Liturgy – 32nd Weekend in Ordinary Time
November 7, 2026 at 5pm, Light of Christ ECC

Includes blessing of new PC members (Heather, Patty, Judy)
Responses of the people are in ***bold***



Presider : Fr. Teri Liturgist: Shannon

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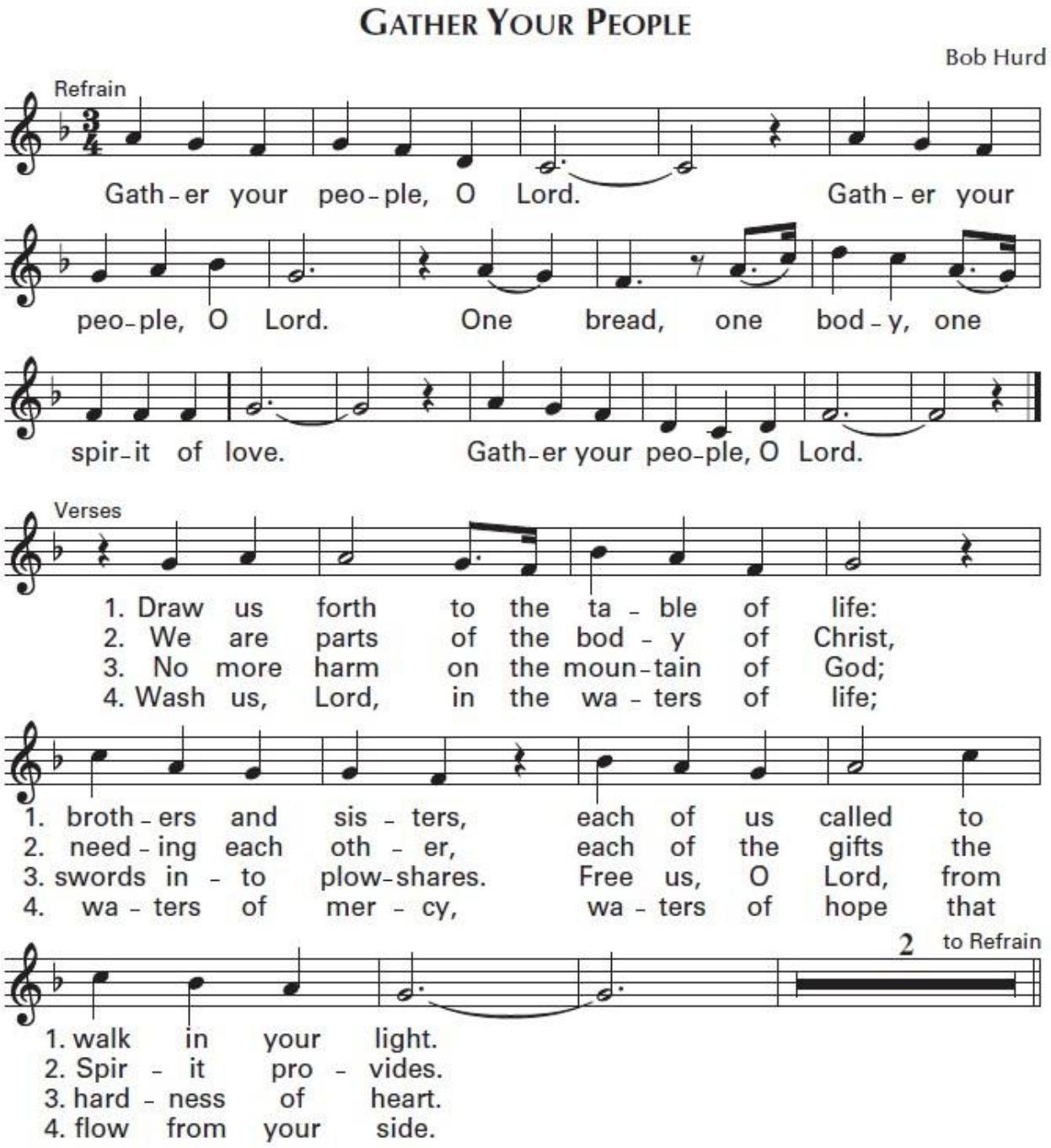
Announcements

Opening Song: Gather Your People



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Invocation and Introduction

Teri: Let us continue as one expression of God's people. + Father, Son, Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

Teri: May the Love of God, the care and compassion of the Incarnation, and the Fire of the Holy Spirit be with you all. ***And also with you.***

