL
Lord, have mer - cy.
CHOIR
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.
ALL
A - men, a - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: O God of power and might,

your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The assembly is seated

CHOIR *Be Thou My Vision* 8th c. Irish Hymn, arr. Mary McDonald (2015 Hope Publishing)

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

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

PSALM 95

HYMN 225 Come, Ring Out Your Joy

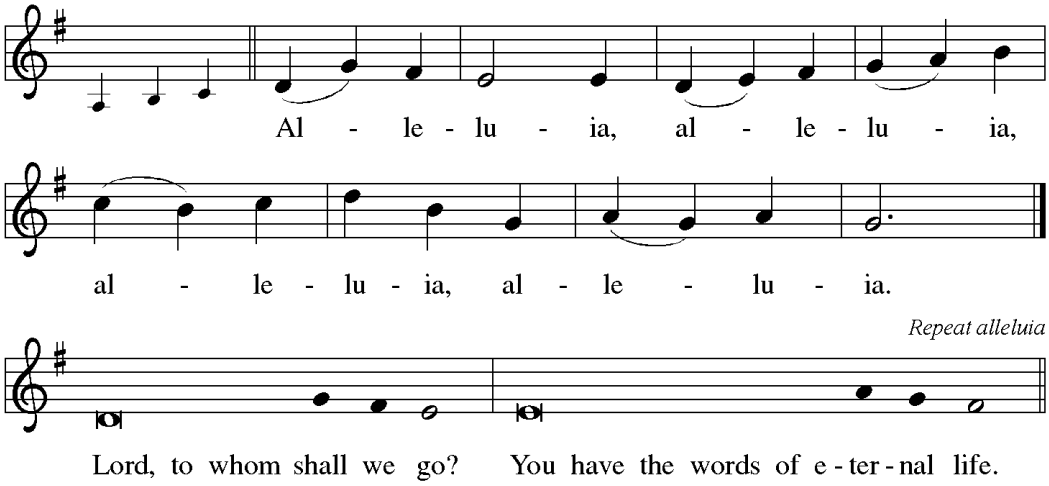
SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

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

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL : Matthew 25:31-46

C: Glory to you, O Lord

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P: The Gospel of the Lord **C: Praise to you, O Christ**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

HYMN 416 At the Name of Jesus

The assembly stands.

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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
Congregational response to
P. God, in your mercy,
C. hear our prayer.

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Prepare your people for your reign to come among us. Where the church is wary, make us bold; where we are complacent, stir us to action; where we are anxious, assure us of your never-ending care. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

All the heights, depths, and expanses of the earth belong to you. Deliver every corner of your creation from disaster. Restore lands ravaged by floods, fires, drought, or contamination (places or events may be named). God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Gather all the nations at your side and teach them the ways of your kingdom of wholeness and abundant life. Empower judges, juries, and legal advocates to create and uphold pathways toward transformative justice. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Bind up the wounds of all your people. Give courage to all who experience uncertainty, guide all people facing difficult decisions, and lift the spirits of any who are in need. We remember especially those whom we name aloud... **Linda** Anderson, **Patrice** Champeau, **Jane** Lee, **Carenna** Reisen**, Braden** Sitte, **Mary Kay** Vartanian, **Barbara** Zilavy, and all whom we remember in our hearts and lift before you... (*silence for reflection*) ... God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Accompany communities struggling with conflict. Help us to listen deeply to one another, that we might know one another more fully and release any hurt or anger. Create ways of healing and reconciliation among us. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Fill us with the spirit of wisdom and perseverance that you grant to all the saints, and bring us, at the last, into the hope of your promised new day. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *All Creatures of Our God and King* Charles W. Ore (Concordia Publishing House, 1971)

