33rd Weekend in Ordinary Time
November 14, 2026

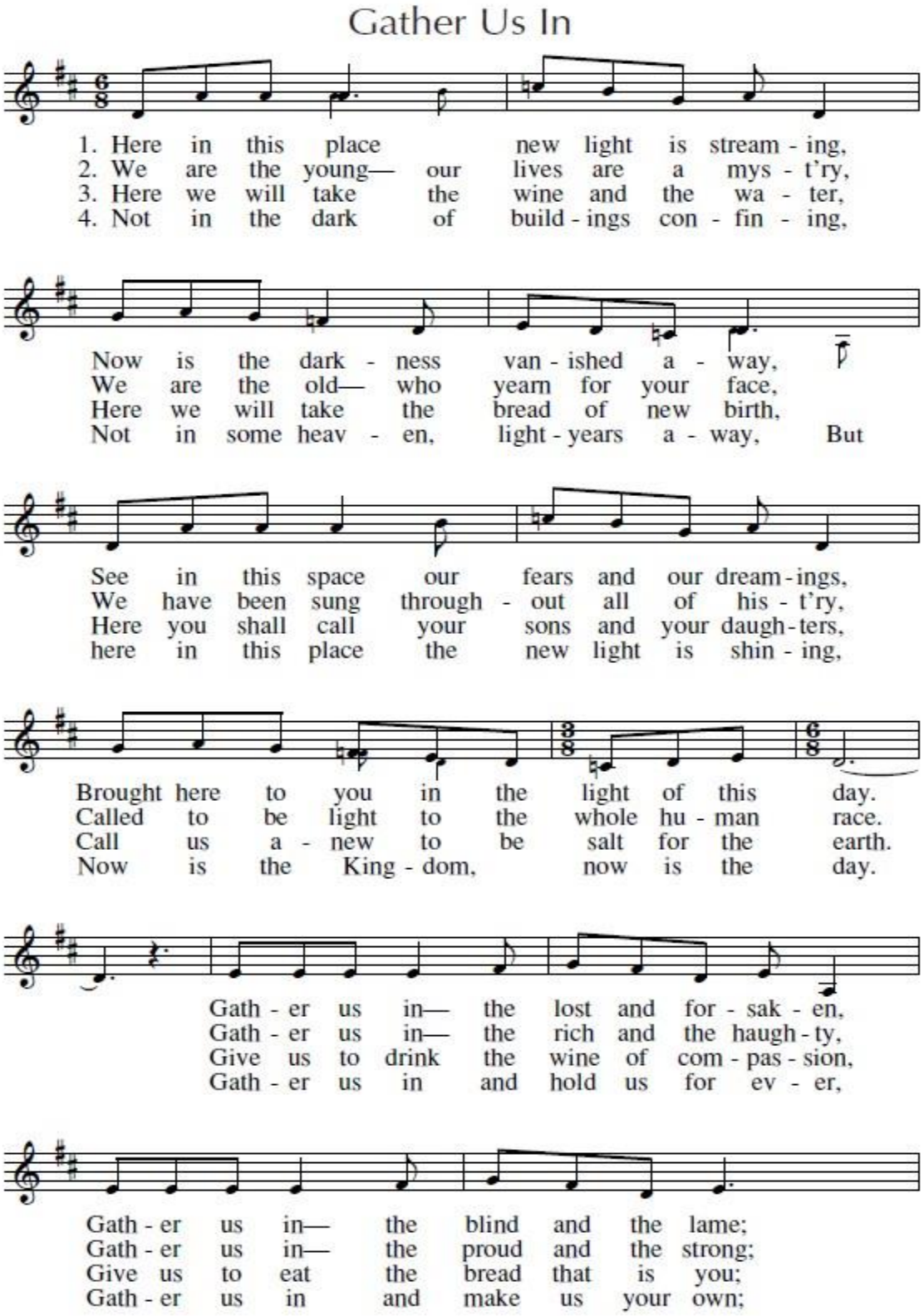
Light of Christ
A BOLDLY INCLUSIVE CATHOLIC CHURCH
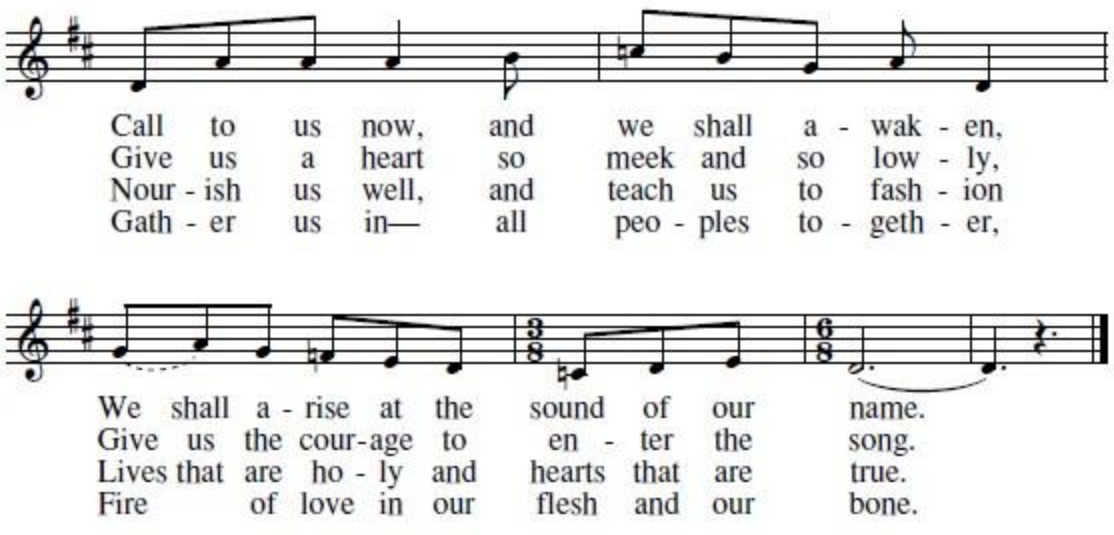
Responses of the people are in ***bold***



Presider : Fr. Teri Homilist: Mark S Liturgist: Chuck

Opening Song:





Text: Marty Haugen, b.1950
Tune: GATHER US IN, Irregular; Marty Haugen, b.1950
© 1982, GIA Publications, Inc.

