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March 18, 2018

We are an offering

5th Sunday of Lent:
Here is Your King? Shall I Crucify Your King?

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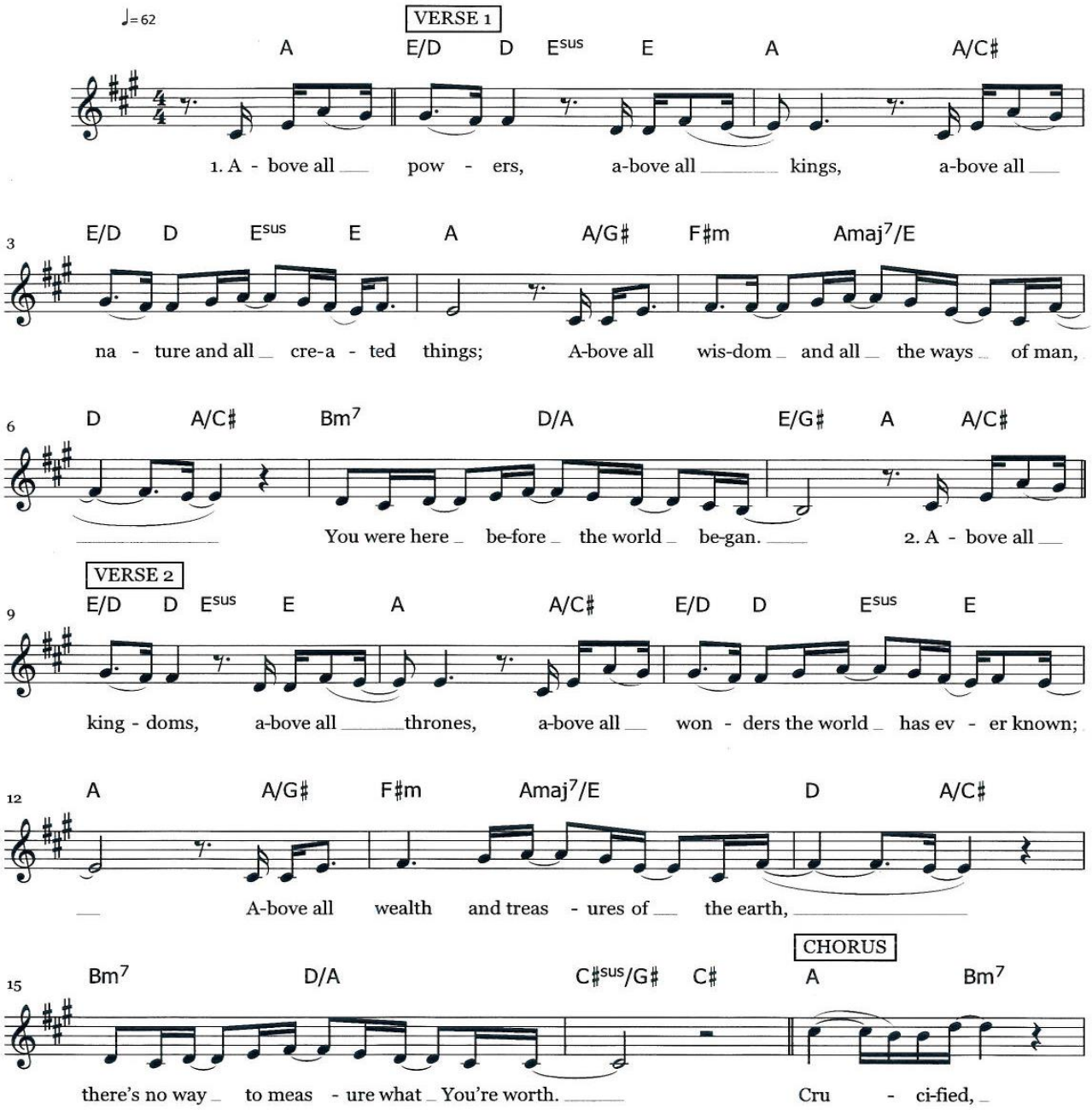
Gathering