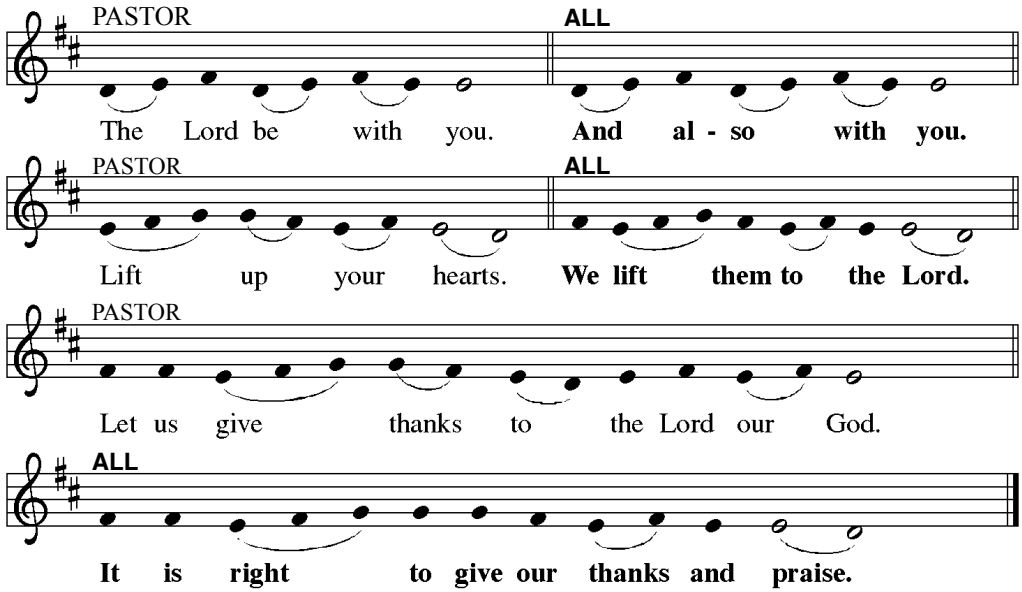
The assembly stands.

OFFERING PRAYER
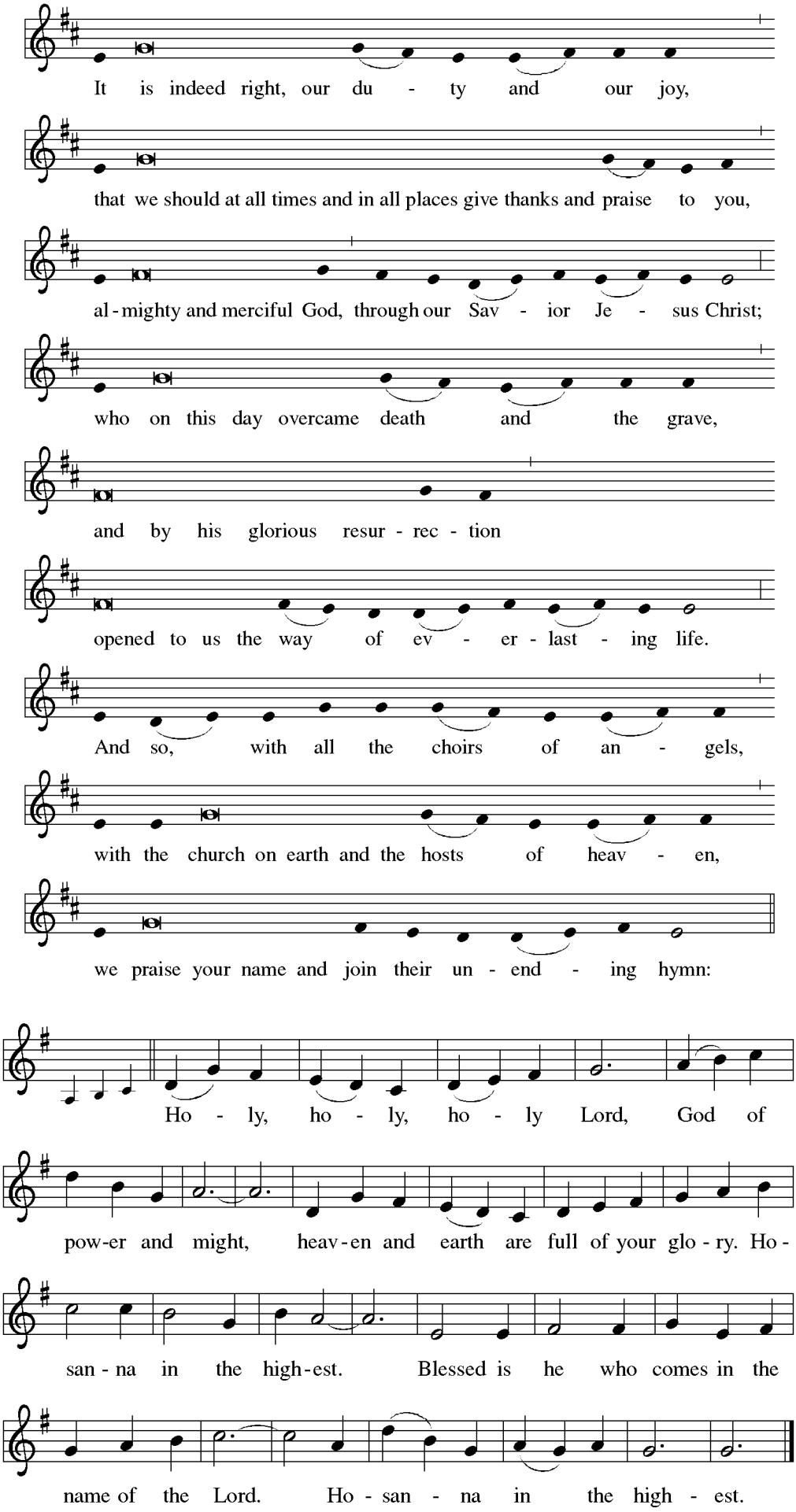
Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION DIALOG



