October 23, 2016

Misneach (MISH-nock) **Mass**

Mishneach is a Gaelic word for courage, hopefulness, and a sense of pushing forward through uncertainty.
Misneach Mass is a meditation on the beauty of Christ's love and mercy for us, today.
Together, let us celebrate the joy we have in Christ living in both the uncertainties of this life
and the hope of the life to come.

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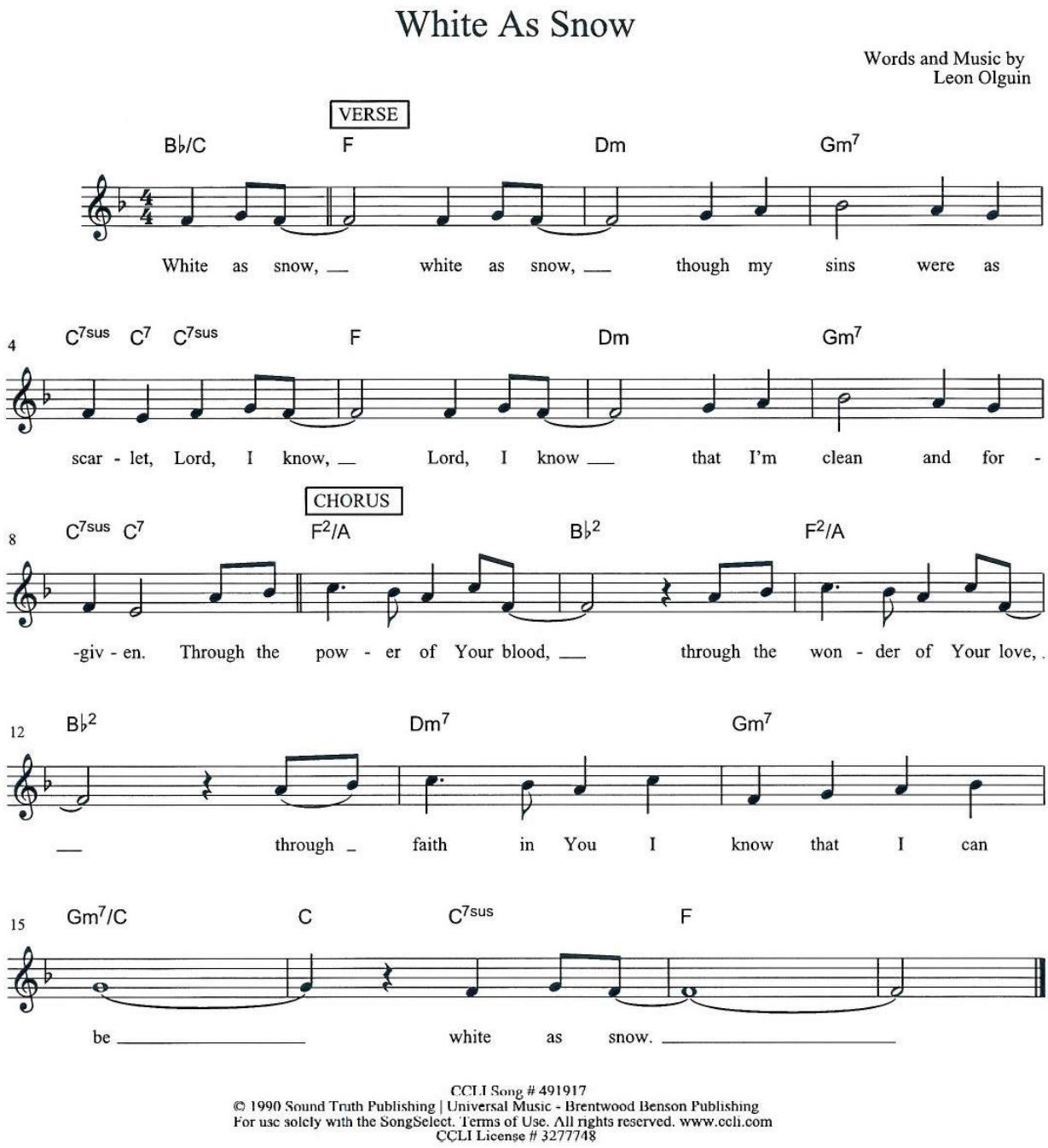
Gathering

Music to Prepare Us for Worship

Gathering Songs "White As Snow" & Hallelujah"



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Hallelujah

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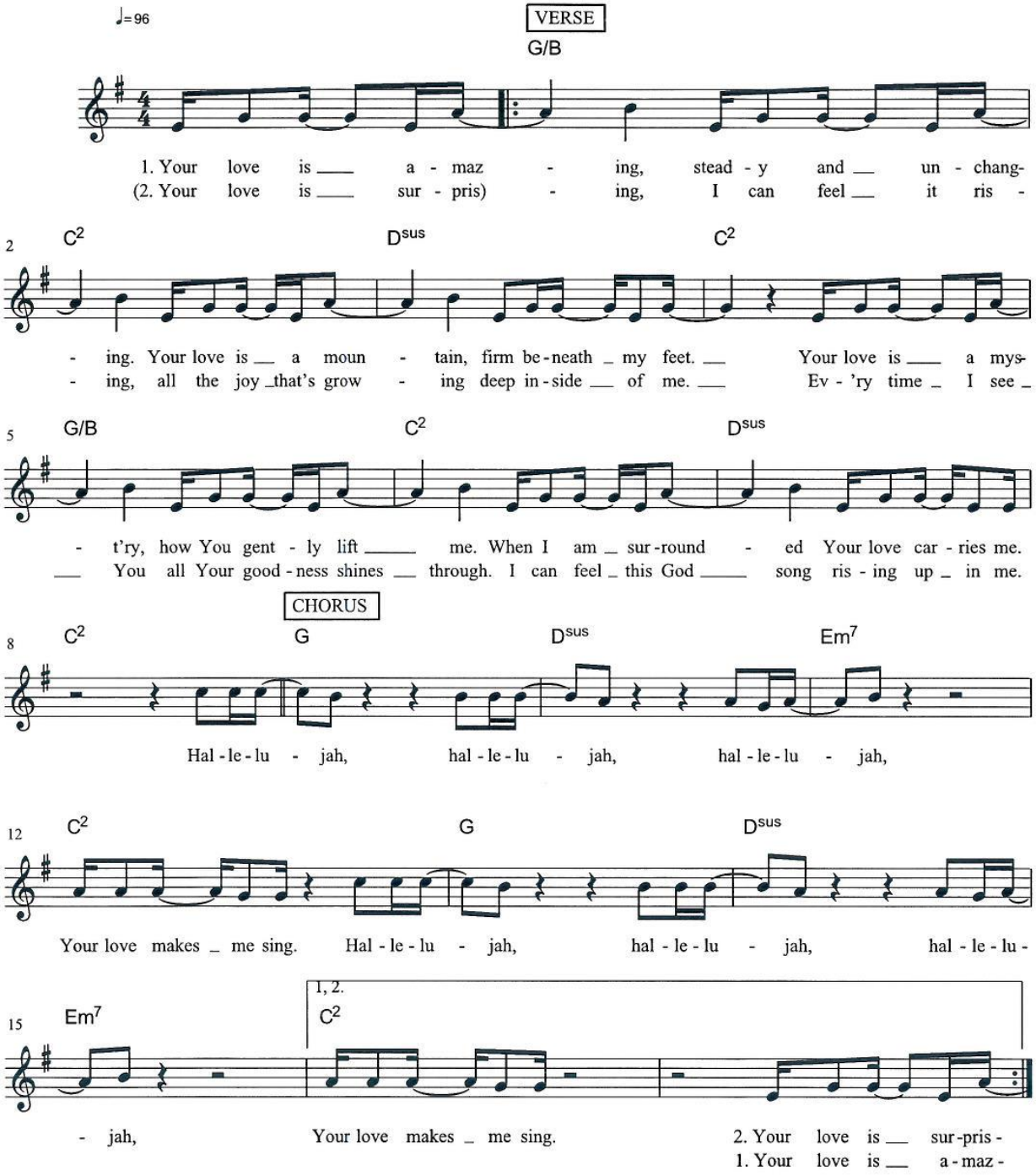

