CHRIST TRINITY
AN EPISCOPAL- LUTHERAN WORSHIPING COMMUNITY

The Feast of Creation
September 6, 2026

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND RINGING OF THE BELL

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

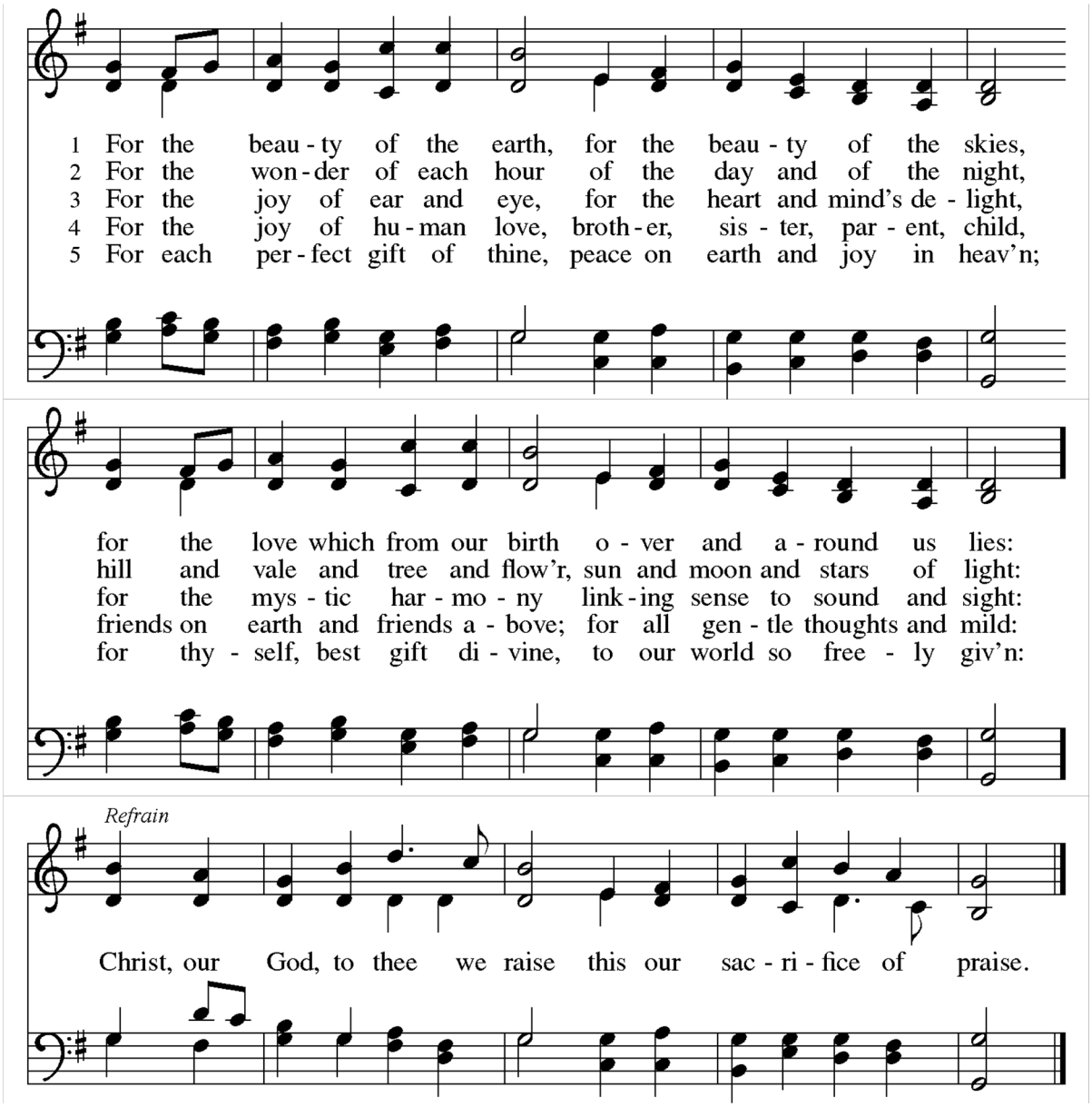
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our hope, our heart, our home.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Everlasting God, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end,
we confess that we participate in systems that perpetuate oppression and injustice. We are often numb to the pain of the world around us, resistant to change that costs us something, and reluctant to love our neighbors as ourselves. We sin against your good creation, failing to be faithful stewards of the land, the sea, and all their creatures. Make your home among us once more, O God, naming us beloved and opening our hearts to do your will. Amen.