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

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.***

<u>Penitential Rite</u>: Fr. Teri

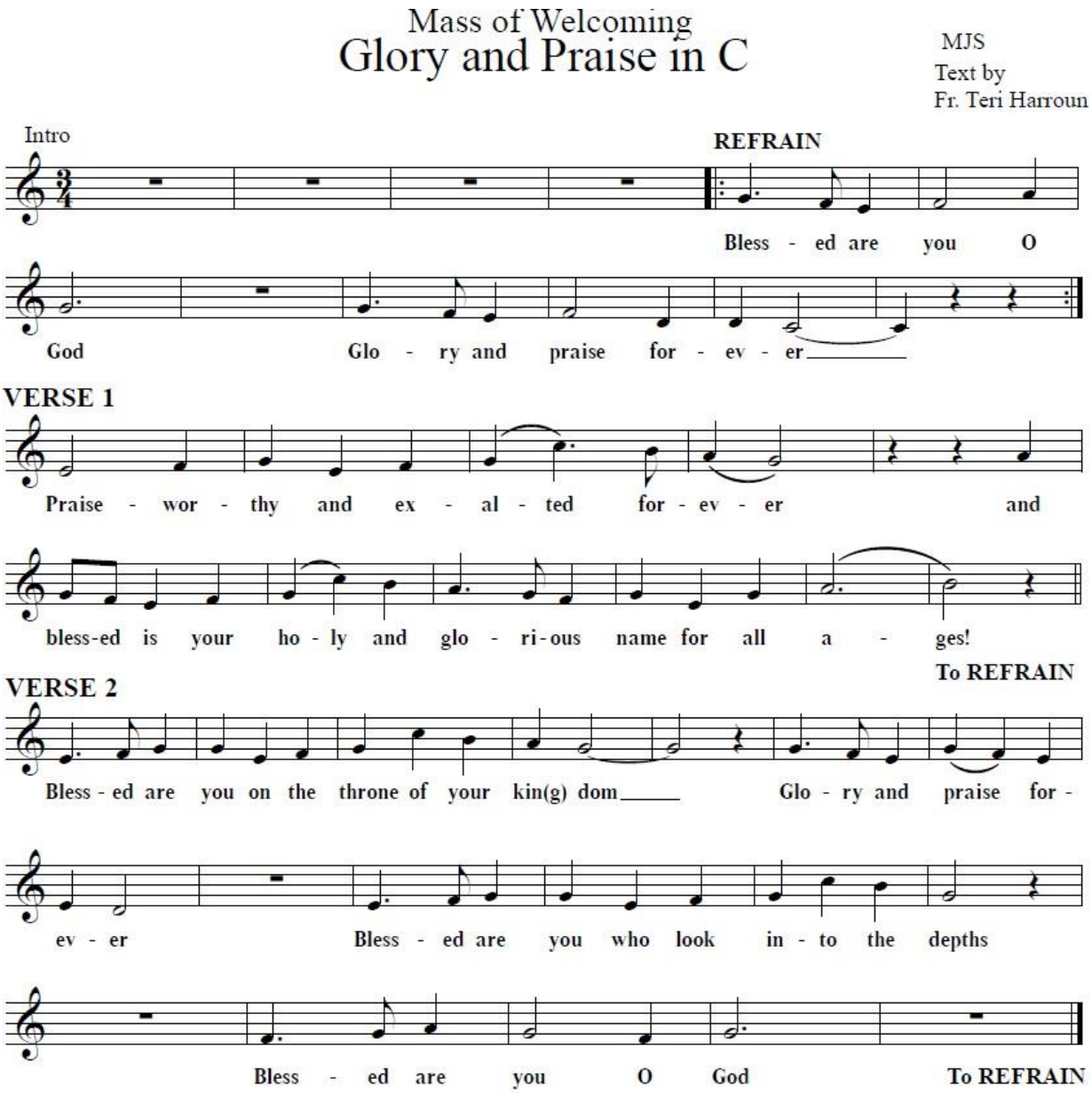
Let us ask God for open minds and willing hearts that we might listen and understand.

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

Teri: Let us pray…. Loving God, as the Incarnation, You wash feet. You feed the hungry. You tend to the sick. You visit the imprisoned. May we follow in your footsteps being your Body in the world today assured that you give us all we need to do these things and more. In Jesus' name we pray: **Amen**

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Chuck

Our First Reading is from the Book of Proverbs (31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31)
A perfect love—who can find her?