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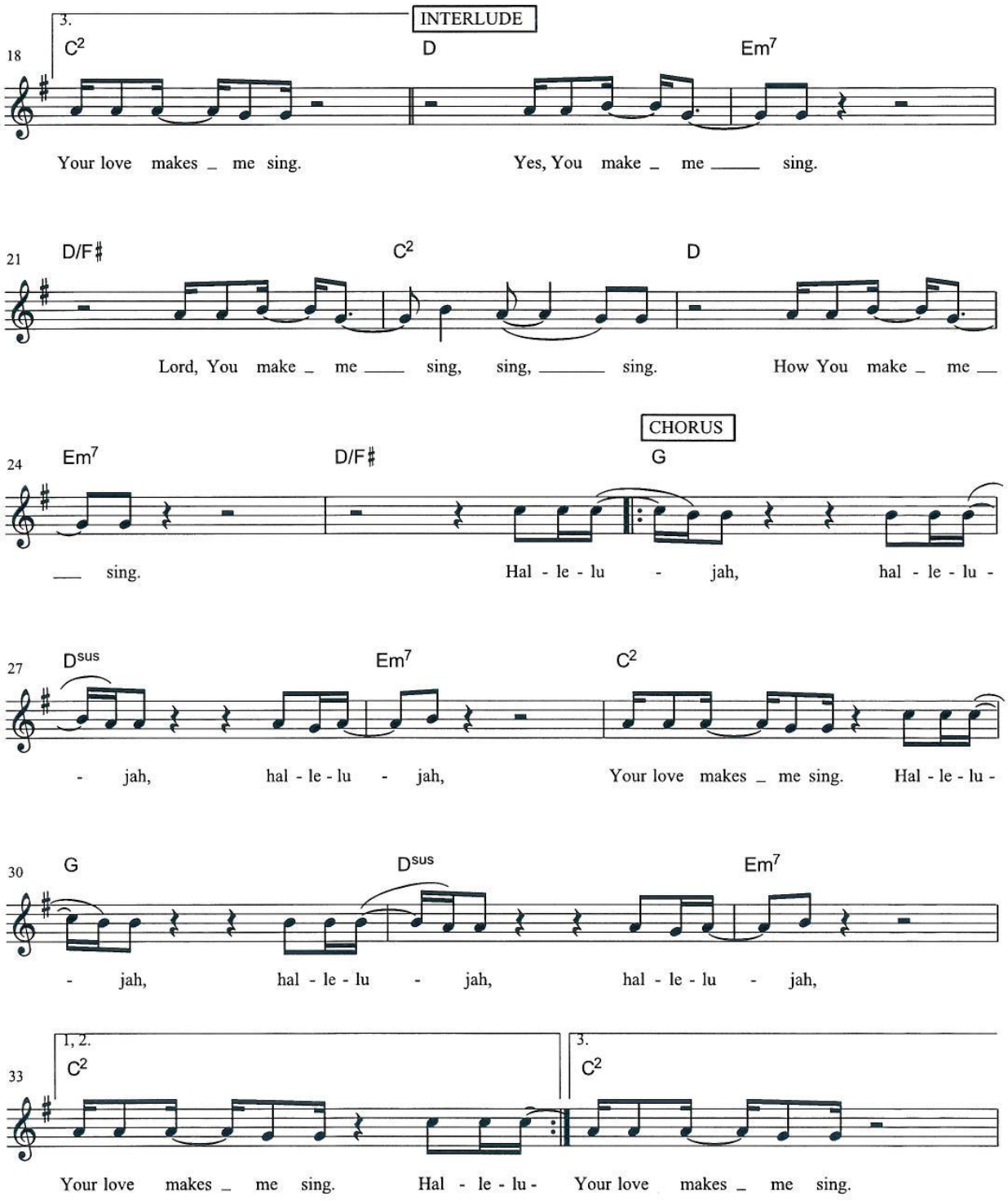
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INTERLUDE
18
C2
D
Em7
Your love makes _ me sing.
Yes, You make _ me ____ sing.
21
D/F♯
C2
D
Lord, You make _ me ____ sing, sing, _____ sing.
How You make _ me __
CHORUS
24
Em7
D/F♯
G
___ sing.
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -
27
Dsus
Em7
C2
- jah, hal - le - lu - jah,
Your love makes _ me sing. Hal - le - lu -
30
G
Dsus
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- jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,
1, 2.
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C2
Your love makes _ me sing. Hal - le - lu -
Your love makes _ me sing.

No Longer Strangers Prayer

God of promises, **you promise to always love us and you remain faithful to us no matter what. Send us toward each other, strangers, friends, and enemies alike, reminding us that you have promised to love them, too. Amen.**

Meet Someone New

We practice being Christians by extending our hand in friendship to people we may not know very well or at all. If we can't practice it here in worship, where else can we do it? Go ahead, make the first move. "Hi, my name is _____. You're new to me." OR *"Can I introduce myself to you?" are good ways to start. We simply cannot be afraid of one another.*

Reprise of "Hallelujah" to gather everyone back together.

Confession

Let us confess that God is God and we are not.