All you saints and sinners, this good news is for you:
God knows you, forgives you by the self-giving of ☩ Jesus Christ, and frees you to love the world as you have been loved.
Creation's story will not end until mourning, crying, and pain are no more.
When everything else changes, God's love is steadfast and sure.
Nothing can ever separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL **For the beauty of the earth** ELW879

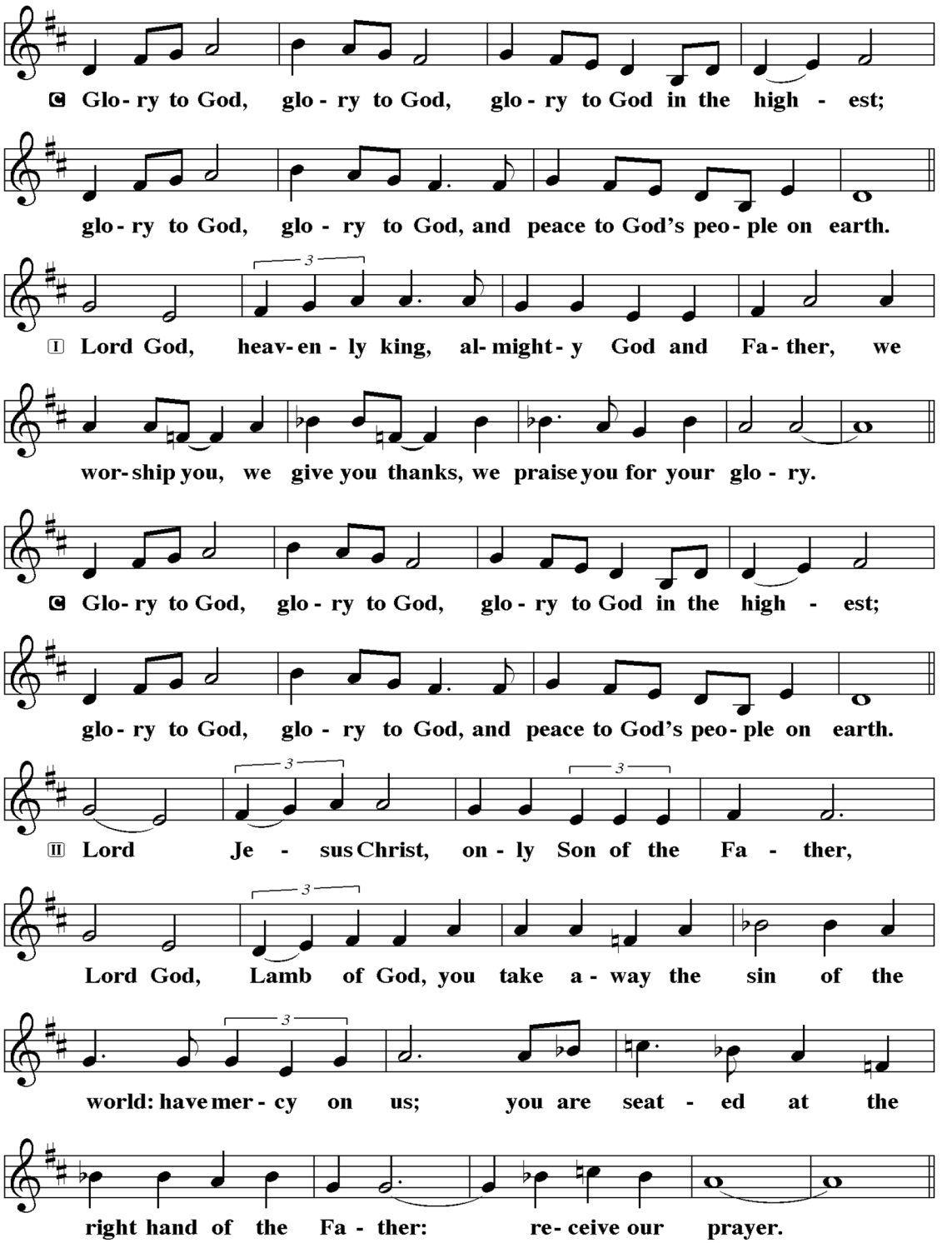