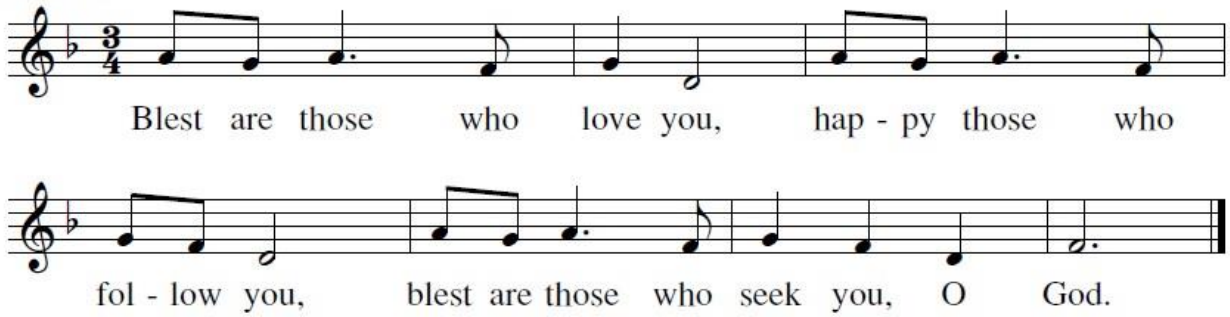
She is valued far beyond pearls,
instilling confidence in her partner's heart,
providing no small profit,
Bringing advantage and not hurt
all the days of their lives.
Always busy with wool and with flax,
doing her work with willing hands;
setting her hands to the distaff,
fingers grasping the spindle.
Holding out a hand to the poor,
greeting the needy with open arms.
Charm deceives, and beauty flees;
but those who reverence
ADONAI are deserving of praise.
Give them a share in what their hands have worked for,
and let their works tell their praises at the city gates.

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

Psalm 128: Blest Are Those who Love You

Psalm 128: Blest Are Those Who Love You

Refrain



Verses

1. Happy all those who fear the Lord, and walk in God's pathway;
   you will find what you long for: the riches of our God.

2. Your spouse shall be like a fruitful vine in the midst of your home,
   your children flourish like olive plants rejoicing at your table.

3. May the blessings of God be yours all the days of your life,
   may the peace and the love of God live always in your heart.

Text: Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 5; Marty Haugen
Music: Marty Haugen
© 1987, 1993, GIA Publications, Inc.

Second Reading: Chuck

The Second Reading is a poem by Mark Nepo, a modern author and spiritual teacher.
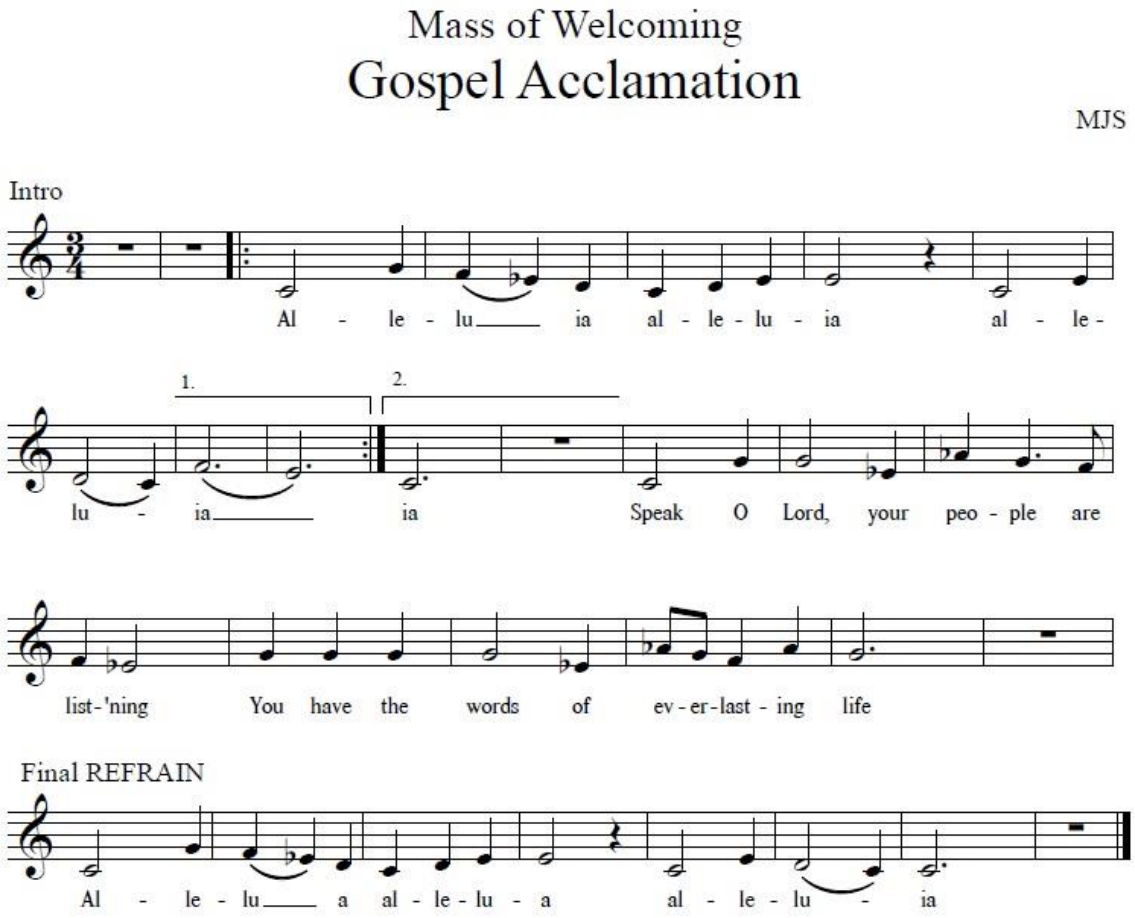
Below Our Strangeness

My soul tells me
We were ALL broken from the same nameless heart
And EVERY living thing
Wakes with a piece of that original heart
ACHING its way into blossom.
This is why
We know each other below our strangeness,
Why
when we fall,
we LIFT each other, or
Why
when in pain
we HOLD each other
Why
when sudden joy
we DANCE together.

Life is the many pieces
Of that great heart
LOVING ITSELF BACK TOGETHER.

This has been a Reading from Mark Nepo.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:



Gospel Reading: Mark

The Risen Christ be with you all. ***And also with you.***
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (25:14-30)
Glory to you, O God+

Please be seated for the reading of the Gospel.