Penitential Rite

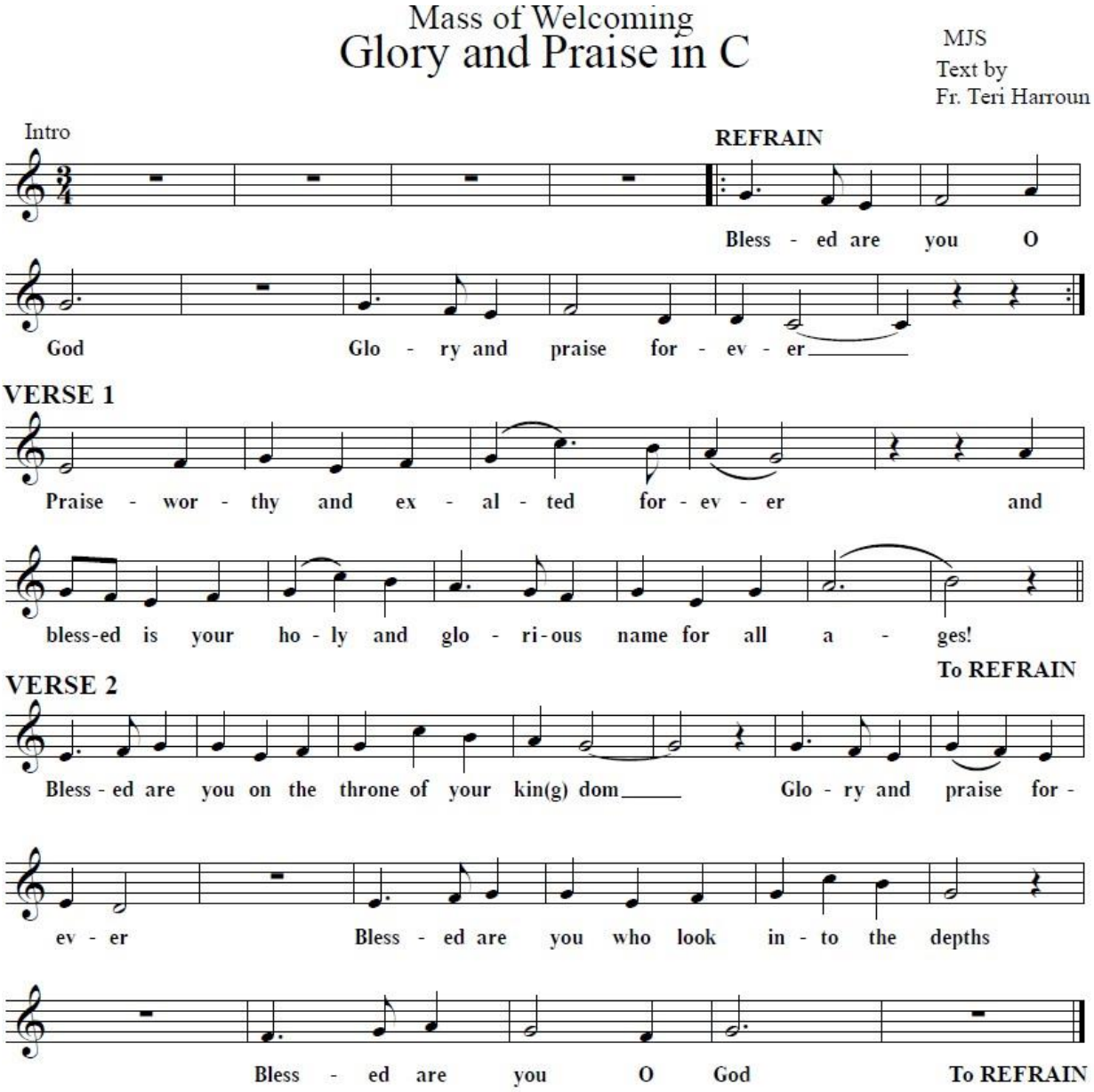
Teri: Let us ask God for open minds and willing hearts that we might listen and understand.

God, You place Your own image in each of us and desire that we not break faith with one another. ***Lord have mercy.***

Jesus the Christ, you are the light of the world, Christ have mercy. ***Christ have mercy.***

Spirit of God, You do not withhold kindness, Lord have mercy. ***Lord have mercy***.

Hear the Good News! Christ's life, death and resurrection have revealed life and love eternal. Your sins are forgiven. Be refreshed and renewed in the name of God, in the name of Love, in the name of New Life. Together now we say. ***Amen***



Opening Prayer

Let us pray…. Holy God, in Baptism, we are called to be priest, prophet, and leader as we live our lives following the teachings and examples of Jesus. This call requires that we know our neighbor and love our neighbor and recognize that everyone is our neighbor. Help us live into the fullness of our being in You. We pray now in our brother Jesus' name. ***Amen*.**

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Shannon

Our First Reading is from the Book of Wisdom (6:12-16)

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
easily discerned by those who love Her,
and is found by those who seek Her.

She reveals herself
to all who desire to know Her.

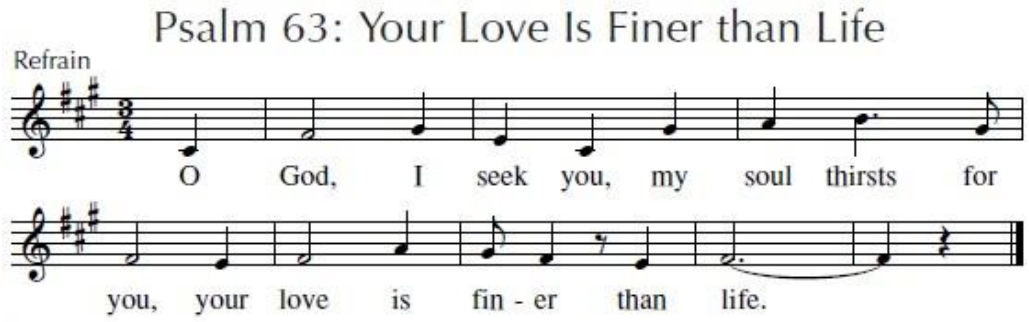
Those who rise early to search for Her
will not grow weary of the journey,
for they will find Her seated at the door of their own homes.

To ponder Her is the fullness of Wisdom
and to be loyal in Her pursuit
is the shortcut to freedom from care.

She searches the far ends of the earth for
those who are worthy of Her,
and She appears to them on their daily path with kindness,
meeting them halfway in all their journeys

This has been a reading from the Book of Wisdom.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 63: Your Love is Finer than Life



Verses

1. As a dry and weary desert land, so my soul is thirsting for my God,
   and my flesh is faint for the God I seek, for your love is more to me than life.

2. I think of you when at night I rest, I reflect upon your steadfast love,
   I will cling to you, O Lord my God, in the shadow of your wings I sing.