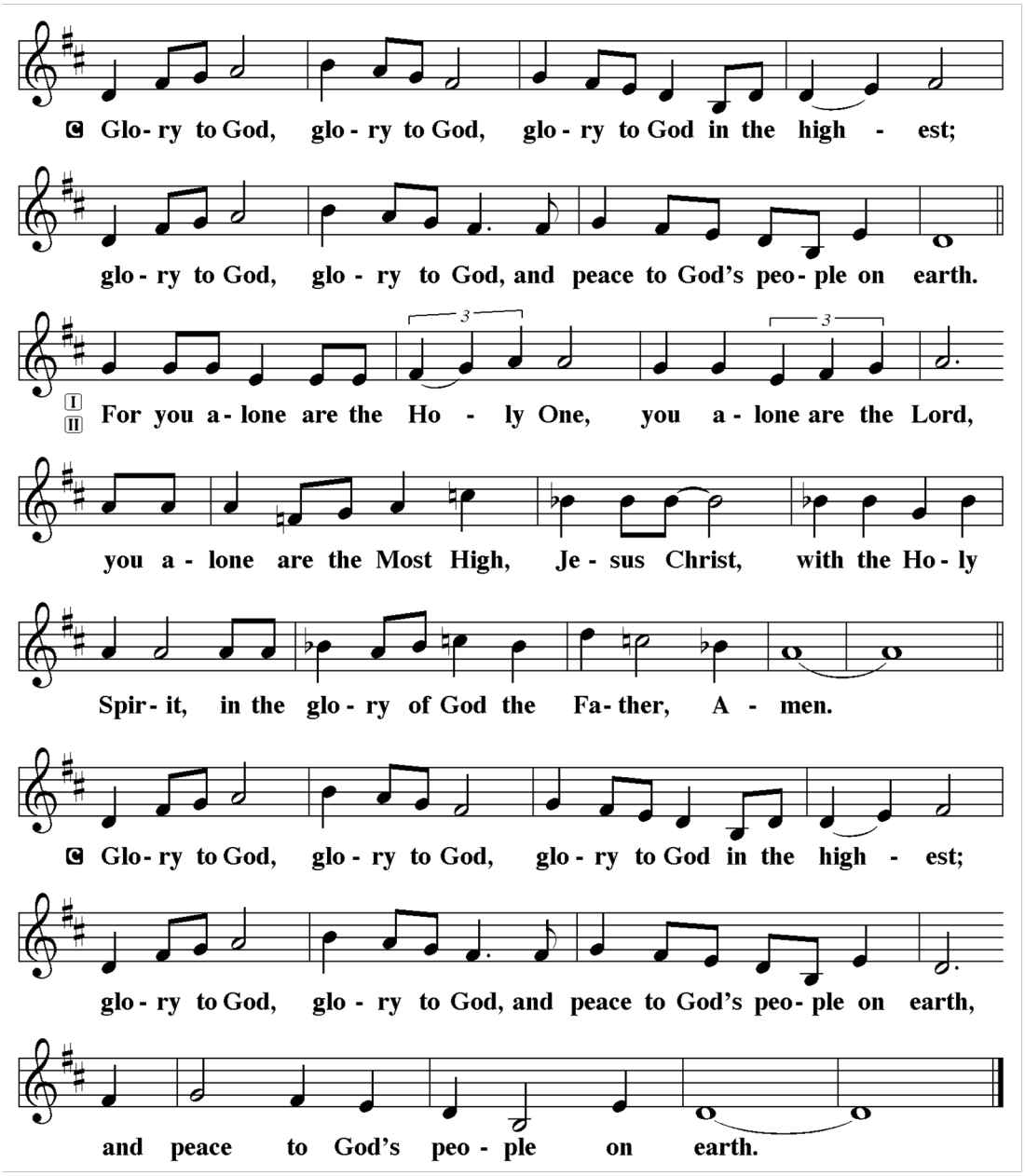
GREETING

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together: **O God, in whom we live and move and have our being, in Christ you created the worlds, and your Spirit breathes life into the universe. We praise you for your wondrous creation. Bless us and all**

your handiwork with your infinite light, and direct our lives to the care of this good earth, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Genesis 1:1 - 2:4a

