FAITH
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Season of Pentecost

October 11, 2026

Service Theme – Four Sunday Series – Our God

Our God is incomprehensibly gracious.
Our God wants real repentance and true obedience.
Our God patiently seeks fruits of faith.
Our God governs through government.
Our God invites unworthy sinners to participate in his blessings.

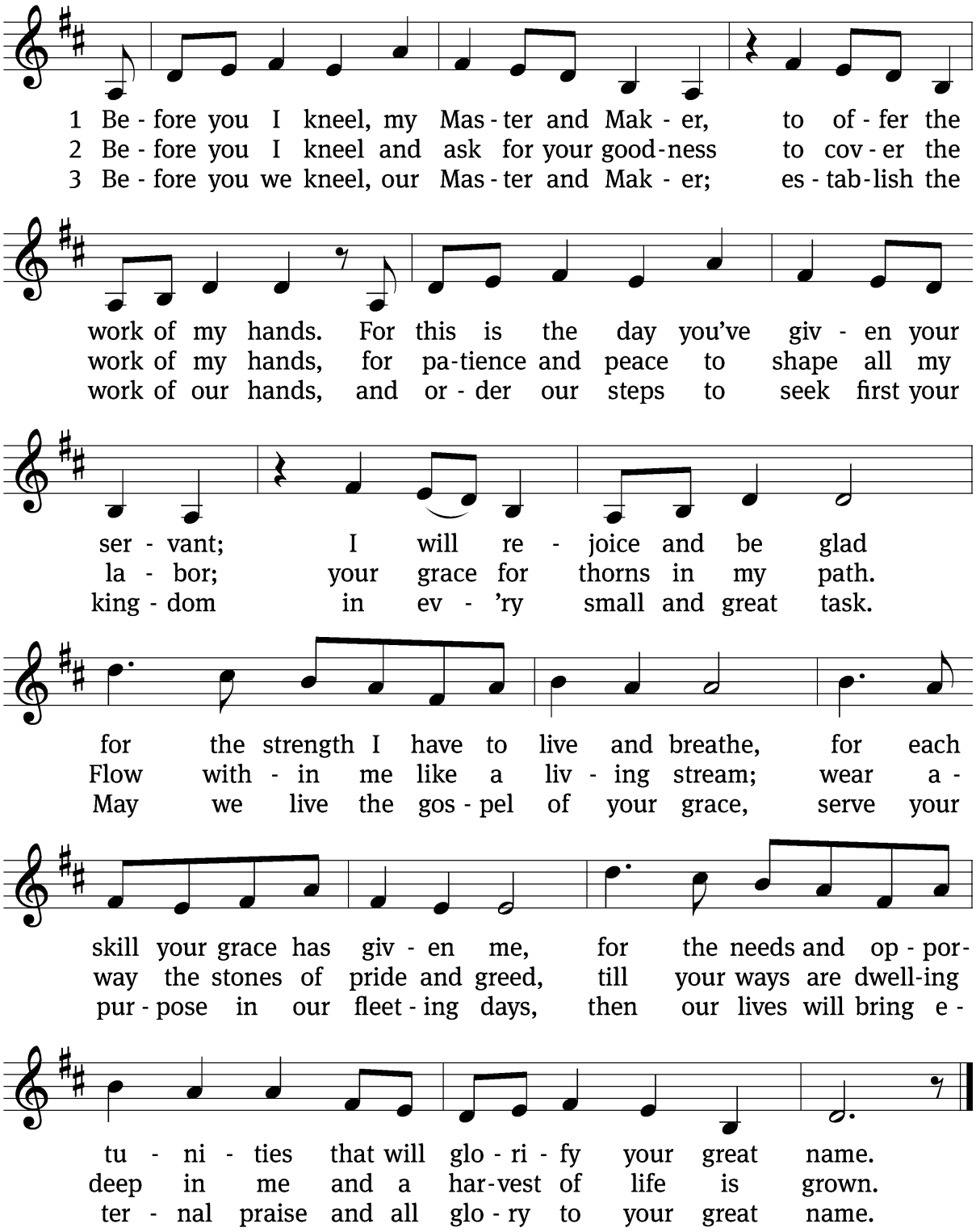
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Hymn