3. I will bless your name all the days I live, I will raise my hands and call on you,
   my joyful lips shall sing your praise, you alone have filled my hungry soul.

Text: Psalm 63; Marty Haugen
Music: Marty Haugen
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Second Reading: Shannon

The Second Reading is from 1st Thessalonians (4:13-18)

Sisters and brothers, we want you to be clear about those who sleep in death; otherwise you might yield to grief and lose all hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, in the same way God will bring with Jesus all who have fallen asleep believing in Jesus. We are speaking to you now just as if Jesus were speaking to you: we who live, who survive until Jesus returns, will have no advantage over those who have fallen asleep. No, Jesus will personally come down from heaven with a shout, at the sound of the archangel's voice and the trumpet of God, and those who have died in Christ will rise first. Then we the living, the survivors, will be caught up with them in the clouds to meet Jesus in the air—and thenceforth we will be with Jesus unceasingly. Therefore, console one another with these words.

This has been a Reading from 1st Thessalonians
Thanks be to God.

Mass of Welcoming

Gospel Acclamation

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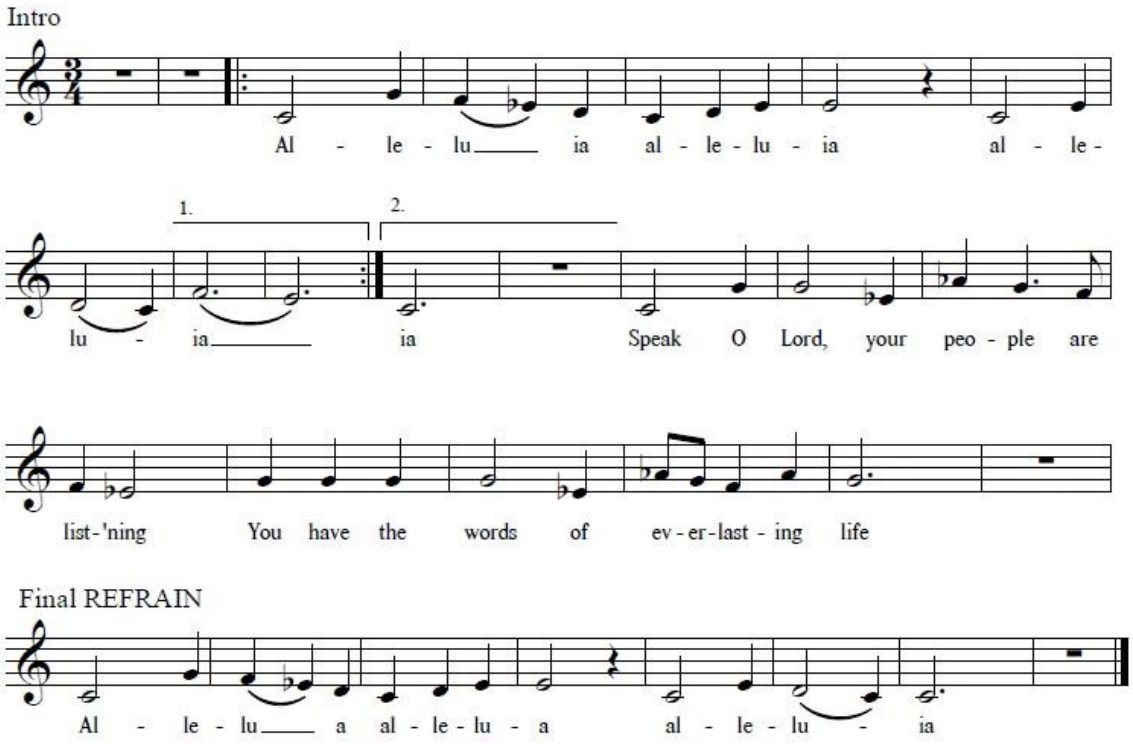


Gospel Reading: Fr. Teri

The Risen Christ be with you all. ***And also with you.***

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (25:1-13)

Glory to you, O God+

Jesus told this parable to the disciples, “The kindom of God could be likened to ten bridesmaids who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were wise, five were foolish. When the foolish ones took their lamps, they didn’t take any oil with them, but the wise ones took enough oil to keep their lamps burning. The bridegroom was delayed, so the ten bridesmaids all fell asleep. “At midnight there was a cry: ‘Here comes the bridegroom! Let us go out to meet them!’ Then all the

bridesmaids rose and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘Perhaps there will not be enough for us; run to the dealers and get some more for yourselves.’ “While the foolish ones went to buy more oil, the bridegroom arrived; and those who were ready went to the marriage feast with them, and the door was shut. When the foolish attendants returned, they pleaded to be let in. The doorkeeper replied, ‘The truth is, I do not know you.’

“So stay awake, for you do not know the day or the hour.”

The Gospel according to Matthew. ***Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.***

Homily - Teri

Prayers of the People - Shannon

Our response today is: Holy Wisdom, guide us. ***Holy Wisdom, guide us.***

For our country, and all elected leaders. That we may remember our shared kin-ship in the Body of Christ and remain rooted in beloved community, together. We pray: ***Holy Wisdom, guide us.***

For our global church, and all people of goodwill. That the gospel values of equality and justice may guide us, and form us into safe harbors where others can find refuge and comfort. We pray: ***Holy Wisdom, guide us.***

For those who are sick, (especially ____). For those who struggle, who are in need, or feel alone in the world. May they know God’s presence and receive all that they need. We pray: ***Holy Wisdom, guide us.***

For those who have died, (especially _____) and for all those close to us that we remember in a special way this day. May they rest peacefully in God’s eternal embrace. For those who grieve a loss, that they may know Your compassion and grace. We pray: ***Holy Wisdom, guide us.***