Jesus told this parable to the disciples, “Again, it is like a wealthy landowner who was going on a journey and called in three workers, entrusting some funds to them. The first was given five thousand dollars, the second two thousand, and the third one thousand, according to each one’s ability. Then the landowner went away. Immediately the worker who received the five thousand went and invested it and made another five. In

the same way, the worker who received the two thousand doubled that figure. But the worker who received the one thousand instead went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried the money.

“After a long absence, the traveler returned home and settled accounts with them. The one who had received the five thousand came forward bringing the additional five, saying, ‘You entrusted me with five thousand; here are five thousand more.’ The landowner said, ‘Well done! You are a good and faithful worker. Since you were dependable in a small matter, I will put you in charge of larger affairs. Come, share my joy!’

“The one who had received the two thousand then stepped forward with the additional two, saying, ‘You entrusted me with two thousand; here are two thousand more.’

“The landowner said to this one, ‘Cleverly done! You too are a good and faithful worker. Since you were dependable in a small matter, I will put you in charge of larger affairs. Come, share my joy!’

“Finally the one who had received the one thousand stepped forward, and said to the landowner, ‘Knowing your ruthlessness— you who reap where you did not sow and gather where you did not scatter—and fearing your wrath, I went off and buried your thousand dollars in the ground. Here is your money back.’

“The landowner exclaimed, ‘You worthless, lazy lout! You know that I reap where I do not sow and gather where I do not scatter, do you? All the more reason to deposit my money with the bankers, so that on my return I could have had it back with interest! You, there! Take the thousand away from this bum and give it to the one with the ten thousand.

“Those who have will get more until they grow rich, while those who have not will lose even the little they have. Throw this worthless one outside into the darkness, where there is wailing and grinding of teeth.’ ”

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

Homily - Mark

Homily will end with Mark leading the community in singing "We Are Many Parts"

We are many parts, we are all one body
And the gifts we have, we are given to share
May the Spirit of Love, make us one indeed
One the love that we share
One, our hope in despair
One, the cross that we bear.

Prayers of the People - Chuck

Teri: I'd like to invite "Chuck" back to lead us in the prayers that have been prepared for today. The rest of you may remain seated.

Chuck : Our response today is: God of diversity, hear our prayer. ***God of diversity, hear our prayer.***

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: ***God of diversity, hear our prayer.***

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: ***God of diversity, hear our prayer***

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: ***God of diversity, hear our prayer***

Chuck: 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: ***God of diversity, hear our prayer***
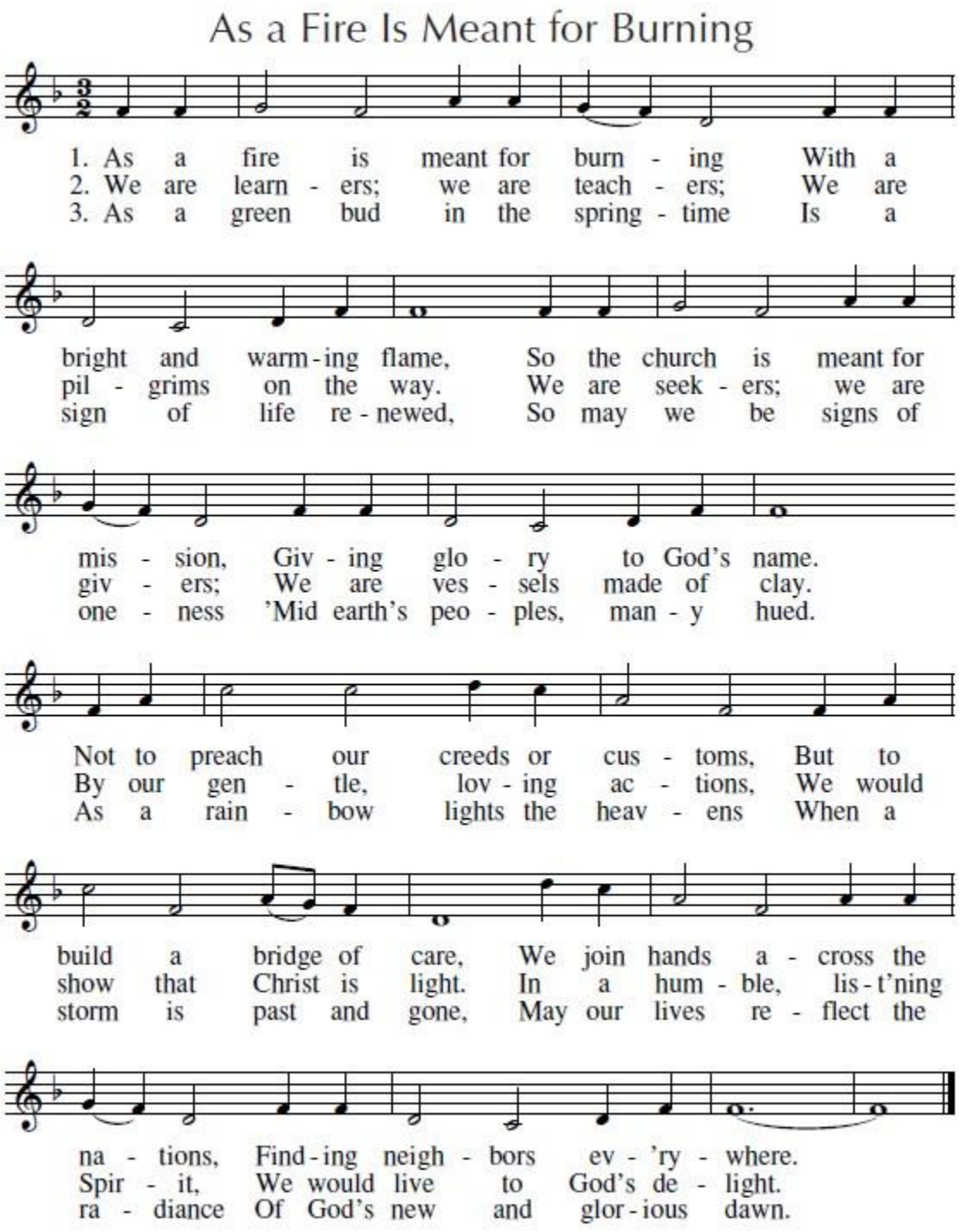
Chuck : Fr. Teri will now read the prayers that have been typed in the comments (PAUSE until Teri tells you to go on.) For these and for all the prayers we share through our hearts, we pray**:** ***God of diversity, hear our prayer***

Chuck : 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.