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

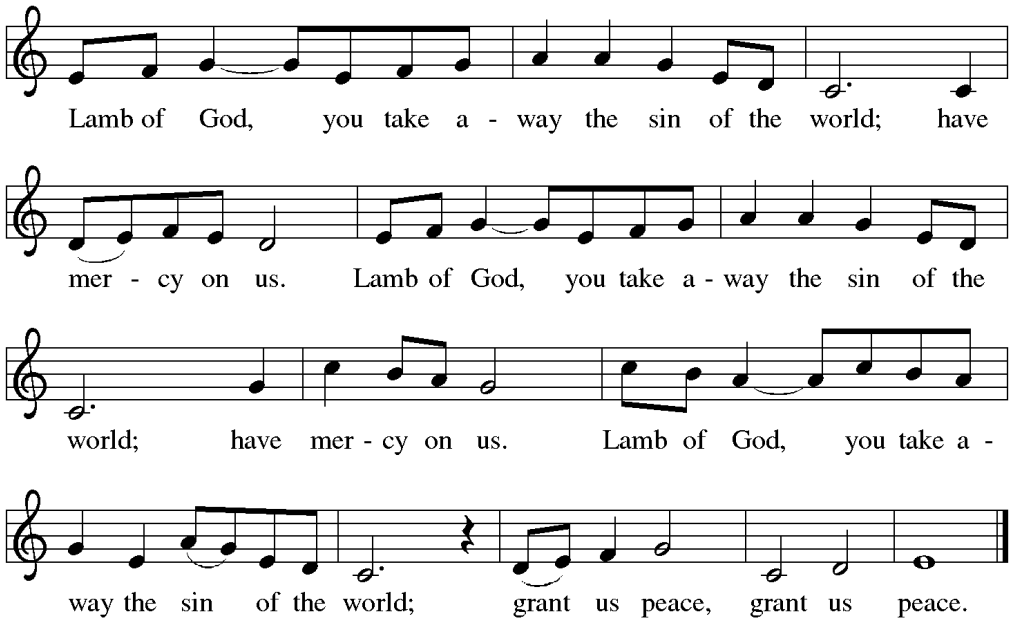
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.
And everybody, everybody, everybody is welcome here.

About Communion: *This is Christ's table and meal of grace! All are welcome! Ushers will guide you forward. Receive the bread (gluten free available); wine or white grape juice is received from a cup from the gold tray..If you have difficulty coming forward for the distribution, please let one of the ushers know and they will ask the pastor to bring you communion in the pew. Children may come forward for a blessing*

The assembly is seated.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMN
HYMN 634 All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

POST COMMUNION BLESSING
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out, awake to your presence,
now and forever.
Amen.

BLESSING

The holy Trinity,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.
Amen.

SENDING SONG
HYMN 434 Jesus Shall Reign

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

DEPART TO SERVE

POSTLUDE *Jesus Shall Reign* Wilbur Held (Augsburg Publishing House, 1972)

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