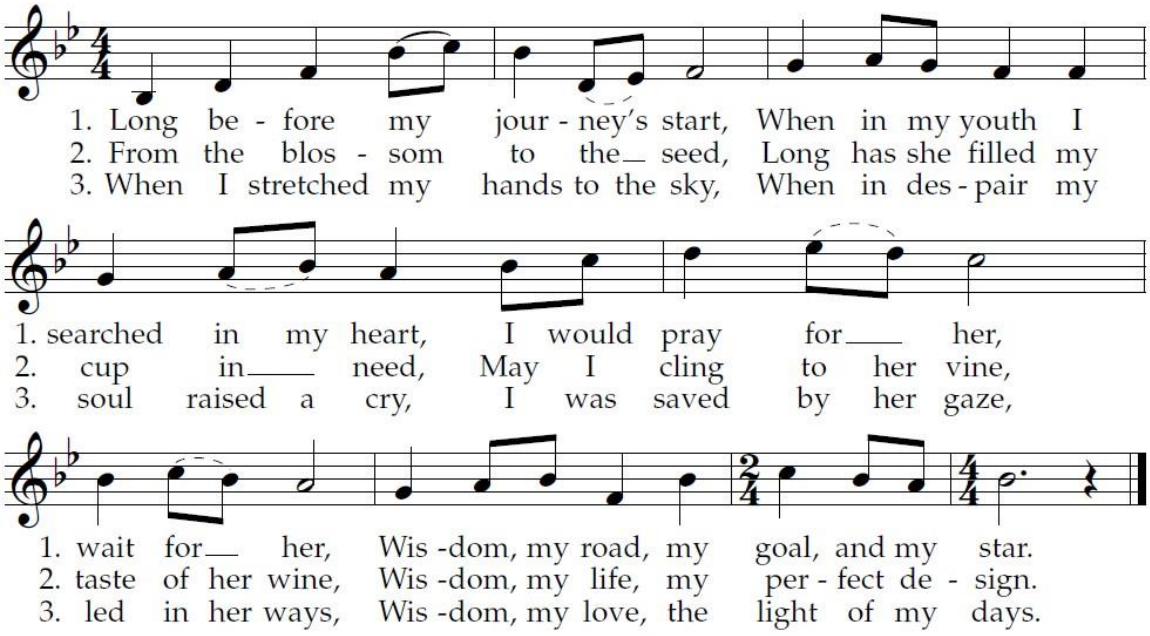
Fr. Teri will now read the prayers that have been typed in the comments (PAUSE until Teri tells you to go on.) For these and for all the prayers we share through our hearts, we pray**:** ***Holy Wisdom, guide us.***

In addition, Prayer Partners will be available after Mass here in the Sanctuary by the back altar. For those at home, or those who have a prayer to share during the week, you can email our Prayer Companion Team at prayercompanionteam@lightofchristecc.org and someone will reach out to you. These prayer ministries welcome and invite you, in confidence, to share your concerns in more detail or depth, or even to pray for you when you can't find the words.

Collect: Teri

Sign of Peace

Offertory Song: Wisdom, My Road



Sir 51:13–22
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Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preface: Teri

Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation, through your goodness we have this bread and this wine to place on your table. Work of earth and human hands. May these become our spiritual food and drink. ***Blessed be God forever.***

Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation, through your goodness we have these gifts to place on your table. They represent our entire lives, and all that we have to offer. These gifts have traveled through purses, pockets, and even the mail. May they become the Light of Christ in your world. ***Blessed be God forever.***

Pray my sisters and brothers, my family, that these our gifts, our lives may continue to be blessed by our Loving God.

May God accept the sacrifice at our hands, for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good and the good of all God's world.

The peace of our God be with you all.
And also with you.

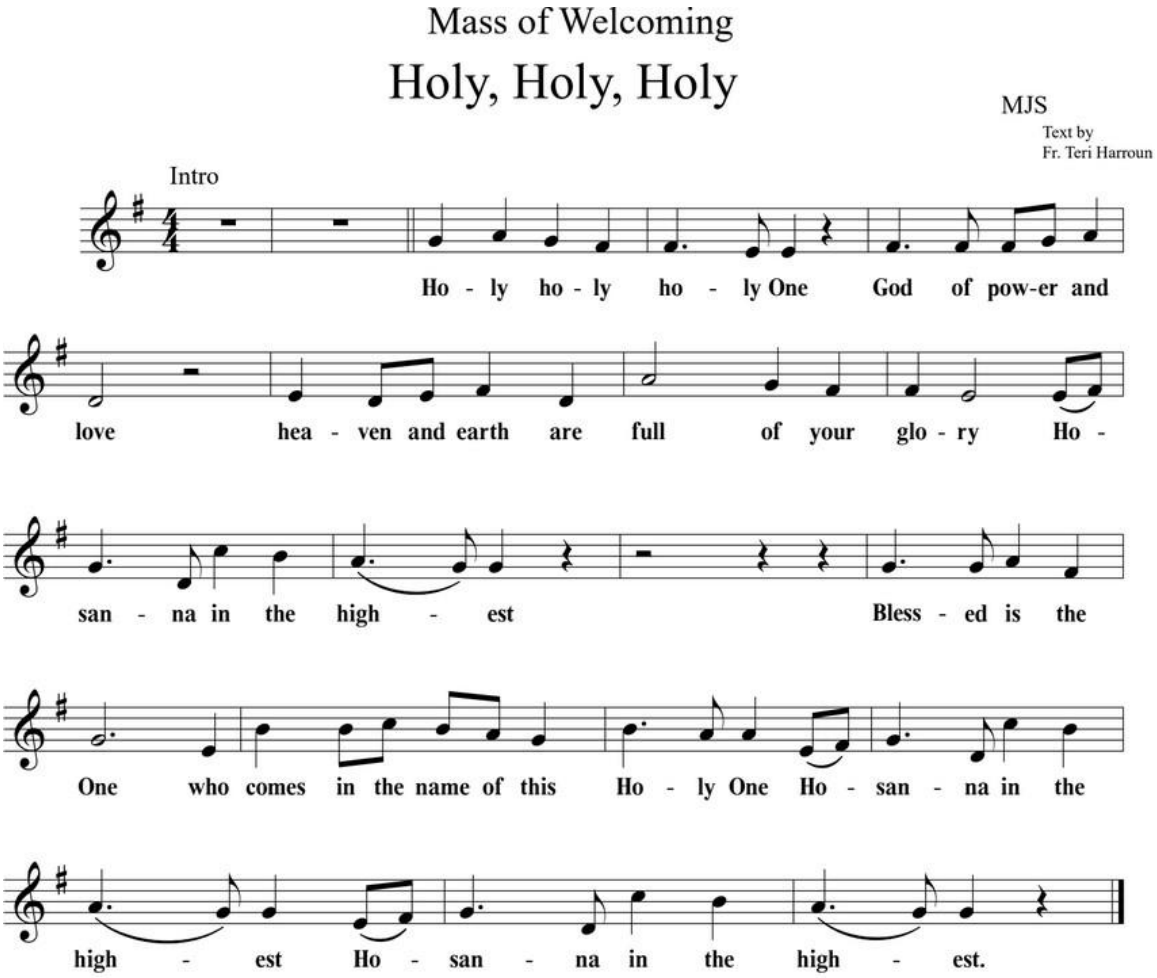
Let us open up our hearts.
We open them up to God.