Music to Prepare Us for Worship

Gathering Songs *Above All & In Christ Alone*

Above All

Words and Music by
Lenny LeBlanc and Paul Baloche



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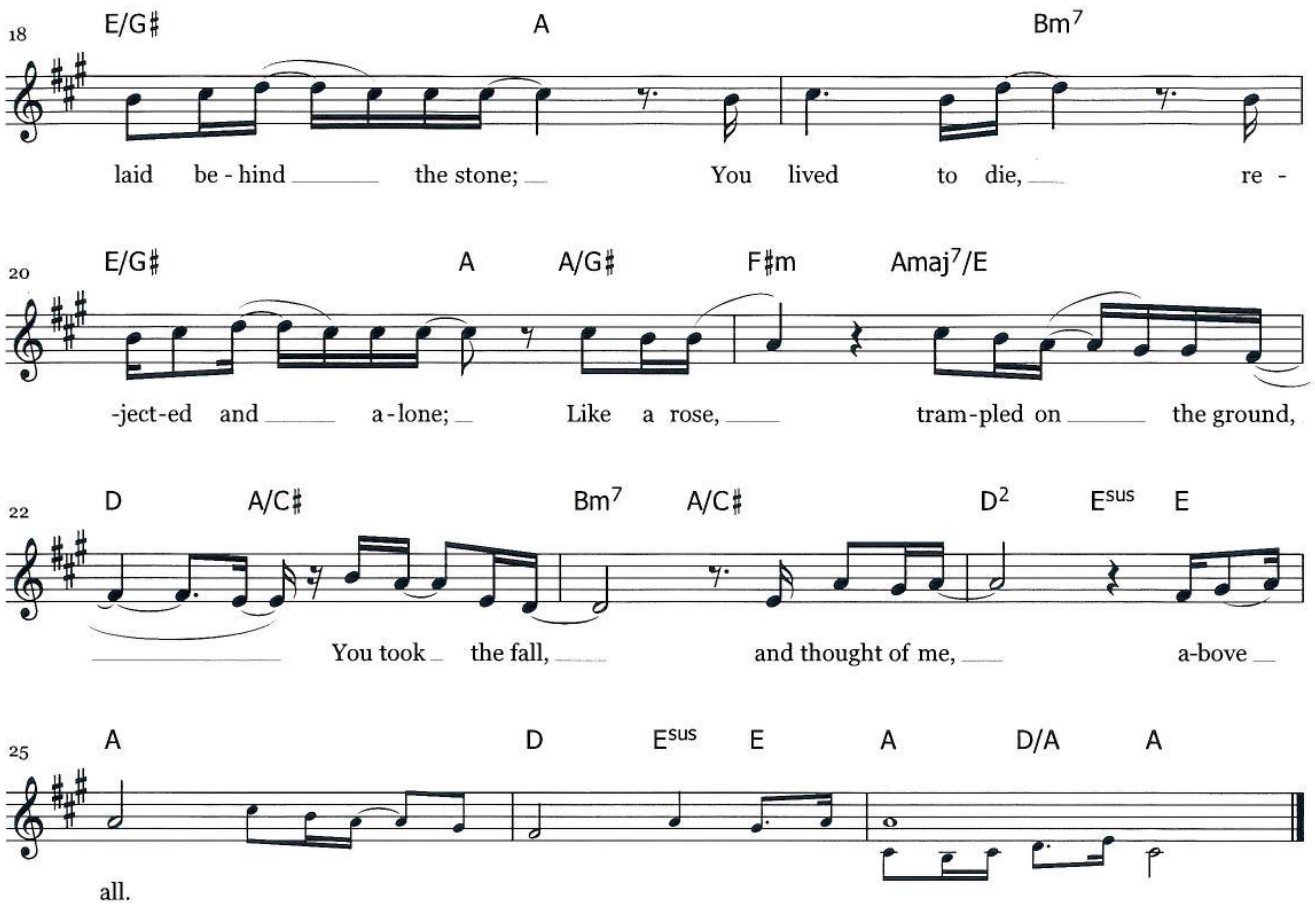
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laid be - hind the stone; You lived to die, re -
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-ject-ed and a-lone; Like a rose, tram-pled on the ground,
22
D
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D2
Esus
E
You took the fall, and thought of me, a-bove
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In Christ Alone