Teri: Collect *(adlib)*

Sign of Peace

Offertory Song: As a Fire is Meant for Burning



Text: Ruth Duck, b.1947, © 1992, GIA Publications, Inc.
Tune: BEACH SPRING, 8 7 8 7 D; *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. by Marty Haugen, b.1950

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Celebrant: Fr. Teri

Preface:

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.

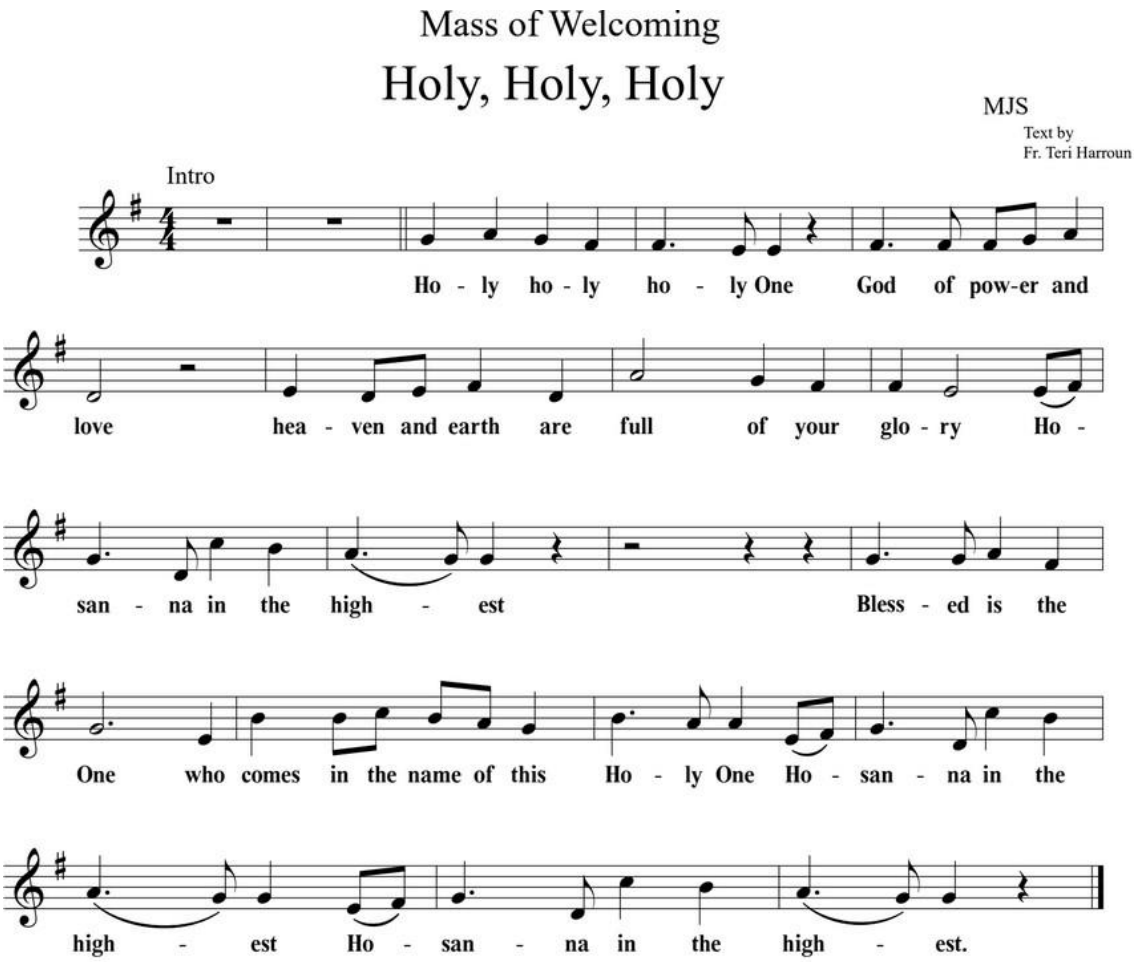
Let us open up our hearts.
We open them up to God.

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

Eucharistic Prayer:

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:



The Words of Institution
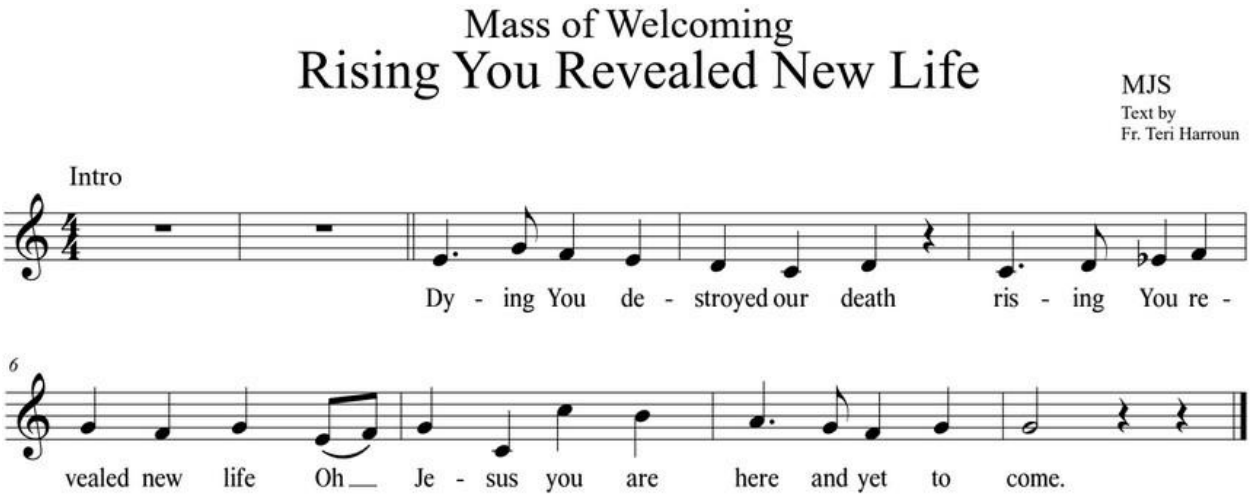
God, Goodness of the World, you prepare tables before us. Send your Holy Spirit upon us gathered around tables throughout your world and gathered as your Body that we may become signs of your love and transforming work in the world. + Let also your Spirit come upon these gifts of bread and wine to make 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…..
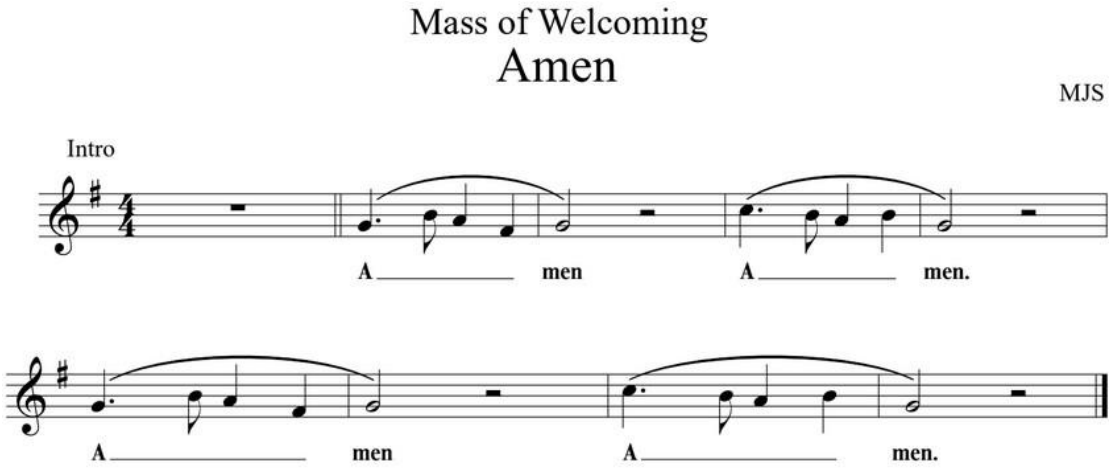


Beloved God, Creator of all, You have invited each of us here today,
And so we gather around these tables, knowing that all tables are your table, O God, and all food is sacrament. We strive to draw the circle of inclusion wider and wider, including everyone.
We come from many places, differing in age, 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.

Teri: 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.



Transgender Lord's Prayer

Teri: At LOC on Mother's Day we have a blessing of women. On Father's Day we have a blessing of men. This coming week is Transgender Awareness Week, and in support of our Transgender siblings I invite you to pray this Lord's Prayer for Transgender Awareness. If you are following on the worship aid, you are invited to pray aloud as well.

All: ***Our Mother and Father, our beloved parent, in whom we move and breathe and have our being, the hallowing of your name shines forth in the diversity of your children. May your peace and love, justice and equality, inclusion and belonging reign here on earth as in heaven.***

Grant that our transgender loved ones might have their daily needs met—that they might find gainful employment without discrimination; that they might have access to medical care without fear; that they might have their rights and lives protected, and that they might find a loving community to belong to and call their own.

Forgive us for the ways that we have fallen short and failed your transgender children. Forgive us of the times we turned away, or did not care; for the times we laughed or judged their unique expression of your image; for the times we have misspoken, asked too much, or failed to hear

As we forgive those who might have failed us.

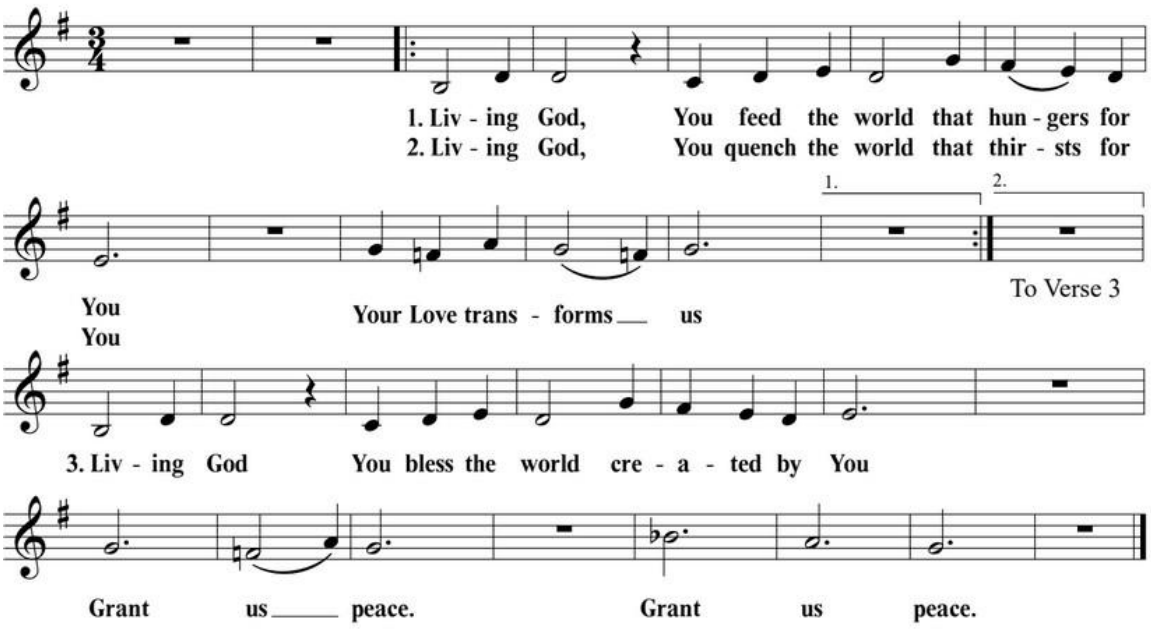
Lead us away from the temptation to be complacent in the face of injustice. But instead give us courage to stand up and stand with your beloved children. For your love and justice is to be made manifest now and forever.