Let us give thanks to our Loving God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer: Teri

Blessed are you, O holy God, Breath and Life of the world. Your love pulses in our own veins. You have given us one another, that we have companions on the journey. In Jesus, you share your compassion, and with your Spirit you guide us and offer grace for the journeys of this life. We bless you, O holy God, as your children gathered in your circle today

and we offer you our praise, with angels and shepherds and the whole company of holy ones and all of creation, we proclaim your unending glory as we sing:



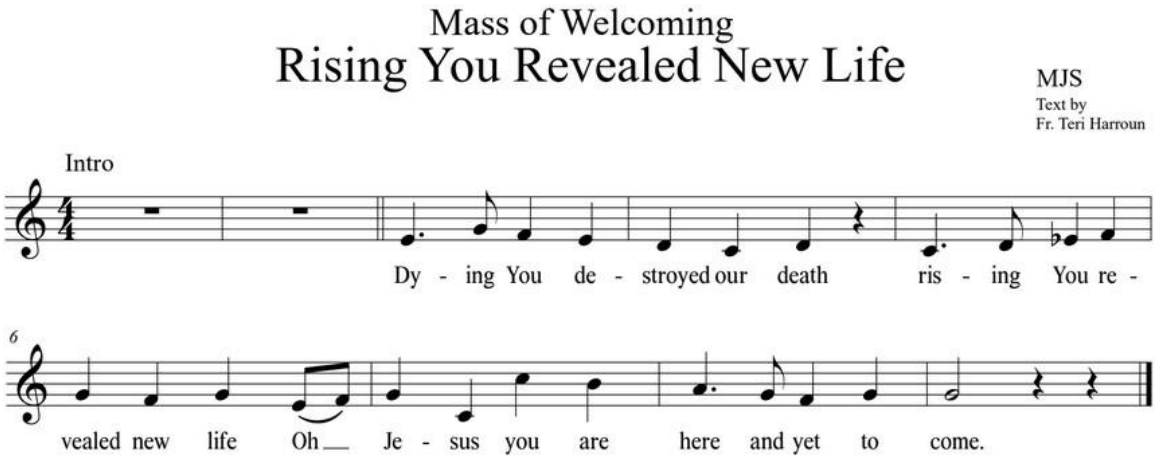
<u>The Words of Institution</u>: Fr. Teri

God, Goodness of the World, you prepare tables before us. Send your Holy Spirit upon us gathered around tables throughout your world and gathered as your Body that we may become signs of your love and transforming work in the world. + Let also your Spirit come upon these gifts of bread and wine to make them holy so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our brother, Jesus the Christ.

Today, we gather to remember that on the night before he died, Jesus ate with his followers and his friends. We recall how he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it, and gave it to them saying - ***"Take this all of you and eat it. This is my body which will be given up for you."***

We remember also, that on the night before Jesus died, He took the cup filled with wine, and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends, saying, ***"Take this all of you and drink from it. This is the cup of my blood. The blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."***

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith…..



Beloved God, Creator of all, You have invited each of us here today, And so we gather around these tables, knowing that all tables are your table, O God, and all food is sacrament.