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

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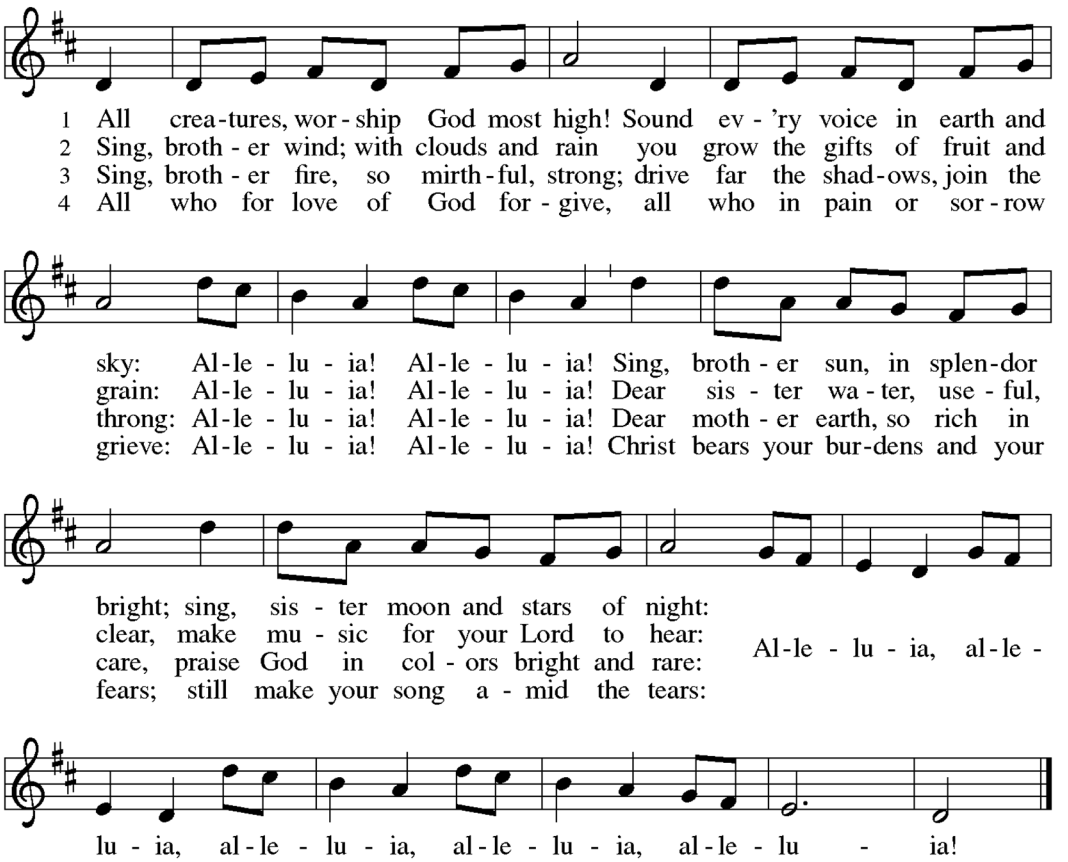

5 And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Alleluia.

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia.

Acts 17:22a, 24-28

A reading from Acts.

22a Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 24 "The God who
made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth,
does not live in shrines made by human hands, 25 nor is he served by human
hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life
and breath and all things. 26 From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit
the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the
boundaries of the places where they would live, 27 so that they would search
for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he
is not far from each one of us. 28 For 'In him we live and move and have our
being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we, too, are his offspring.'