Amen.

Mass of Welcoming
Agnus Dei

MJS

Text by:
Fr. Teri Harroun
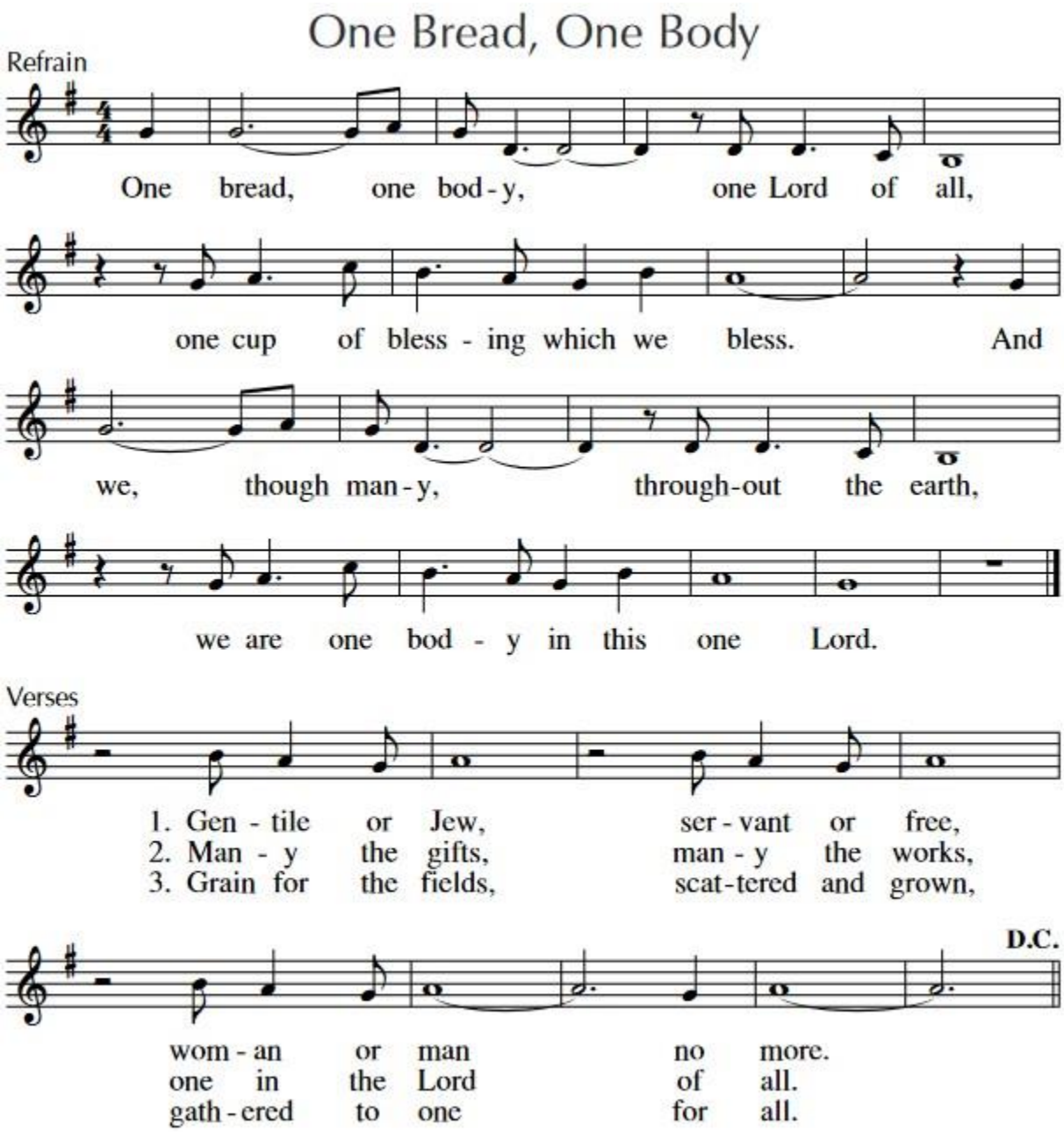


Teri: This is the Living God. This is the Body and Blood of Christ. This is the one who transforms the world. Blessed are we who are called to this meal.

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.