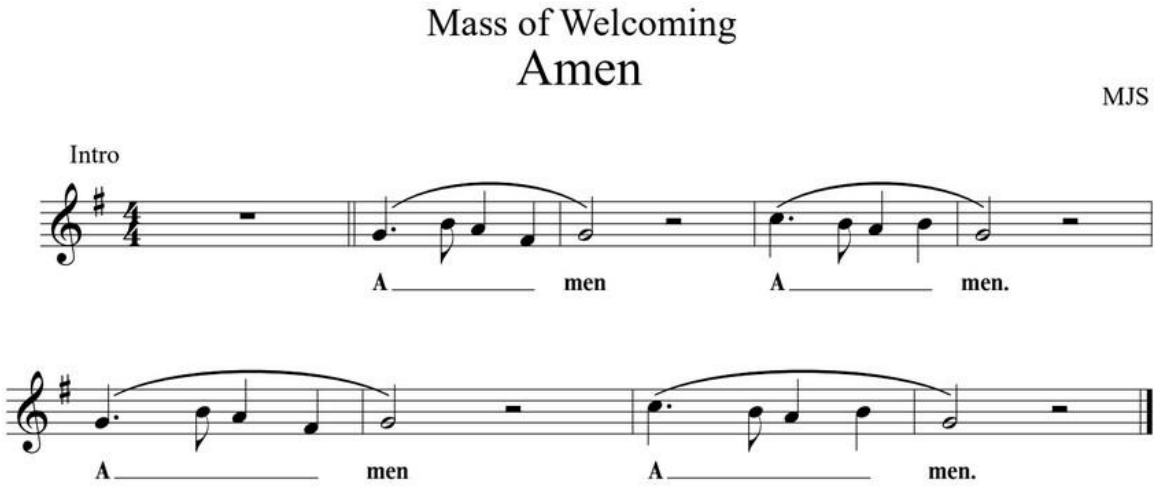
We come from many places, differing in age, differing in race, differing in orientation and abilities, differing in politics and even religion. As we come together we discover that our differences are indeed a blessing, the more difference we bring, the more fully we experience the presence of the sacred, of You God, in our midst.

We remember in prayer our chosen Shepherds, Bishop Kae and Bishop Paul. Grant them grace for leadership each day.

We give you thanks for Jesus the Christ, who showed us the goodness of resurrection. He shared that promise of love that crosses all boundaries as he loved the outcast, healed the sick and the broken, preached Good News to the poor, was crucified and raised from the dead. May our lives reflect our gratitude as we follow Christ being Communion in God's kin-dom, to raise up love anew, and commit to responding to others and sharing the story of the Good News.

Together now, we say……

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours all loving God, forever and ever.

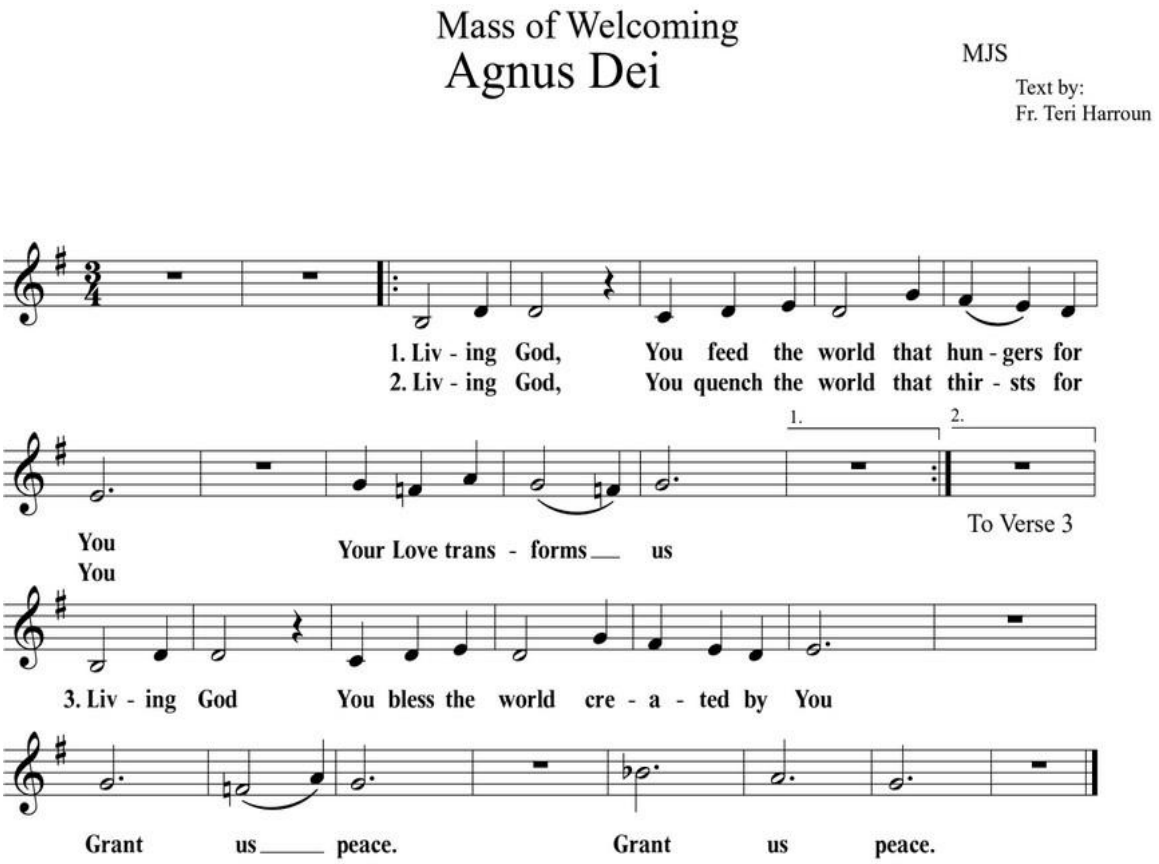


LORD'S PRAYER

Teri: Let us join hearts together, a symbol of how God is circling the world right now and prayer words that have been prayed for centuries.

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 Kin-dom, the power, and the glory now and forever. Amen.