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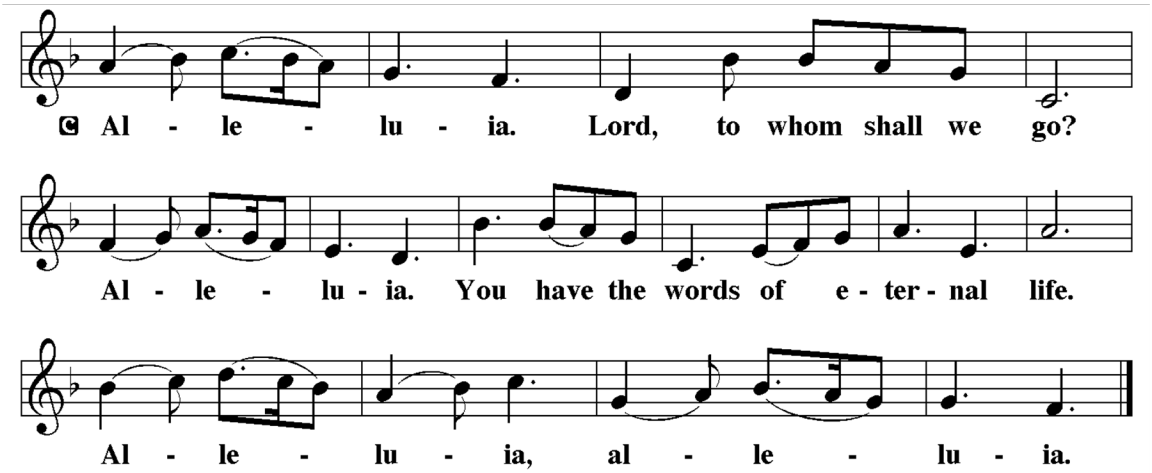
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL READING John 1:1-5

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ

[1] In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2] He was in the beginning with God. [3] All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being [4] in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. [5] The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Christ

SERMON

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: 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.

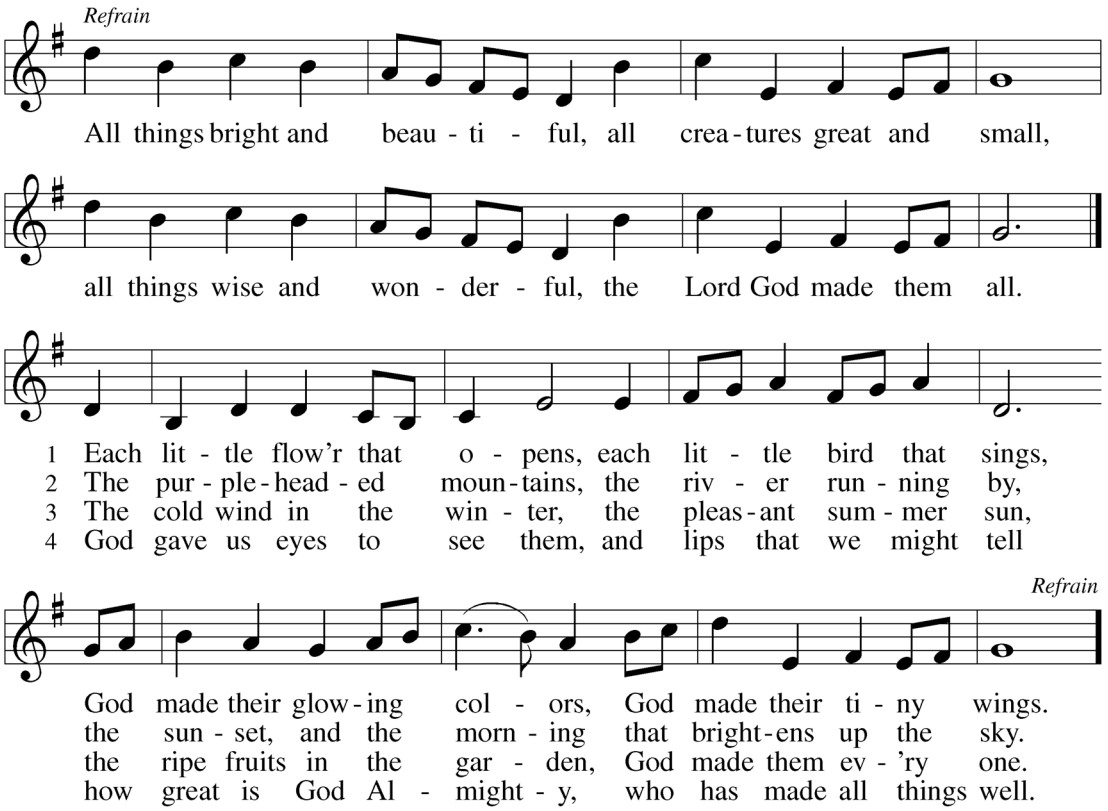
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE response: ***your mercy is great***

PEACE

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY **All things bright and beautiful** WOV767