<u>Communion Song:</u> One Bread, One Body



Text: 1 Corinthians 10:16; 17, 12:4, Galatians 3:28; the *Didache* 9; John Foley, SJ, b.1939
Tune: John Foley, SJ, b.1939
© 1978, John B. Foley, SJ, and OCP Publications

Prayer after Communion:

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 and Sending Forth:

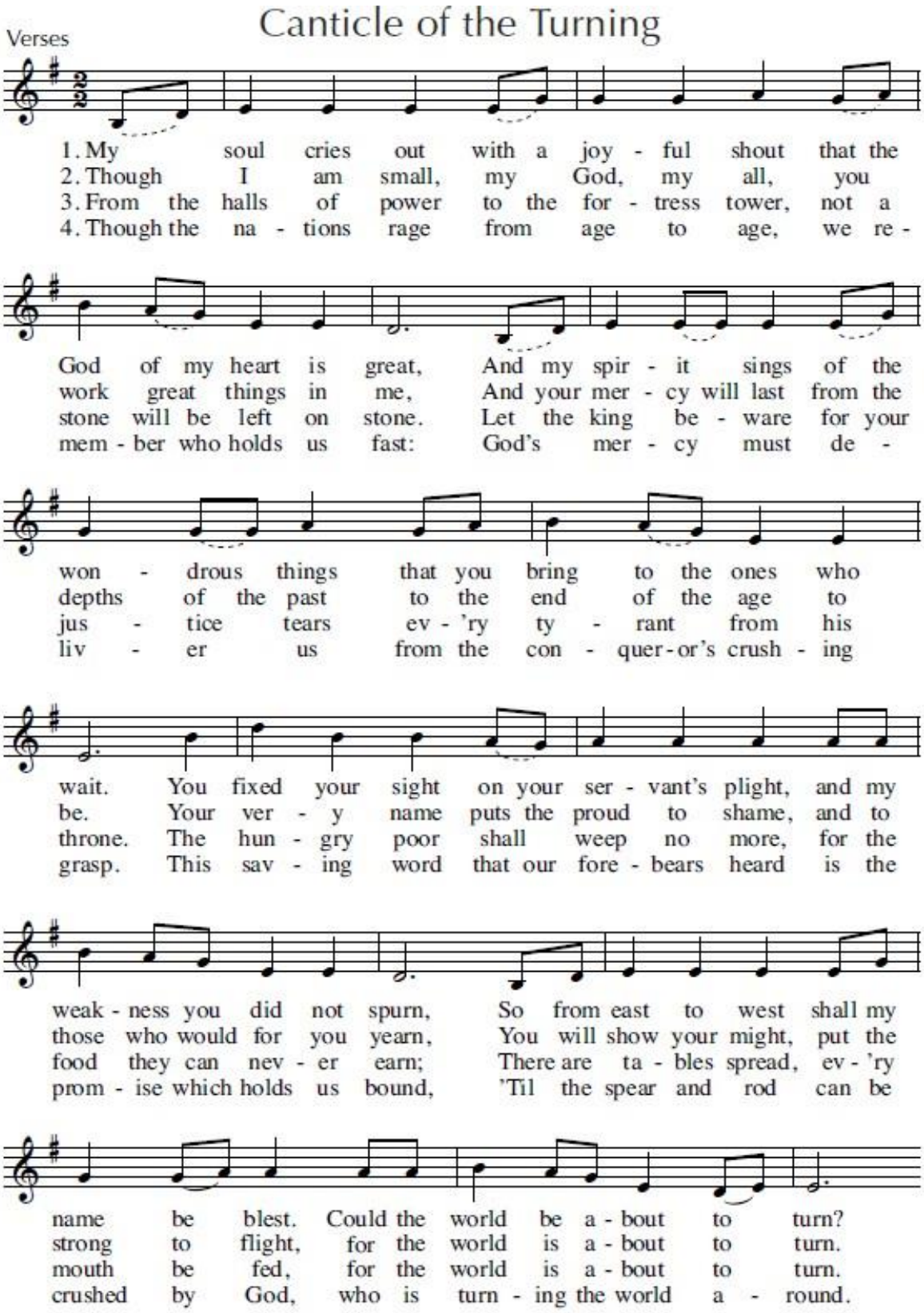
Let us open our hearts now, that we all might receive God's blessing….
May you hear God saying to you, "Come, share my joy!" ….we ask for this blessing now, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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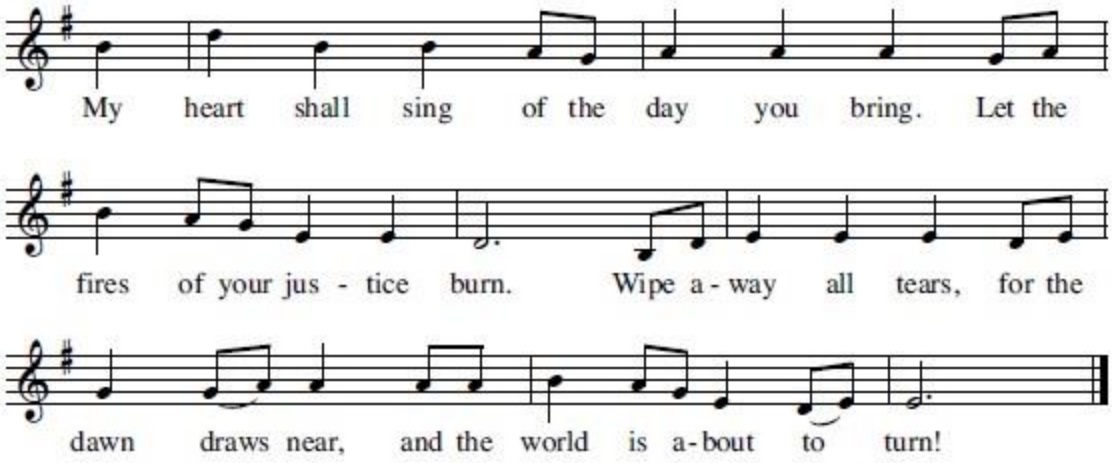
We are Light of Christ…. ***We are Light of Christ***
Let us go forth as such….. ***Let us go forth as such***
Loving and serving God….. ***Loving and serving God***
As we get to love and serve in God's world….***As we get to love and serve in God's world.***

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

Closing Song: Canticle of the Turning



Refrain



Text: Luke 1:46-58; Rory Cooney, b.1952
Tune: STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN; Irish traditional; arr. by Rory Cooney, b.1952
© 1990, GIA Publications, Inc.