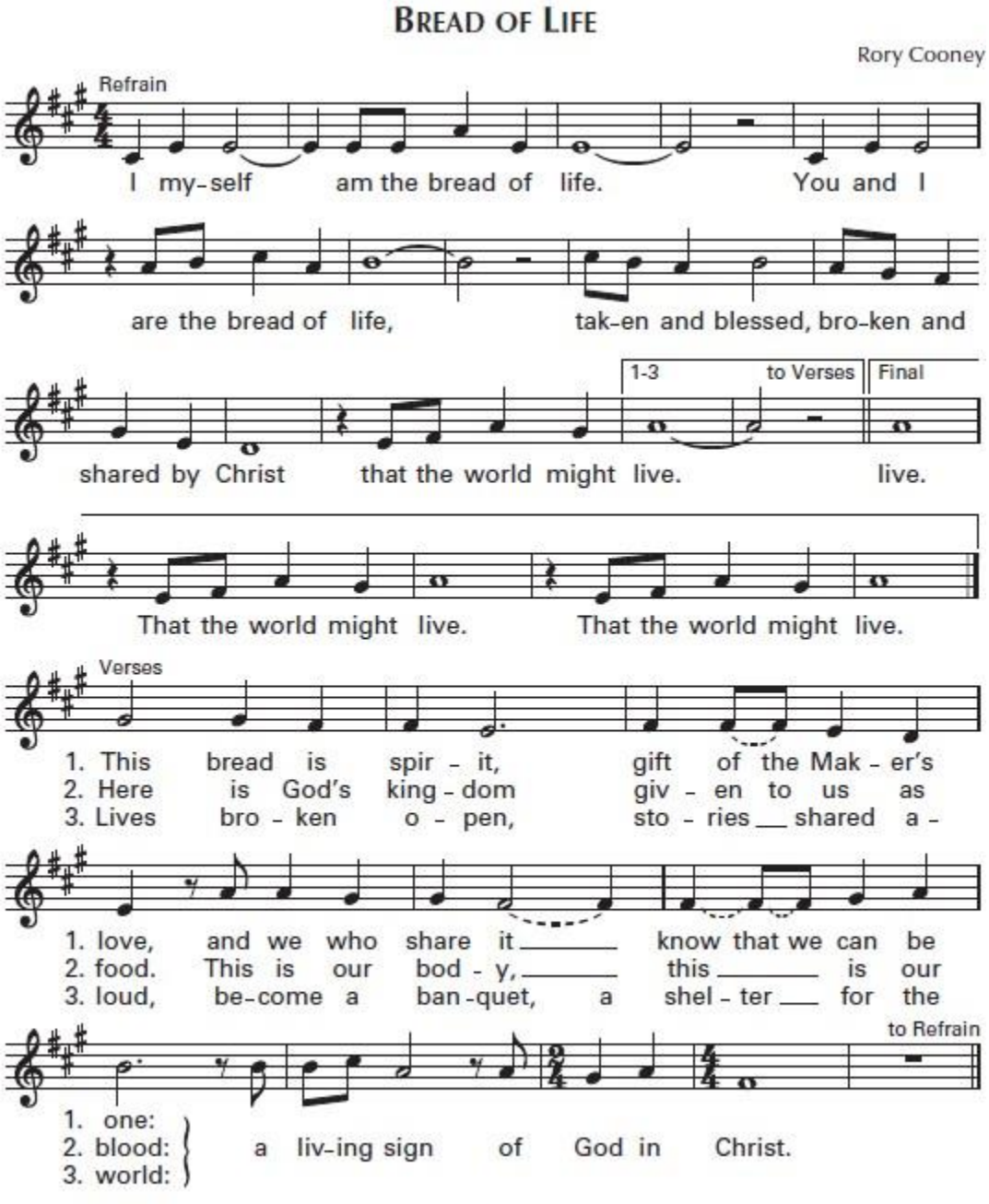
This is the Living God. This is the Body and Blood of Christ. This is the one who transforms the world. Blessed are we who are called to this meal.

God, I am ready to receive you. Because by your invitation, I am here.

Invitation to Communion

We are invited to these tables just as we are.
Wherever you are on this journey of life, you are welcome here: here in this place, here in this community, here at this table. Let us look for God in the breaking of this bread.

Communion Song: (I myself am the) Bread of Life



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Prayer after Communion:

Teri: Sacred One, Giver of Life,
God, by the healing power of Christ's Body and Blood, may we become healing agents for all the earth. In Jesus' name we pray, ***Amen*.**

Blessing of our New Parish Council:

Teri: Before we invite our new Parish Council members to come forward for our affirmation and blessing, I would like to acknowledge our outgoing Parish Council members. Thanks to Paul Acker and Paulette Zimmerman who both served two years on Parish Council (applause). And thanks to Ann Hess who served FIVE years on Parish Council (applause). To all three of you our gratitude runs deep and I know we are a better community because of your commitment and service through Parish Council.

We also want to thank Eric Matthews and Brenna Brackett who are continuing on Parish Council.

Now, I would also like to invite our newest Parish Council members to come forward….Heather Brubaker, Patty Germain, and Judy Nielsen. We recognize you and affirm you in this new ministry. And we would also like to bless you... and I would like to invite Shannon to come back to the lectern to help me with this blessing.

(Parish Council members come forward and stay up front for the rest of Mass.)

Teri: We welcome you, Heather, Patty, and Judy to our Light of Christ Parish Council. We bless you and empower you as leaders and guides in the Light of Christ community. May you be wise, and may God be your Wisdom Guide. Be assured, we welcome you warmly and invite you to share the reality of our lives, blessed and broken.

Shannon: Loving God, each member of our family is a special gift from you. You have given each of us gifts and talents so that we may enjoy life, but also so we can share with others. Generous and loving people are needed for service and leadership in our Church. Tonight, we consecrate and bless those who have heard and accepted the call to leadership by committing to work and serve on our Parish Council.

Help us to know how to encourage and support each other and our Parish Council so that we can respond generously to the needs of our community, and our world. We know that You, God, will be with us. Invite us to become the kind of people You desire us to be. Help us to trust in You and in each other.