Words and Music by
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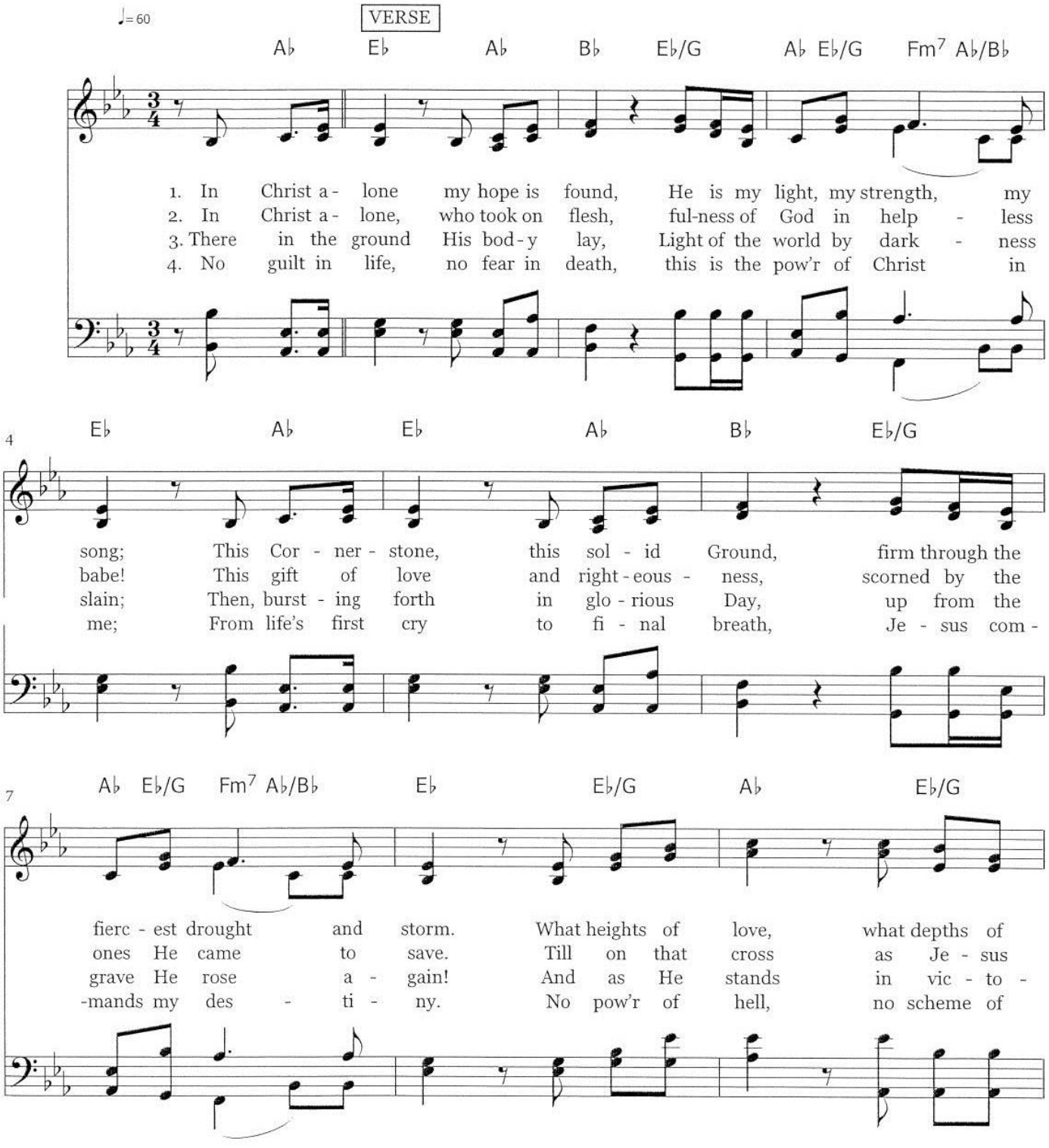