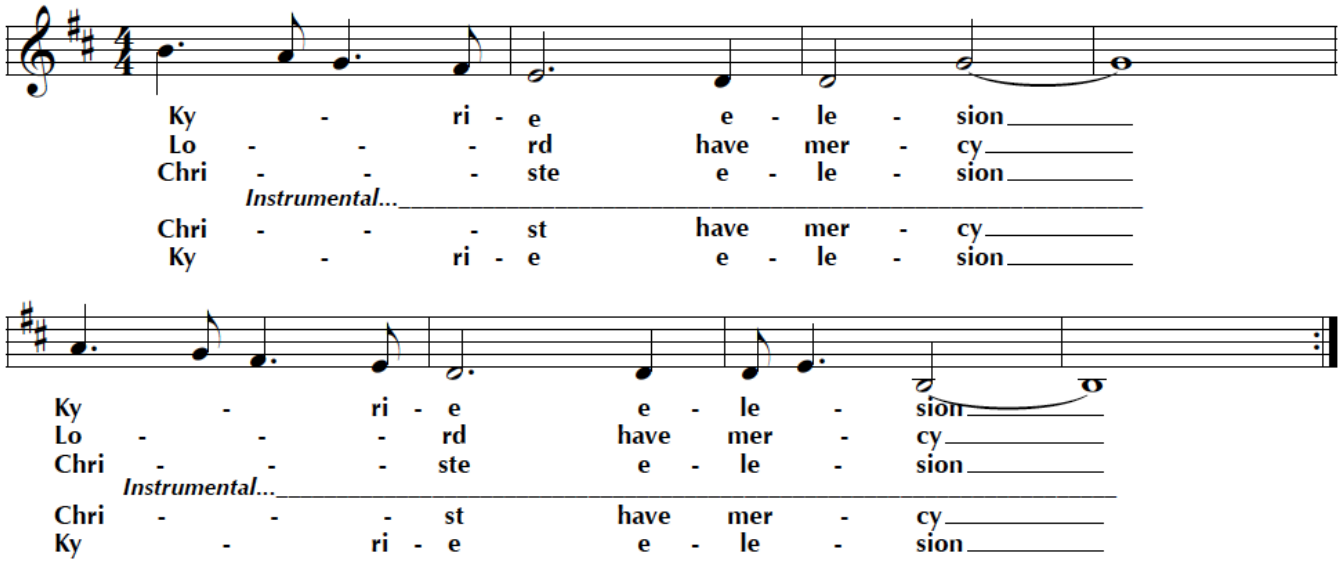
Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Dear faithful God,
(left) **We have not loved you with all of our hearts.**
(right) **We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**
ALL: We have not responded to your promise
(left) **We have put up walls to keep people at a distance.**
(right) **We have failed to respond when someone is hurting.**
ALL: We have not responded to your promise.
(left) **We abuse the gifts of your creation.**
(right) **We destroy your beauty out of ignorance and greed.**
ALL: We have not responded to your promise.
(left) **We fail to respond to your call to do justice.**
(right) **We seek only comfort for ourselves.**
ALL: We have not responded to your promise.

Silence

Kyrie

Kathleen Durbin



Promise of Forgiveness

Forgiving God,

We are broken but God's promises are not. Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen!

Gloria

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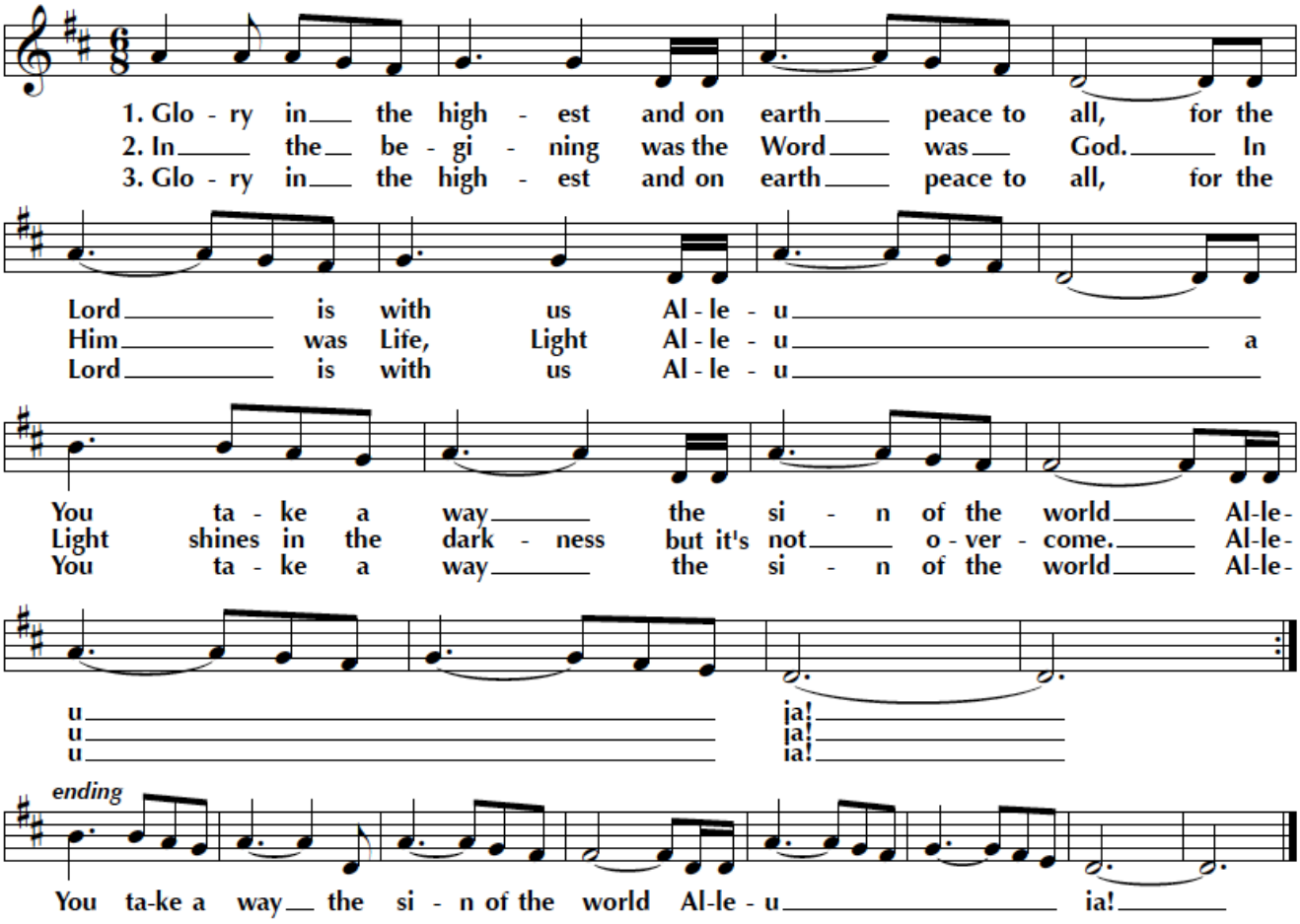

Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray,
A brief silence is kept before the prayer.
God of hope,
You promised to make David's household great among the nations. Then you sent your son, Jesus, to transform this world so that all people are one in the great household of God. Show us how to live as your children, as sisters and brothers in your holy and blessed realm, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, who will one day welcome us all home. Amen.