735 Before You I Kneel



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Stand

In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession
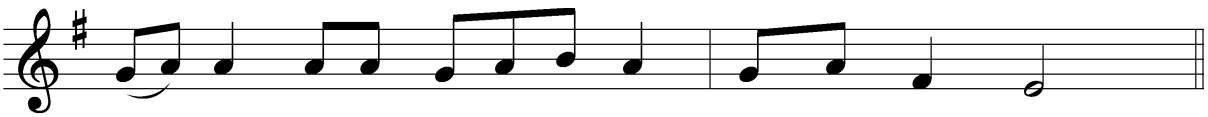
Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

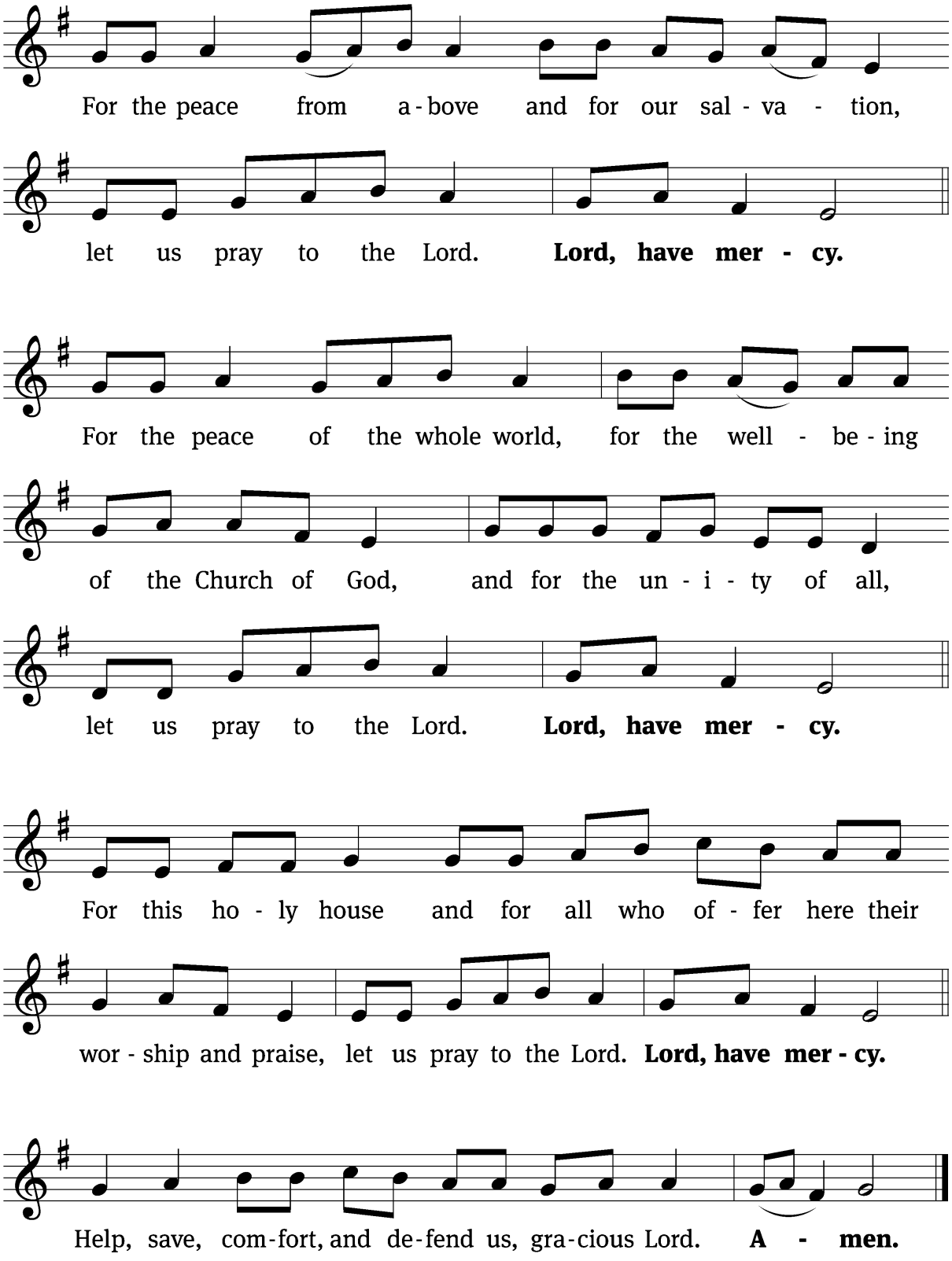
Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
Almighty and merciful Father,
we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.
We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.