OFFERING PRAYER

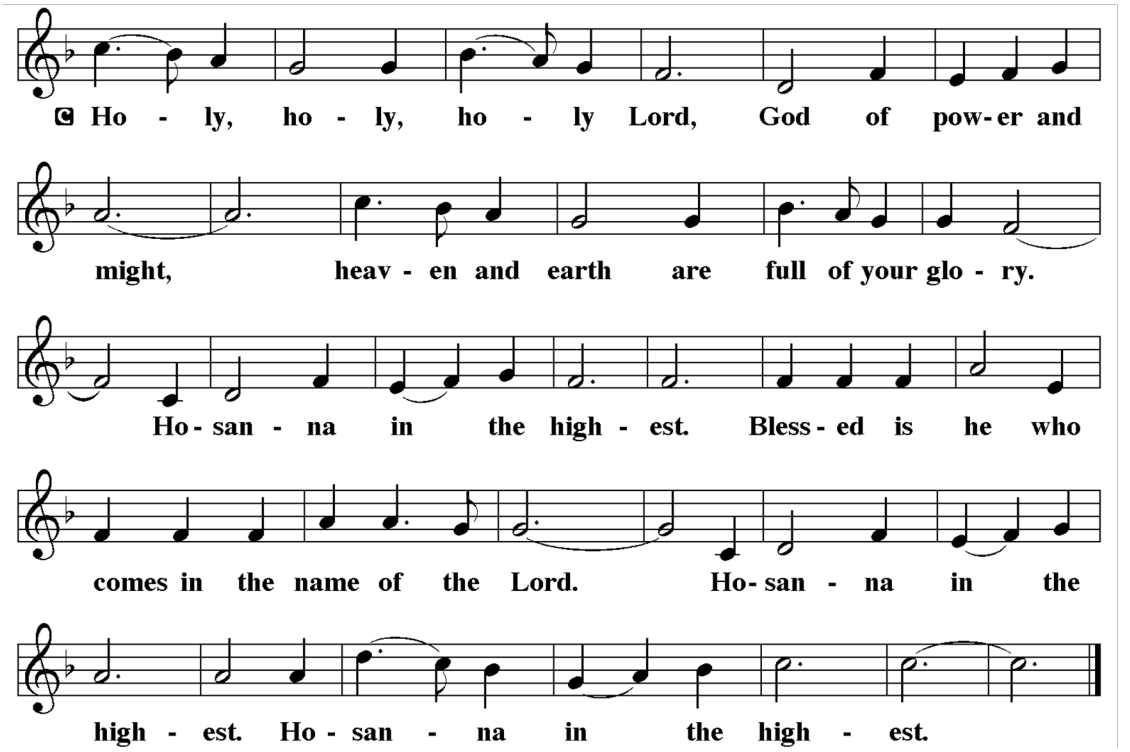
Let us pray together: **O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

PREFACE

SANCTUS



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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, For ever and ever. Amen.