Alleluia

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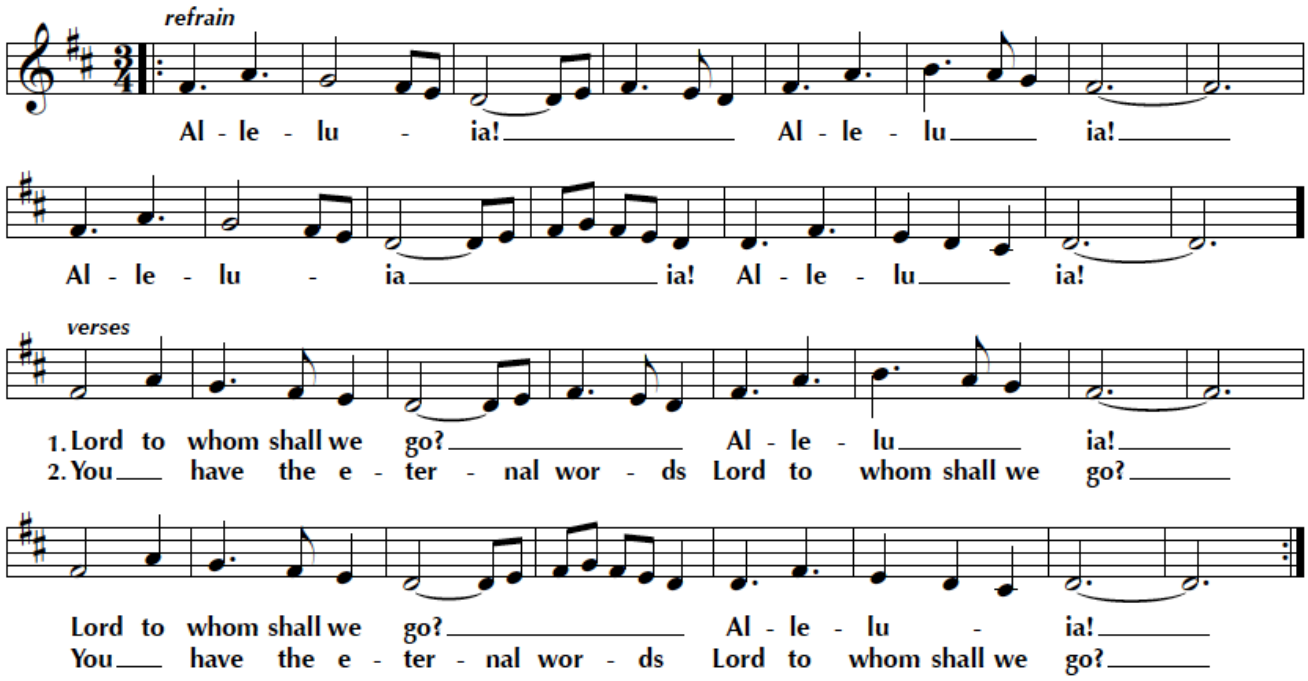


To the Narrator: please tell the congregation what their parts are before announcing the reading. Also, go over any pronunciations they might have that could be difficult.

The Word

Narrator: Our story and God's story continues today in the reading is from the book of 2 Samuel, chapter 7, verses 1-17.
ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

NARRATOR: Before long, the king made himself at home and God gave him peace from all his enemies. Then one day King David said to Nathan the prophet, "Look at this: Here I am, comfortable in a luxurious house of cedar, and the Chest of God sits in a plain tent." Nathan told the king, "Whatever is on your heart, go and do it. God is with you." But that night, the word of God came to Nathan saying,

LEFT: **Go and tell my servant David: This is God's word on the matter:**
RIGHT: **You're going to build a 'house' for me to live in?**
LEFT: **Why, I haven't lived in a 'house' from the time I brought the children of Israel up from Egypt till now.**
RIGHT: **All that time I've moved about with nothing but a tent.**
LEFT: **And in all my travels with Israel, did I ever say to any of the leaders I commanded to shepherd Israel, 'Why haven't you built me a house of cedar?'**
RIGHT: **"So here is what you are to tell my servant David: The God-of-the-Angel-Armies has this word for you:**
LEFT: **I took you from the pasture, tagging along after sheep, and made you prince over my people Israel.**
RIGHT: **I was with you everywhere you went and mowed your enemies down before you.**
LEFT: **Now I'm making you famous, to be ranked with the great names on earth.**
RIGHT: **And I'm going to set aside a place for my people Israel and plant them there so they'll have their own home and not be knocked around anymore.**
LEFT: **Nor will evil men afflict you as they always have, even during the days I set judges over my people Israel.**
RIGHT: **Finally, I'm going to give you peace from all your enemies.**
LEFT: **"Furthermore, God has this message for you: God himself will build you a house!**
RIGHT: **When your life is complete and you're buried with your ancestors, then I'll raise up your child, your own flesh and blood, to succeed you, and I'll firmly establish his rule.**
LEFT: **He will build a house to honor me, and I will guarantee his kingdom's rule permanently.**
RIGHT: **I'll be a father to him, and he'll be a son to me.**
LEFT: **When he does wrong, I'll discipline him in the usual ways, the pitfalls and obstacles of this mortal life.**
RIGHT: **But I'll never remove my gracious love from him, as I removed it from Saul, who preceded you and whom I most certainly did remove.**
LEFT: **Your family and your kingdom are permanently secured.**
RIGHT: **I'm keeping my eye on them! And your royal throne will always be there, rock solid."**
NARRATOR: Nathan gave David a complete and accurate account of everything he heard and saw in the vision.
NARRATOR: Stay tuned for the continuing drama that is our story and God's story.
ALL: Praise to you O Christ.

Children's Sermon

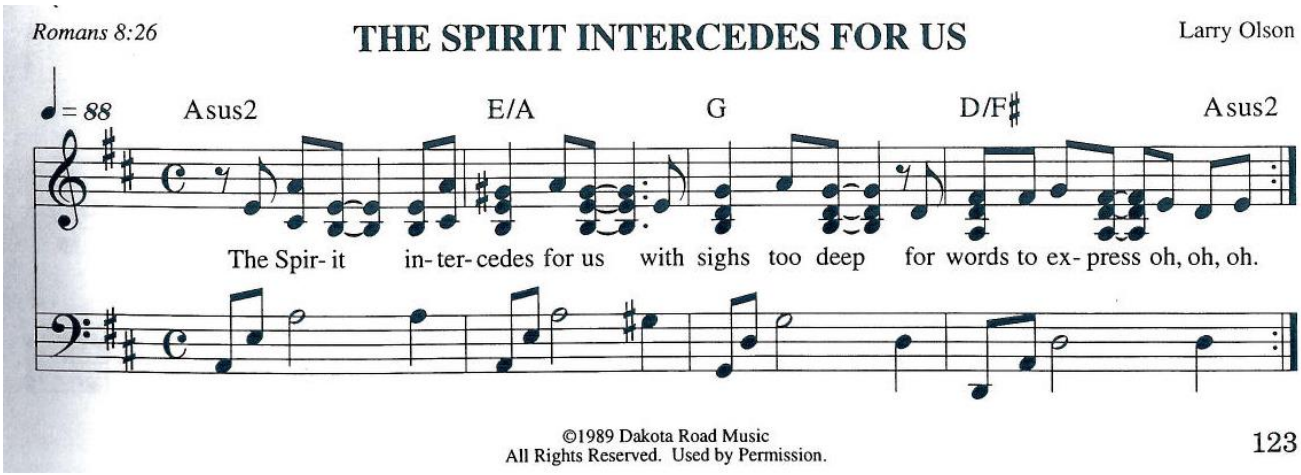
Sermon

Statement of Faith

Let us confess our faith in the God of promise:
We believe God is our creator and has promised to love us always. We believe Jesus Christ, fully God, fully human, experienced all the pain and joy and challenges of human life. God's forgiving love was revealed to us when Jesus suffered death on the cross. He came back to new life and has promised us new life in unity with God. We believe the Holy Spirit is God's promise touching our spirits, guiding us – even through the darkest and most difficult moment of our lives. We believe God is among us in community. Mysterious, yet very real, God promises to be with us always, even to the end of the age.