We have done those things that we should not have done,
and we have not done those things that we should have done.
Have mercy on us, Lord!
Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy
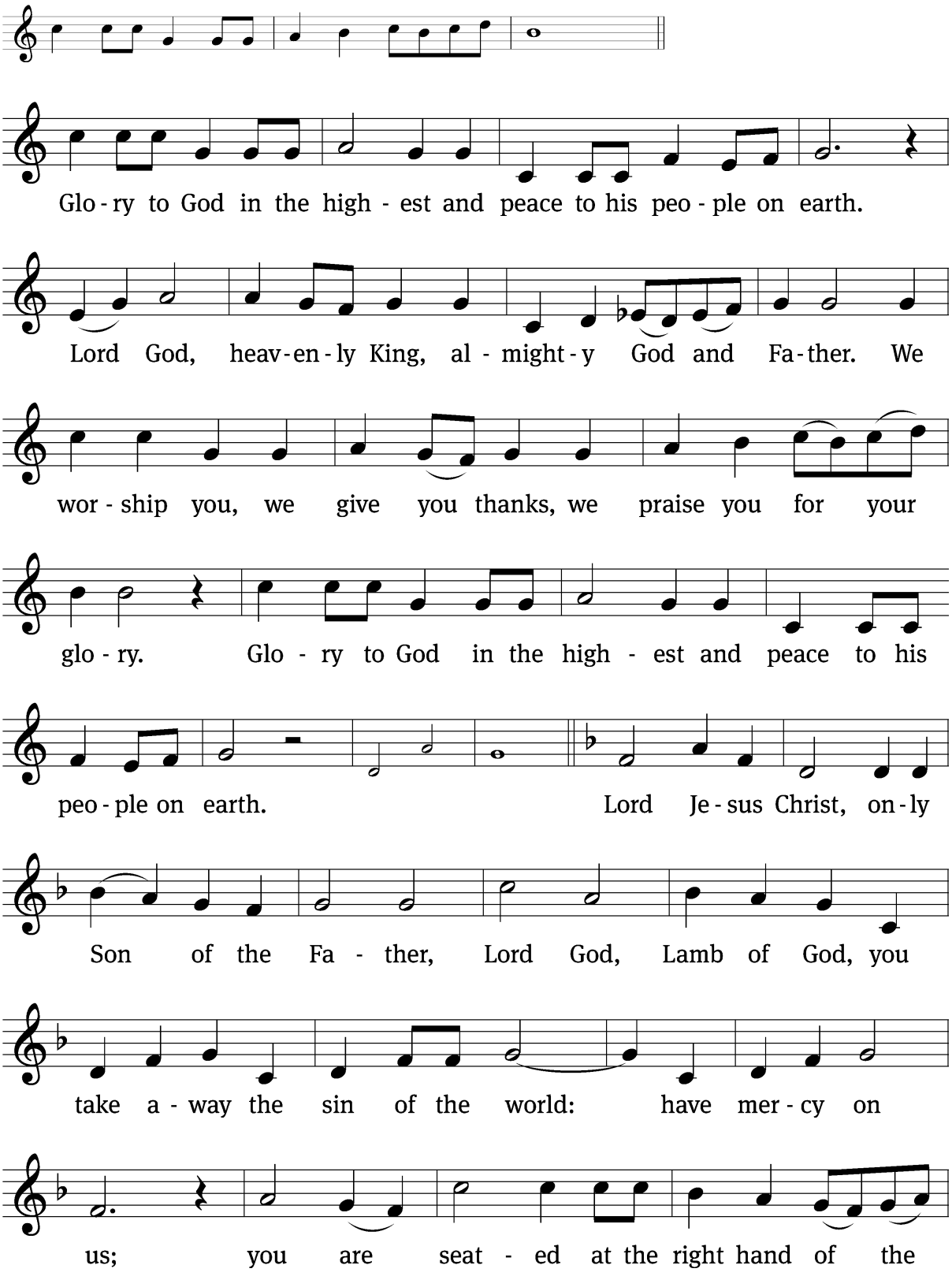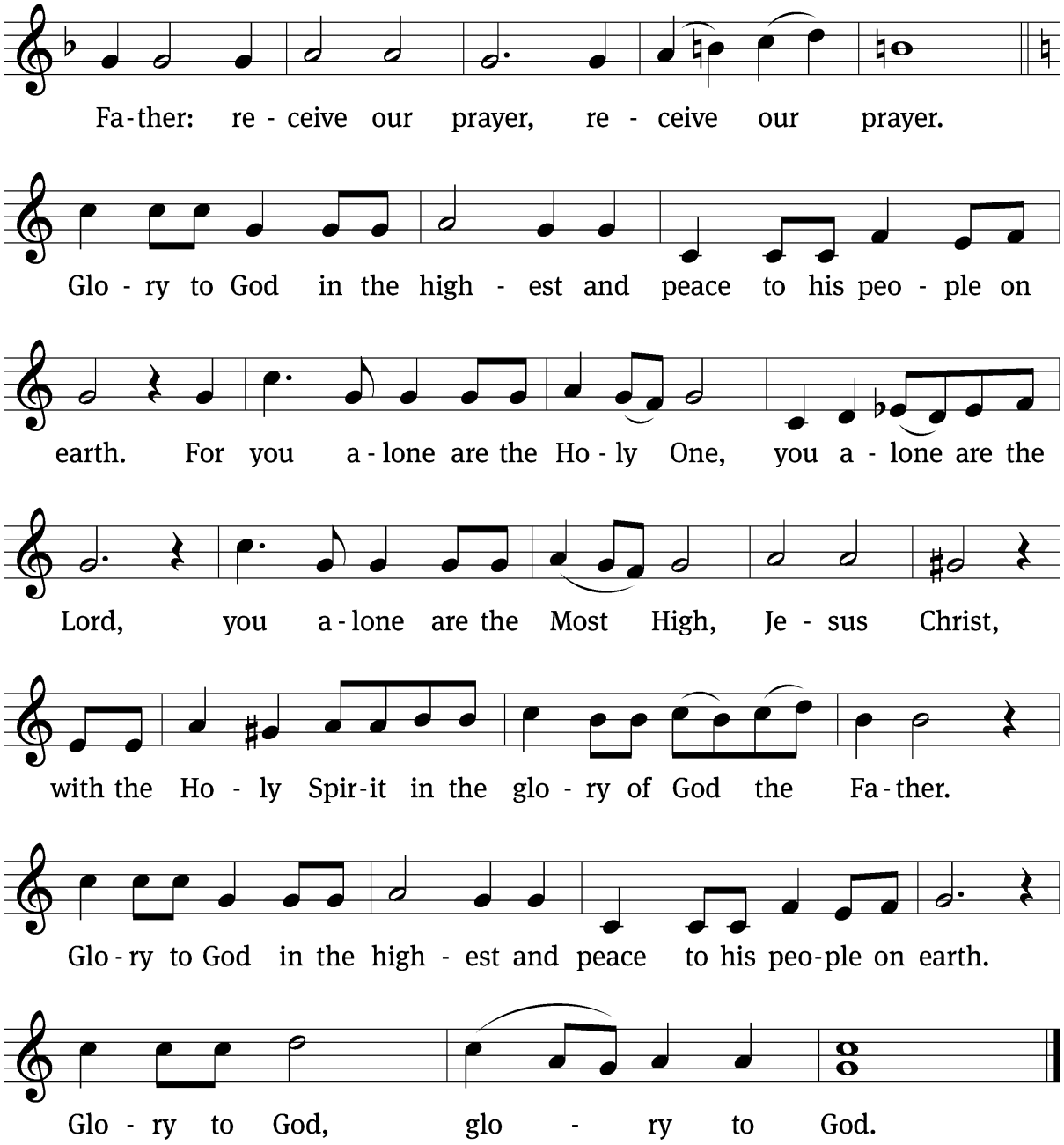