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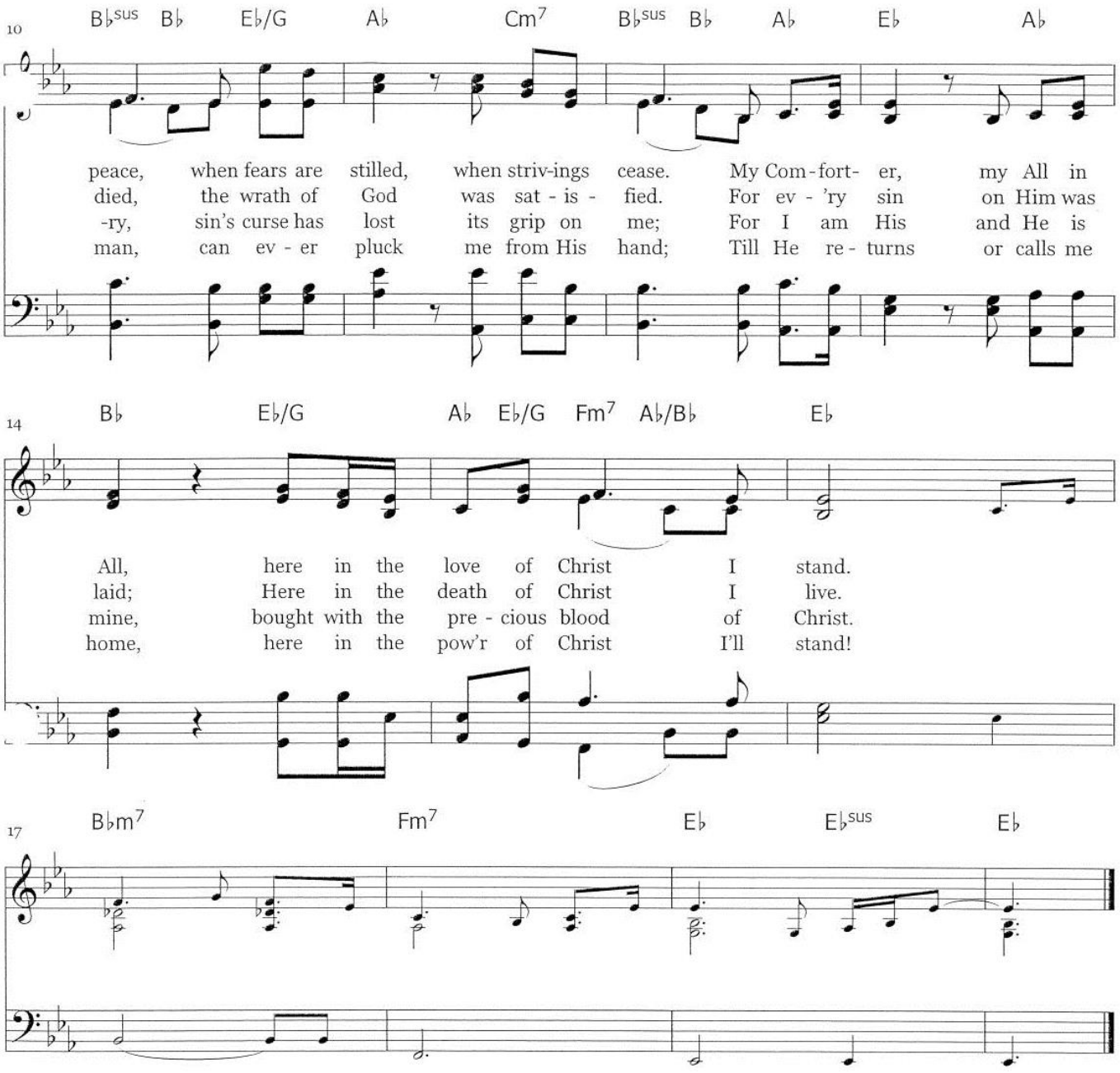


Introduce the Day's Theme with Kids

Welcome/River Source

No Longer Strangers Prayer

Generous God, **everything we have is a gift from you, including the gift of family that defies bloodlines and last names. You give us Jesus to show us how to love each other. Help us to see your love, your possibility in people who we do not know and inspire us to offer our lives to others. 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 afford to be afraid of one another.*

Reprise of *In Christ Alone* to gather everyone back together.

Confession

In the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

While we were still sinners,
Christ died for us.
Through the power of the Holy Spirit,
God promises to heal us and forgive us.