Prayers of the People

Write, draw, or color your prayers on the HOUSE SHAPE given to you today. When you have finished, please place it on the wall in a plastic sheet protector already hung for you. Two people from the congregation will pray aloud the prayers, anonymously, and we'll sing "The Spirit Intercedes For Us" as a prayer response, following "and we sing…"



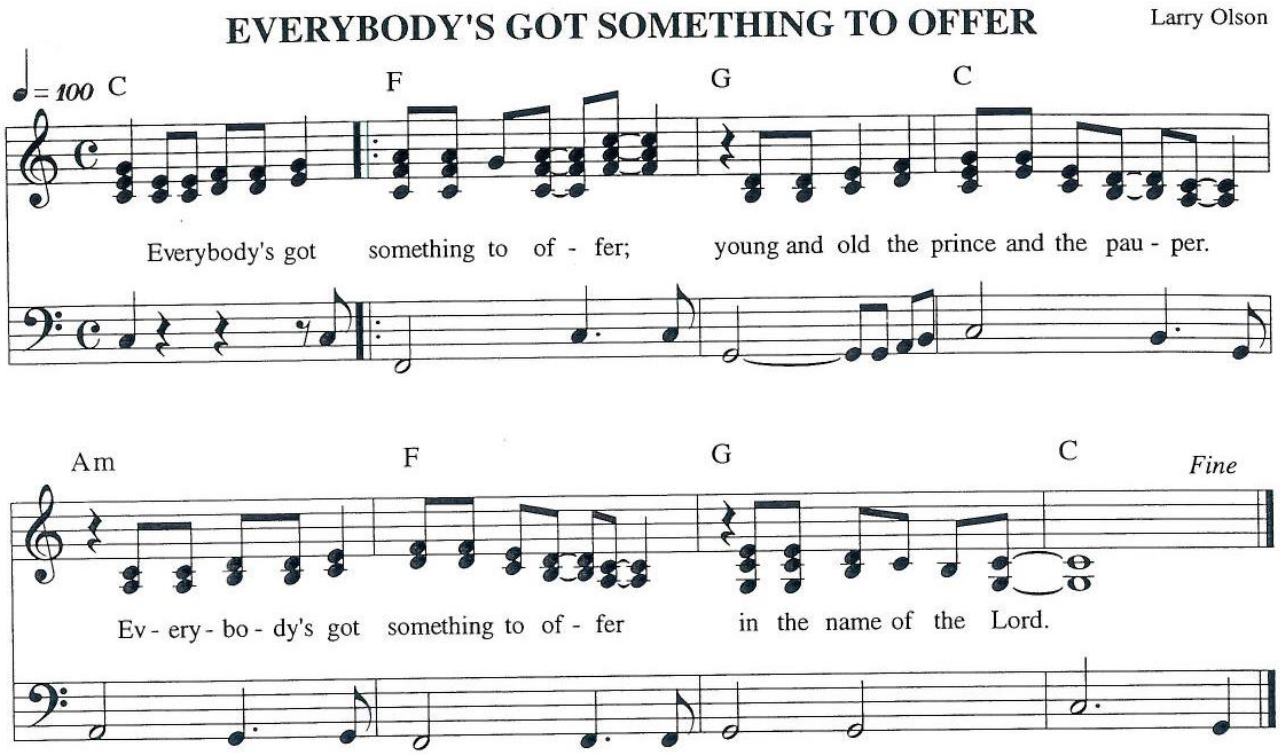
Offering

All that we have and all that we are comes from God. Let us give back to God in a spirit of generosity. There will be enough. Please put your offering of gratitude to God in the plate as it passes by. Prayerfully consider giving a consistent financial gift to River of Hope so our community cannot just survive but thrive.

The watering can is for gifts to House of Grace, a mission congregation in Montrose, Minnesota.

Laundry Love: Take a container to collect quarters to support the ministry of Laundry Love.

Offering Song "Everybody's Got Something To Offer"



The Feast

Setting the Table

As the kids help set the table, they make a circle around the table and lead the congregation in the table prayer written by Martin Luther:

Let's pray: **Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. And let these gifts to us be blest. Blest be God who is our bread, may all the world be clothed and fed. Amen.**

In thanksgiving for these gifts, let us pray**, in response to your promise of faithfulness and life, we offer our lives. In response to your promise of love, we offer our love. In response to all of your promises, we offer our gifts. Amen.**

Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord is 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.
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. And so, with all the choirs of angels, and all the faithful of every time and place, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

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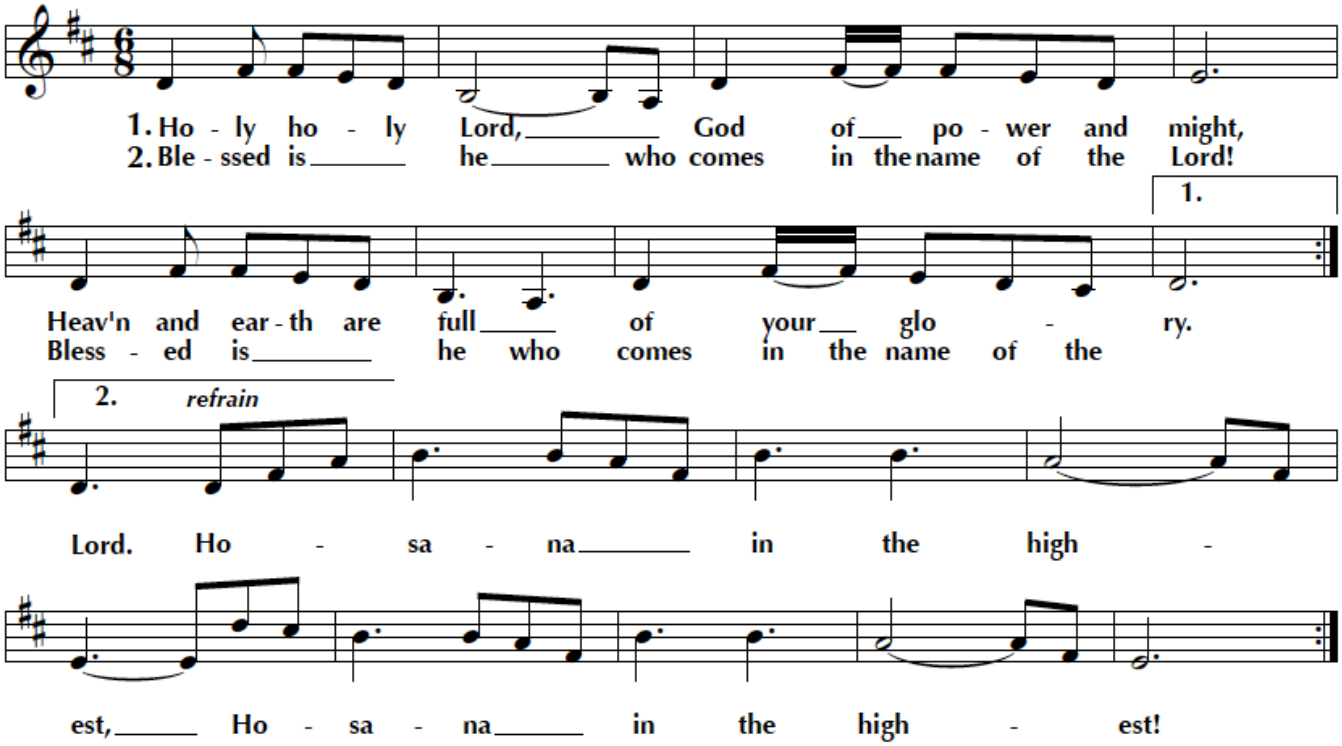

In the night when Jesus was betrayed by his best friends, he took bread. He blessed it and broke it and gave it to these same friends saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup, blessed it and gave it for all to drink saying, "This is the new covenant, the new promise, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me."