Teri: Let us all extends ourselves now in a posture of blessing….
Heather, Patty, and Judy, receive the blessing that comes from belonging, to Light of Christ, and to something outside of Light of Christ. This is a blessing that is felt in the flame of your hearts, and in the center of your breath. This is the blessing that breathes through you, to share that flame of love with others. Receive the blessing of knowing that it is a good time to be us, to be Light of Christ, and a good time to go out our doors and share our love with the world. May you be the leaders who help take us out those doors into God's world. Breathe in this blessing now, and breathe out a new blessing: You are Light of Christ, helping to all to go forth now, to love our God as we love and serve in God's world. And the people say: ***Amen.***

Teri: Parish Council members please stay here to process out with me. But first, Shannon has a small token for each of you…..

Shannon: Yes. Welcome to our Parish Council Heather, Patty, and Judy. You are not the only "thing" new around here. We also have new Light of Christ stickers. You three get the 1st three stickers, but we have plenty for everyone at Light of Christ. I will be in the narthex to hand them out after Mass to everyone. We will keep the extras in the church office. If you do not live locally, please contact Fr. Teri and she will send you one in

the mail. We are hopeful that people will put these on water bottles, laptops, or other places that folks might see and ask you to tell them a little something about Light of Christ.

Blessing and Sending Forth:

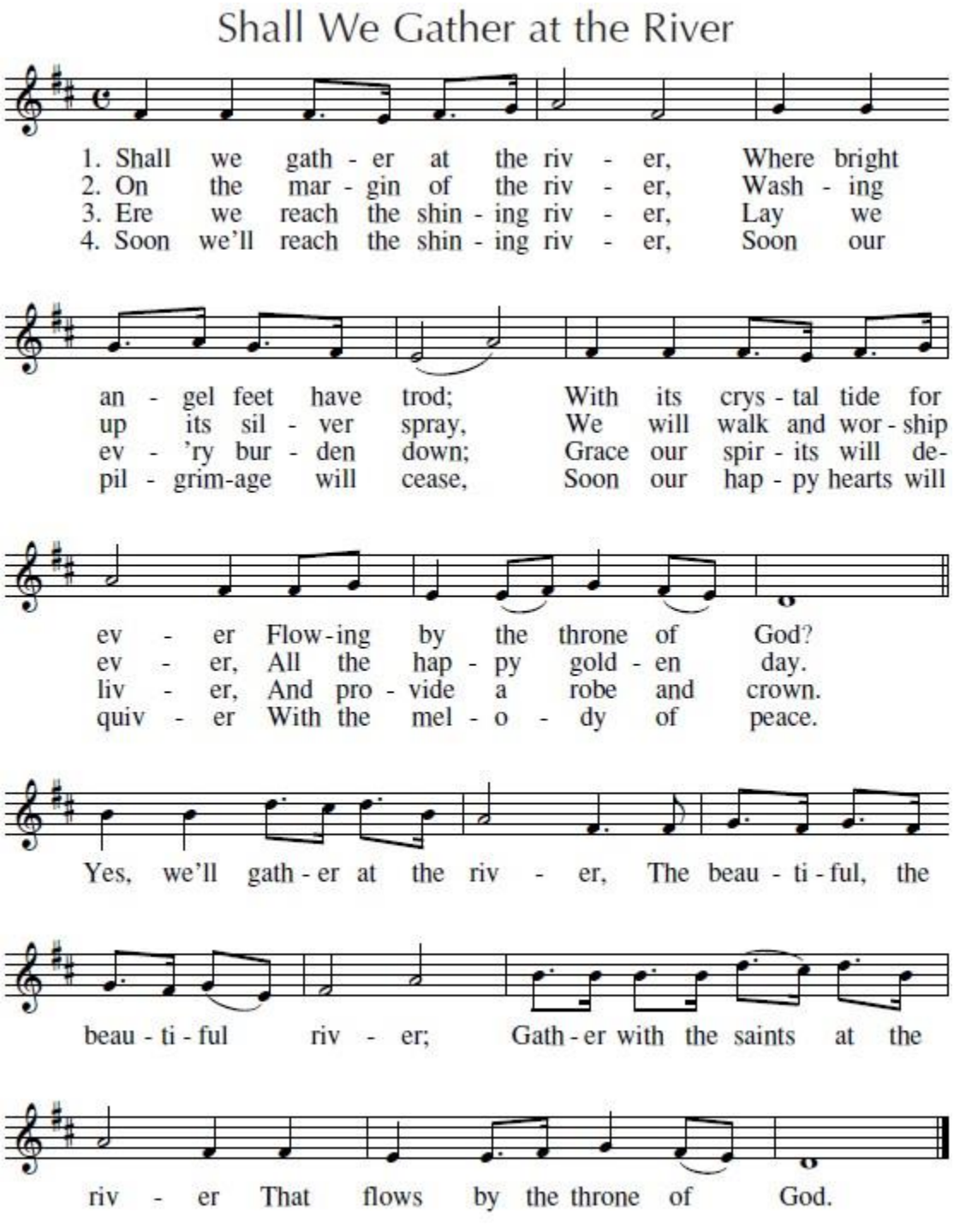
Let us open our hearts now, that we all might receive God's blessing…. May God give you the wisdom and the courage, to serve God, and God's people and God's world with all that is in you…..we ask for this blessing now, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Please repeat our sending forth after me:

We are Light of Christ…. ***We are Light of Christ***
Let us go forth as such….. ***Let us go forth as such***
Loving and serving God….. ***Loving and serving God***
As we get to love and serve in God's world….***As we get to love and serve in God's world.***

And the people respond together, ***Thanks be to God.***

Closing Song: Shall We Gather at the River



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