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Glory to God in the Highest





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THE WORD

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

O Lord our God, so govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world that your church may worship you in peace and joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Daniel 1:3–21

3 Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, chief of his court officials, to bring into the king's
service some of the Israelites from the royal family and the nobility— 4 young men without
any physical defect, handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed,
quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king's palace. He was to teach them the
language and literature of the Babylonians. 5 The king assigned them a daily amount of food
and wine from the king's table. They were to be trained for three years, and after that they
were to enter the king's service.

6 Among those who were chosen were some from Judah: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and
Azariah. 7 The chief official gave them new names: to Daniel, the name Belteshazzar; to
Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abednego.

8 But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the
chief official for permission not to defile himself this way. 9 Now God had caused the official
to show favor and compassion to Daniel, 10 but the official told Daniel, "I am afraid of my lord
the king, who has assigned your food and drink. Why should he see you looking worse than
the other young men your age? The king would then have my head because of you."

11 Daniel then said to the guard whom the chief official had appointed over Daniel,
Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah, 12 "Please test your servants for ten days: Give us nothing but
vegetables to eat and water to drink. 13 Then compare our appearance with that of the young
men who eat the royal food, and treat your servants in accordance with what you see." 14 So he
agreed to this and tested them for ten days.

[15]At the end of the ten days they looked healthier and better nourished than any of the young men who ate the royal food. [16]So the guard took away their choice food and the wine they were to drink and gave them vegetables instead.

[17]To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning. And Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds.

[18]At the end of the time set by the king to bring them into his service, the chief official presented them to Nebuchadnezzar. [19]The king talked with them, and he found none equal to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they entered the king's service. [20]In every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king questioned them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters in his whole kingdom.

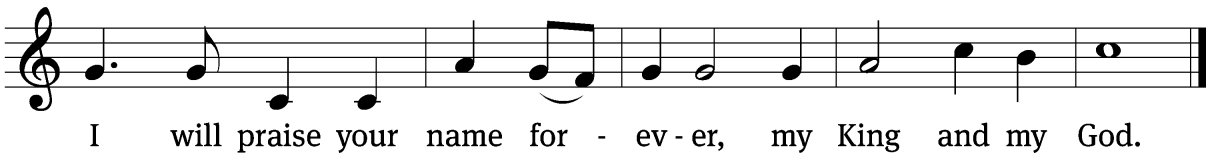
[21]And Daniel remained there until the first year of King Cyrus.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 8D

Refrain



LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory in the heavens.
When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
what is a human being that you are mindful of him,
a Son of Man that you care for him? *Refrain*

You made him a little lower than the angels
and crowned him with glory and honor.
You made him ruler over the works of your hands;
you put everything under his feet. *Refrain*