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer *You are invited to join hands with those around you in prayer. If you are not the hand-holding type, then simply fold your hands in front of you or hang onto this bulletin as you pray.*

The Lord's Prayer

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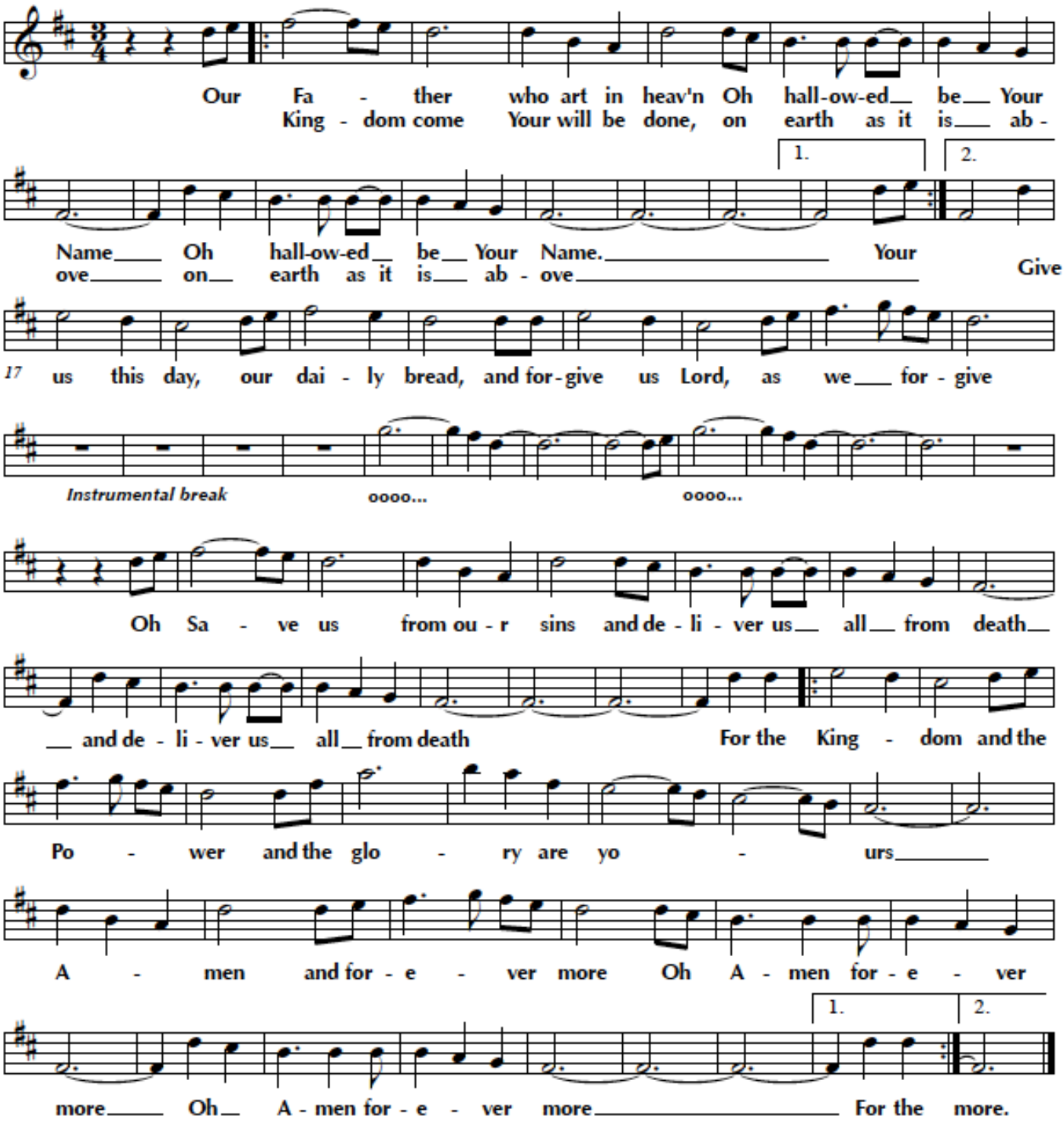
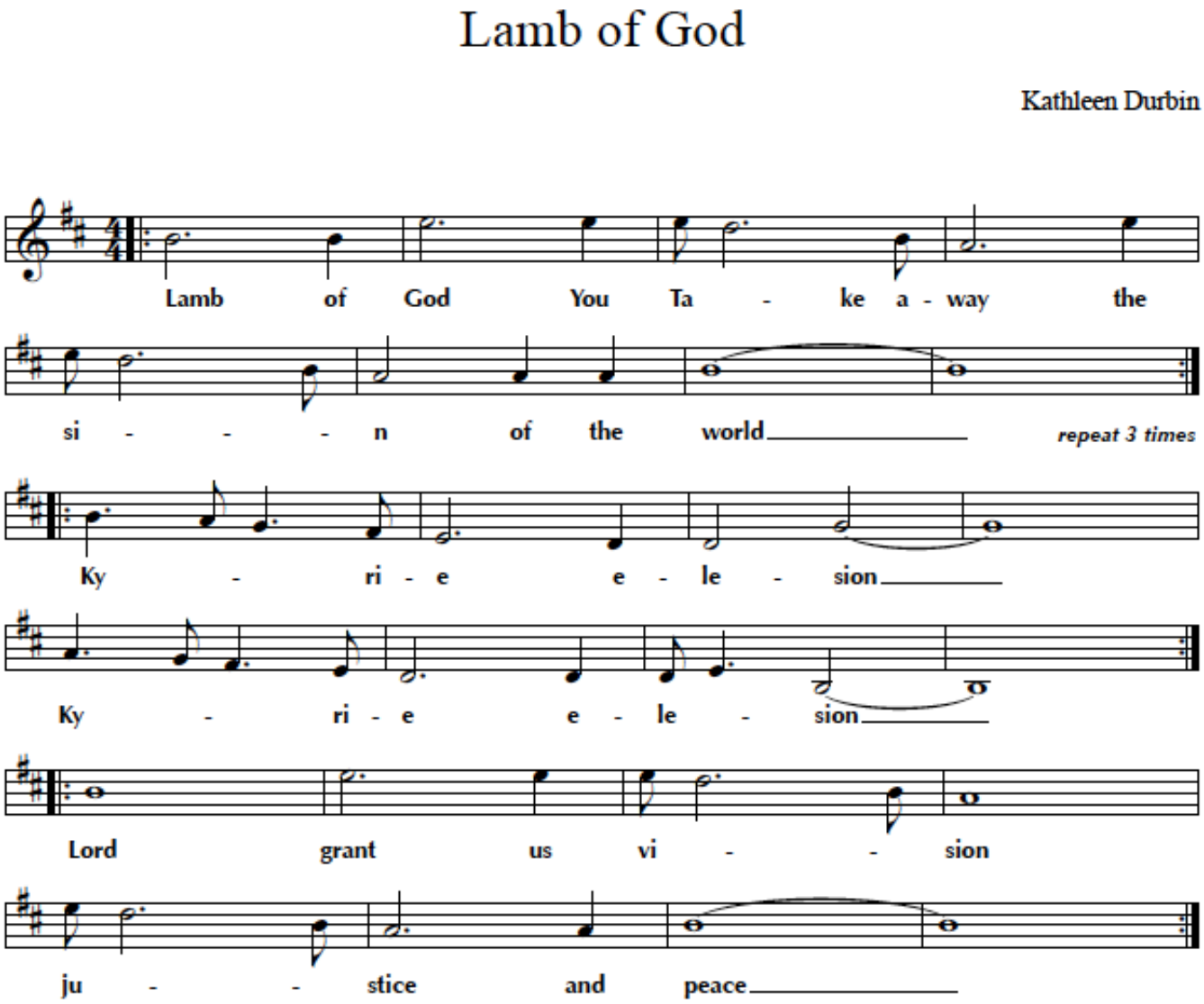