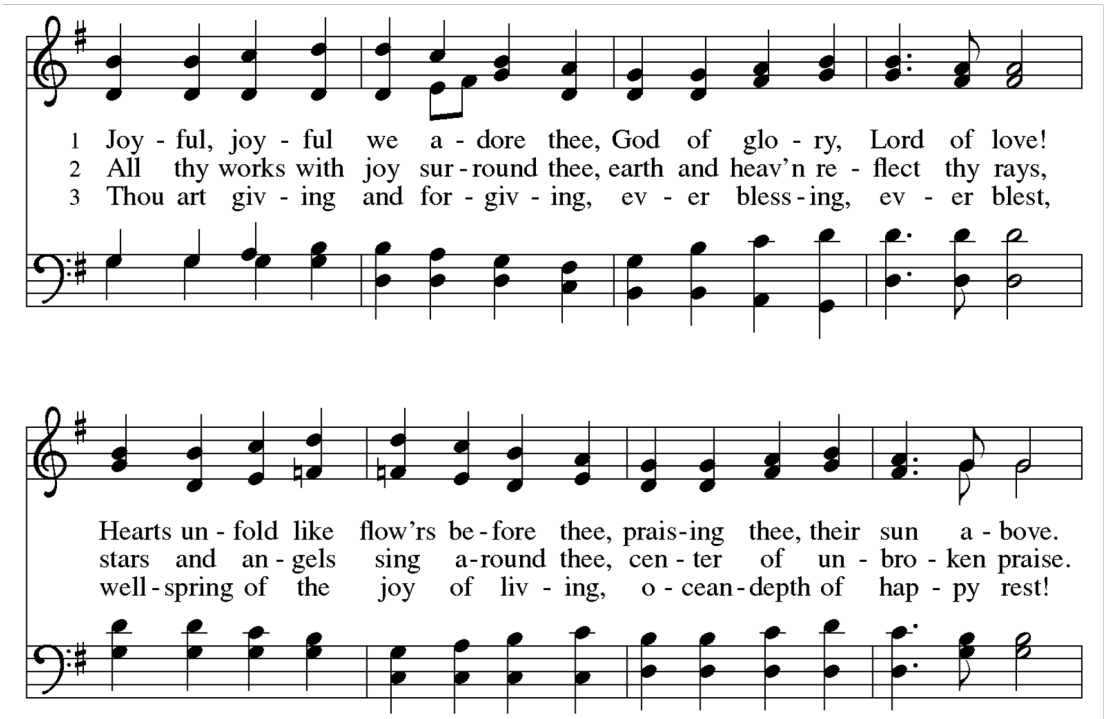
BREAKING OF THE BREAD

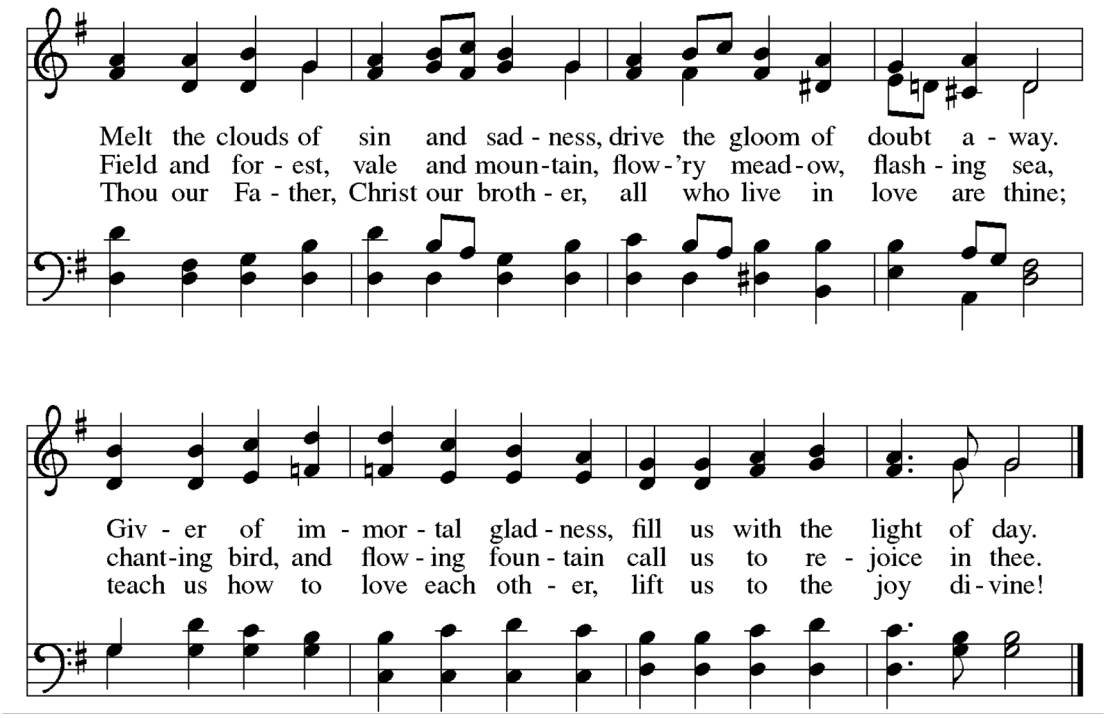
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together: **God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN — Joyful, Joyful — ELW836





ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

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Sheffield Fair is on September 12th and we need volunteers!
Sign up in the parish hall.

OWLEs are back this Friday, September 11th,
and going to the Chester Railway Museum.
For more information see SEEDs.
To reserves your spot speak with Liz Wells or Nancy King.

Regular choir will begin again on September 13th.
New people are encouraged to try it out! Join the fun!

Crop Walk will take place on September 27th!
Donate online!

Today's altar flowers are given in memory of
Virginia Kolodziej and Michel Kolodziej
By Joe Kolodziej and Bob Mercurio