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Second Reading

Romans 13:1–7

[1]Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that
which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.
[2]Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has
instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. [3]For rulers hold no terror
for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the
one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. [4]For the one in
authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear
the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the
wrongdoer. [5]Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of
possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience.
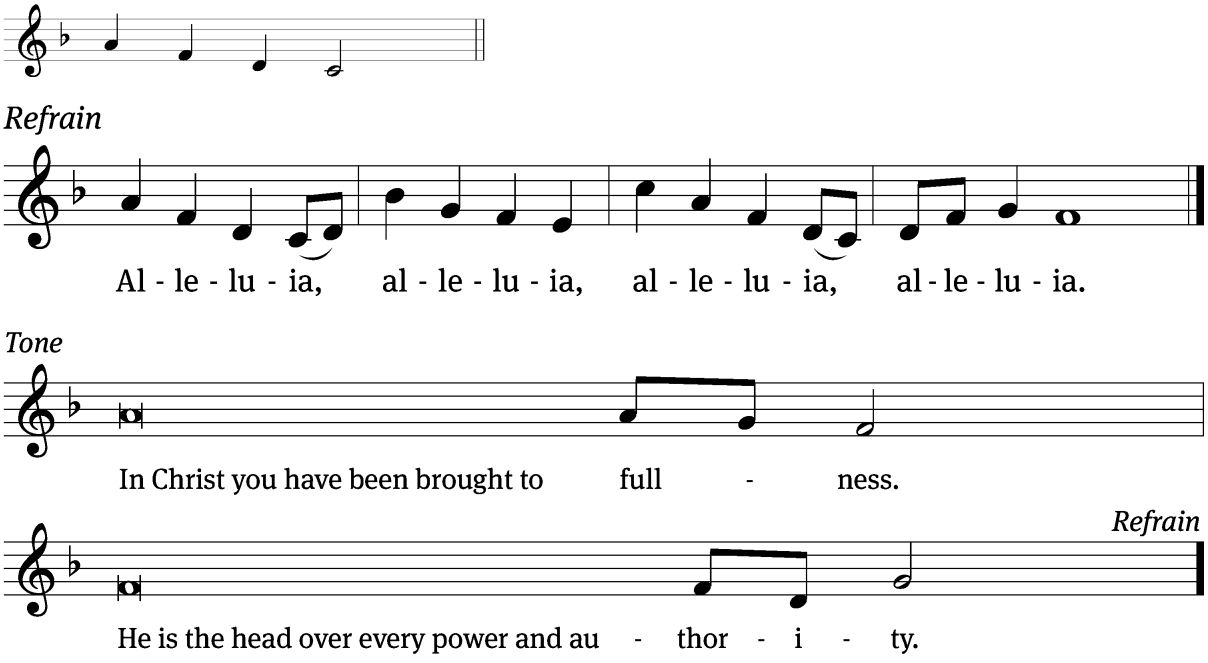
[6]This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full
time to governing. [7]Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if
revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Colossians 2:10



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Gospel

Matthew 22:15–22

[15]Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. [16]They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren’t swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. [17]Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?”

[18]But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, “You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? [19]Show me the coin used for paying the tax.” They brought him a denarius, [20]and he asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?”

[21]“Caesar’s,” they replied.

Then he said to them, “So give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.”

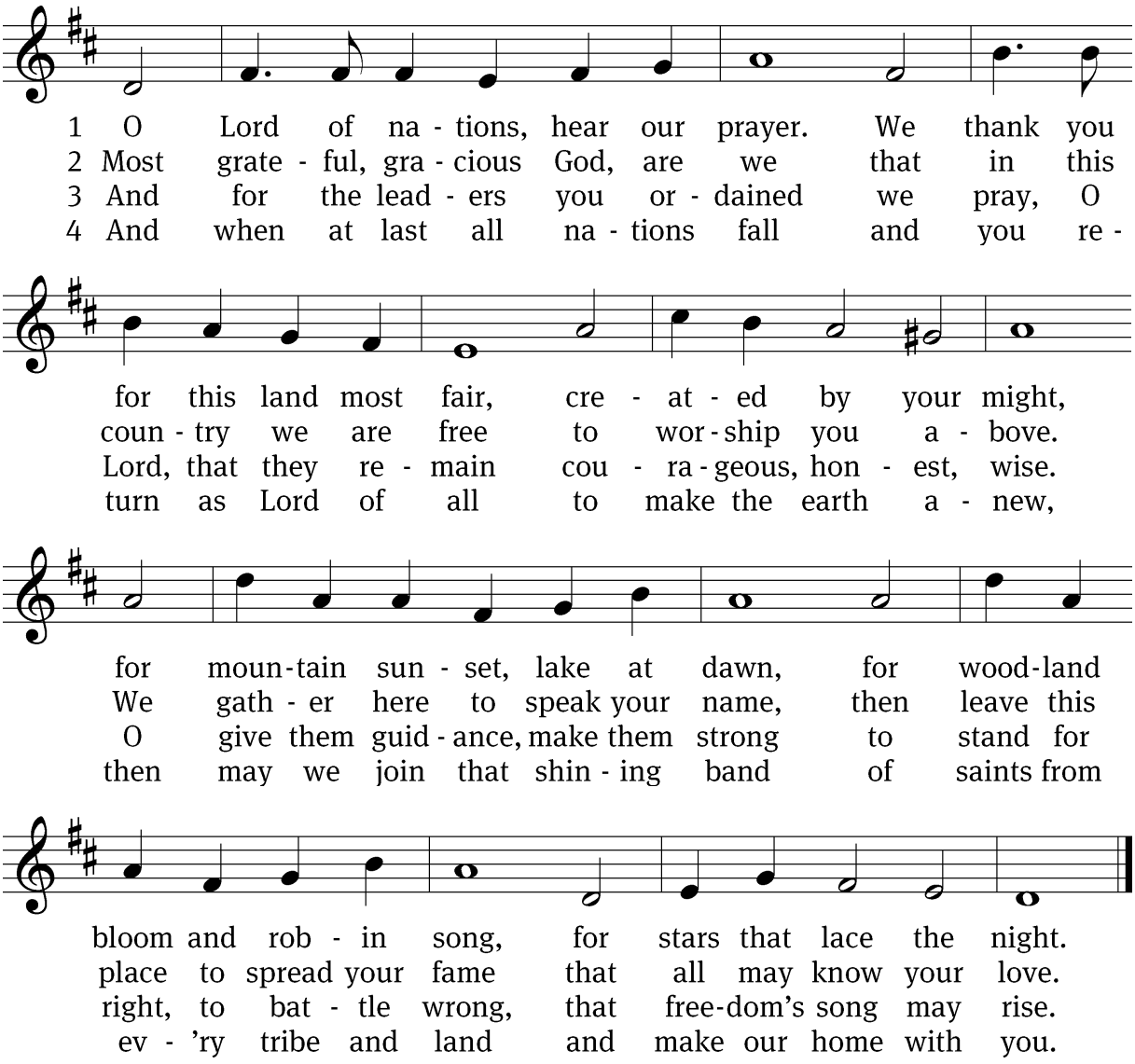
[22]When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