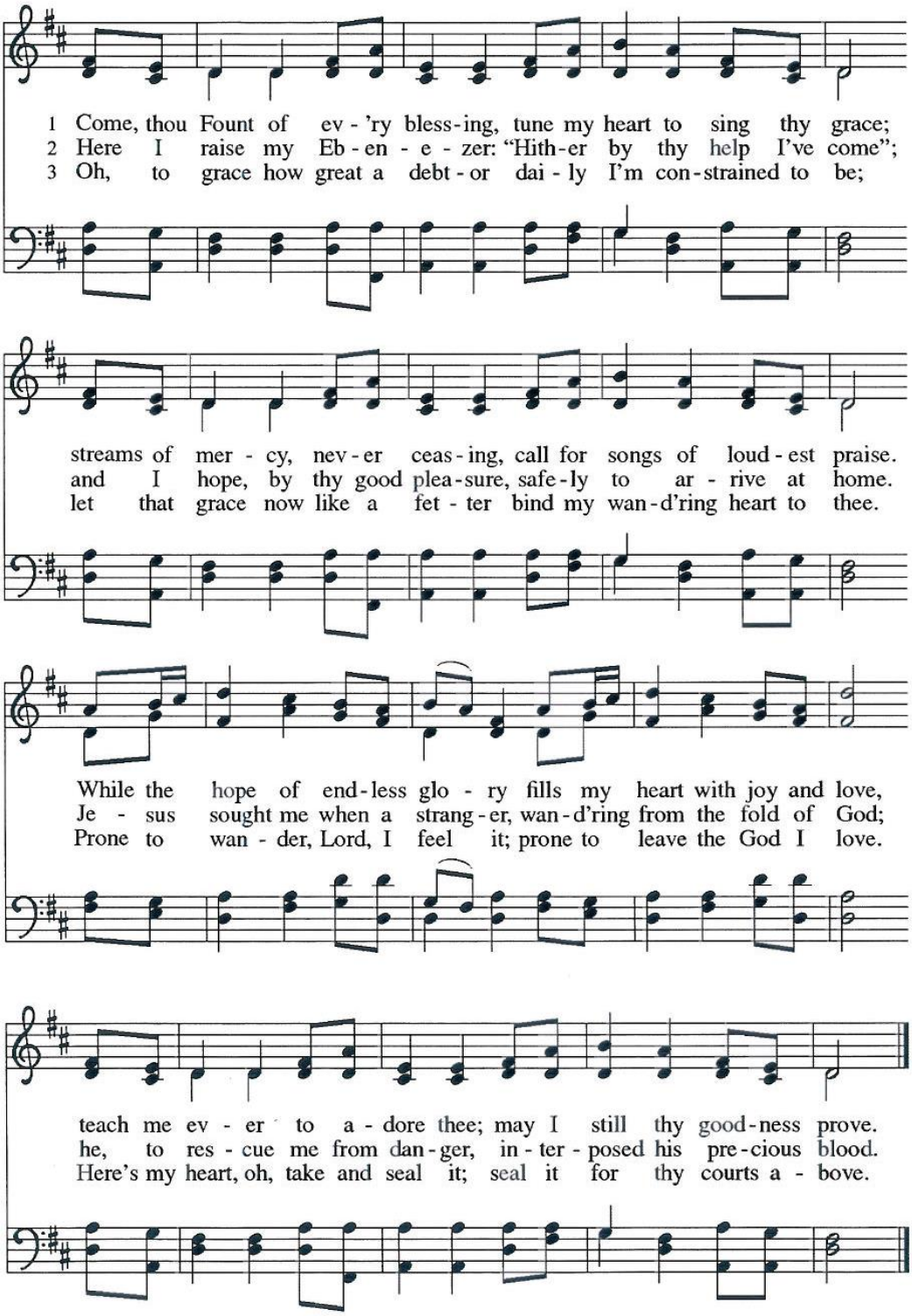
Invitation to the Meal

You are welcome to this meal. If you hunger and thirst for grace and mercy that comes through Jesus Christ, then Christ has set this table just for you. Bring all that you are and all that you have to the table. You will be fed. You are forgiven. There is enough.

Communion Songs "Lamb of God" & Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"



Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



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Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. **God of promise, you keep your promise and you feed us so that we may live and give life to the world. Send us out ready to tell others of this great free gift of unending love. Amen.**

The Sending

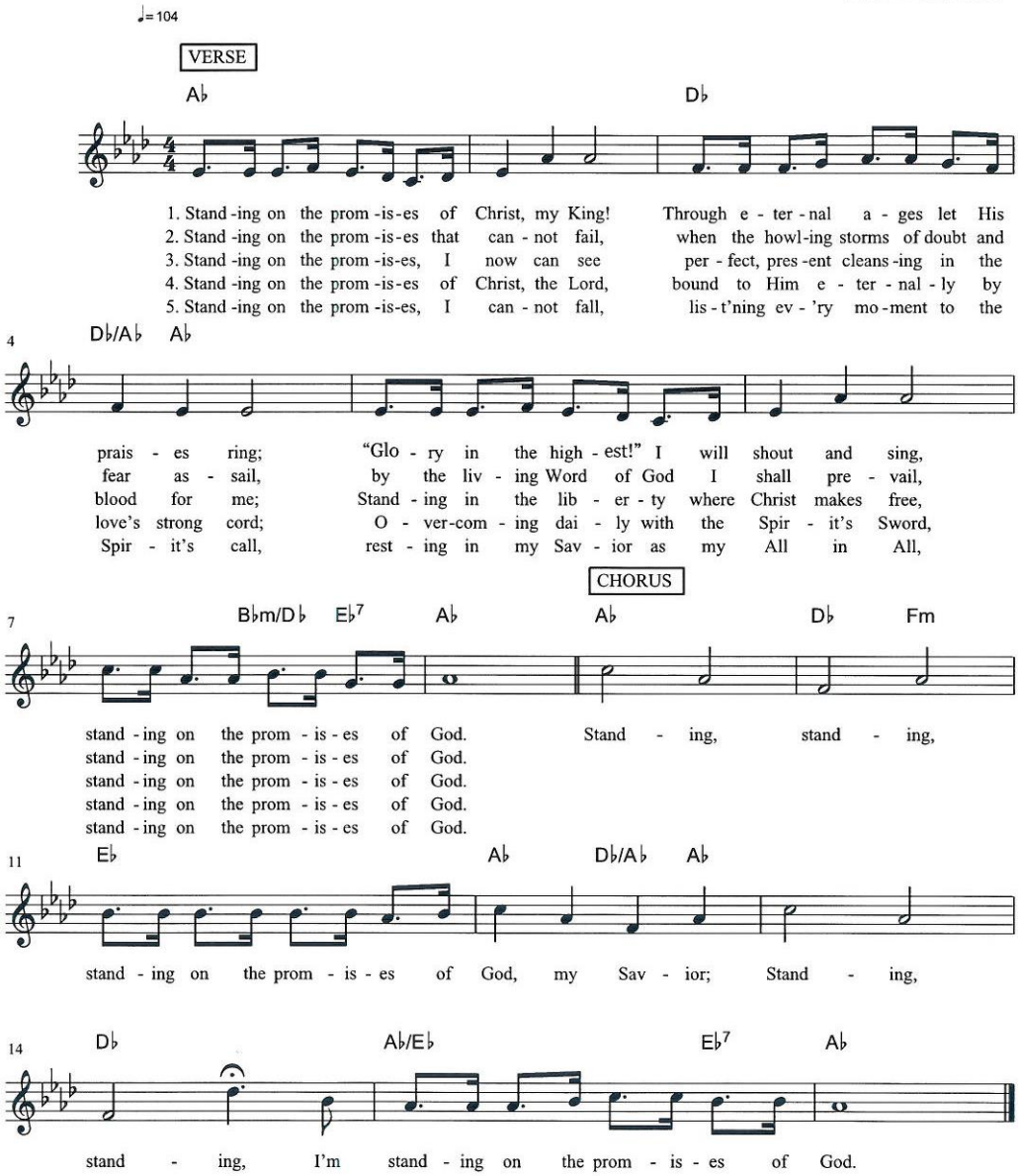
Why does our church exist? What is our purpose? **We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.**