O Lord of Nations to MERIBAH



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Sermon

Pay, Pray, and Obey

Daniel 1:3–21

Stand

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

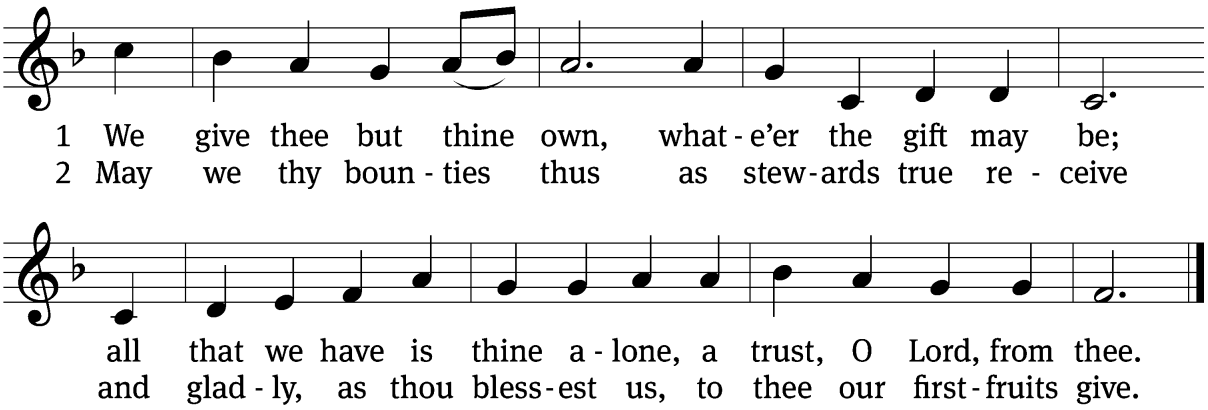
Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Offering / Friendship Registers

Hymn

750 We Give Thee but Thine Own



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Stand

Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

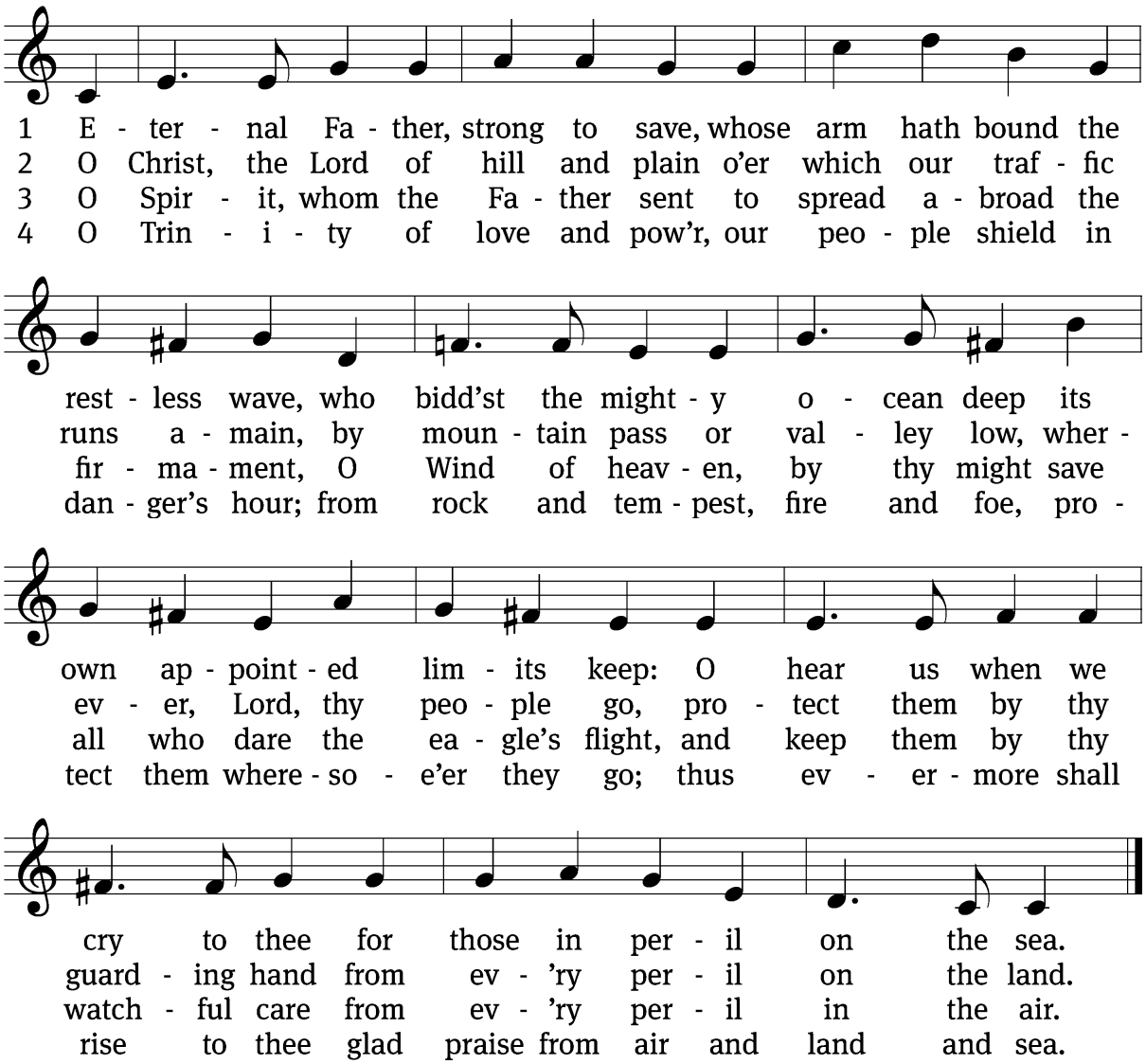
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.
Amen.

Hymn

805 Eternal Father, Strong to Save



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Calendar

Monday 7pm Faith Builders
Tuesday 7pm Financial Peace University
Wednesday 7pm Choir

The Faith Craft Group will meet at the church on Tuesday, October 20th at 10:00 AM. We will be making Thanksgiving cards for Meals on Wheels . Everyone is invited. For details, contact Candi Aubin at 850-508-3107.

Next Ladies' Book Club will be Friday, November 6th at 7pm at the home of Karen Schultz, 2531 Capstone Dr. (770) 310-5206. Book: An American Beauty by Shana Abé (books not available at church this time).

Fall Festival – October 18th
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