MILESTONES

"It's time for milestones-a time of sharing milestones in our community. Big, small, good, bad. Come on up if you have one to share." After each person shares their milestone, the congregation responds by saying "MILESTONE!" "Standing On The Promises" will be sung at the beginning and end of the sharing.

Standing On The Promises

Words and Music by
Russell Kelso Carter



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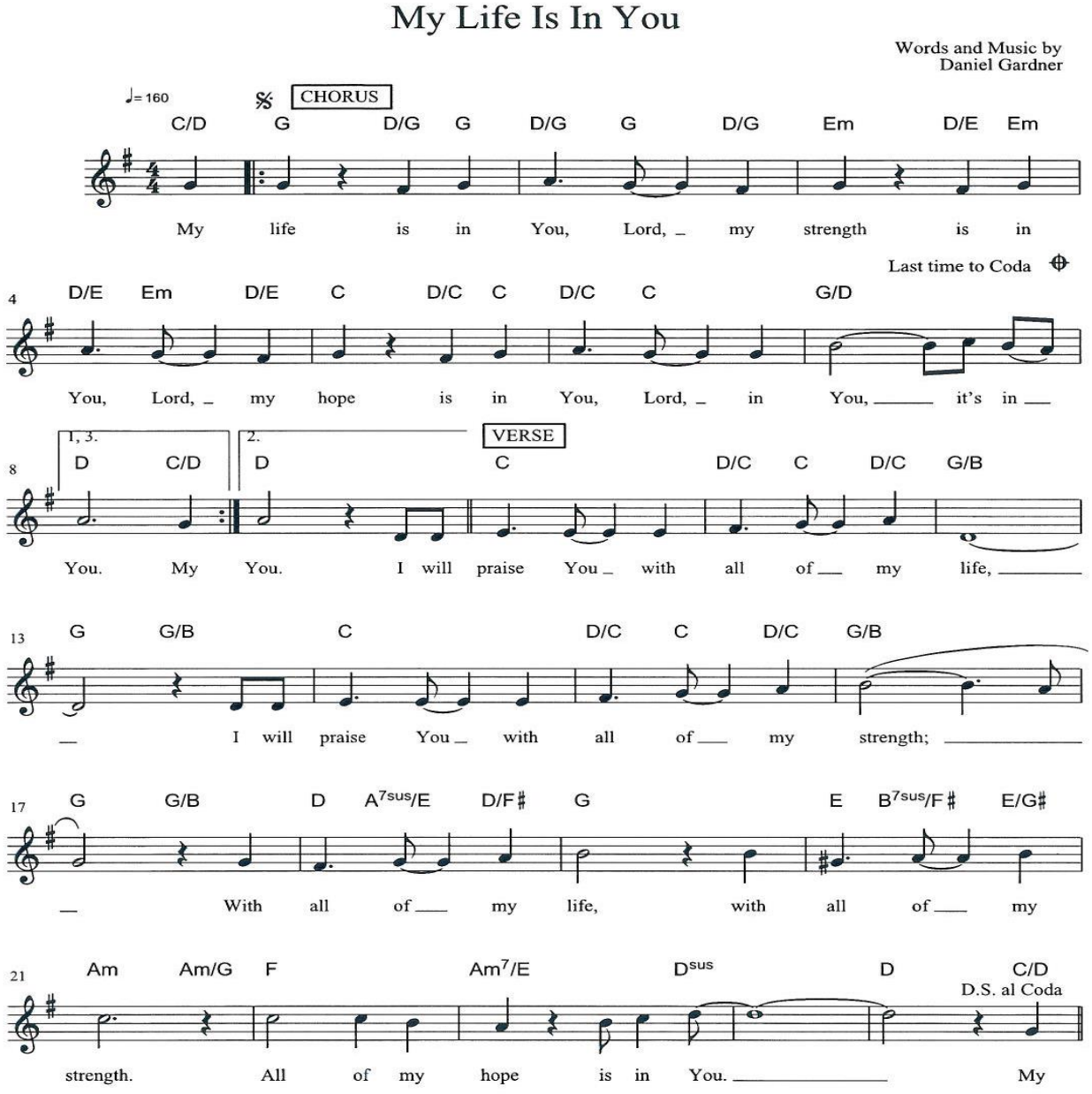
Blessing

You, Child of the most loving and merciful God, have been blessed through the waters of the baptismal font, through the gift of this community, through the bread and wine, the Holy Scriptures and the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

May the love you have heard about, participated in, and been freely given, shine in you and from you into the world. Go forth in peace my brothers and sisters. Go forth in peace. **Amen.**

Sending Song "My Life Is In You" (KIDS – come play a rhythm instrument!)



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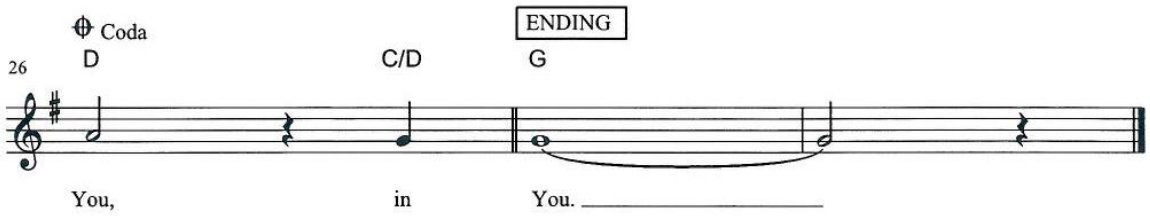

Go in peace – serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Music to Send You Out

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