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

Silence is kept for confession.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
Have mercy on us.
For self-centered living, And for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:
ALL: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:
ALL: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For misuse of human relationship, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others:
ALL: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:
ALL: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:
ALL: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm:
ALL: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:
ALL: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

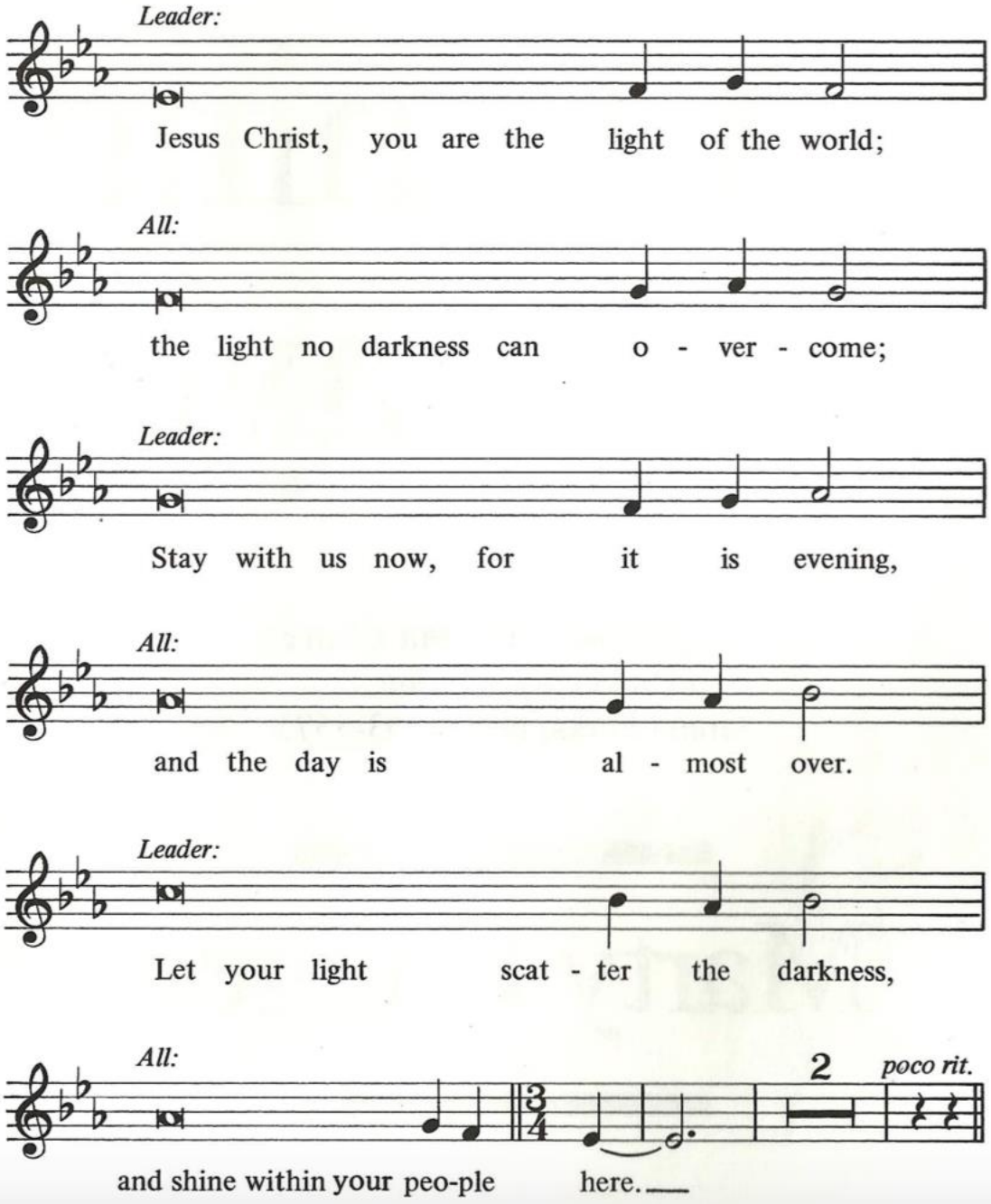
Assurance of Forgiveness

Almighty God shows mercy for us and forgives our sin through the love of Jesus Christ.
We are rescued from the chaos we create. We are saved from our efforts to save ourselves.
Children of God, you are forgiven! You are made whole!

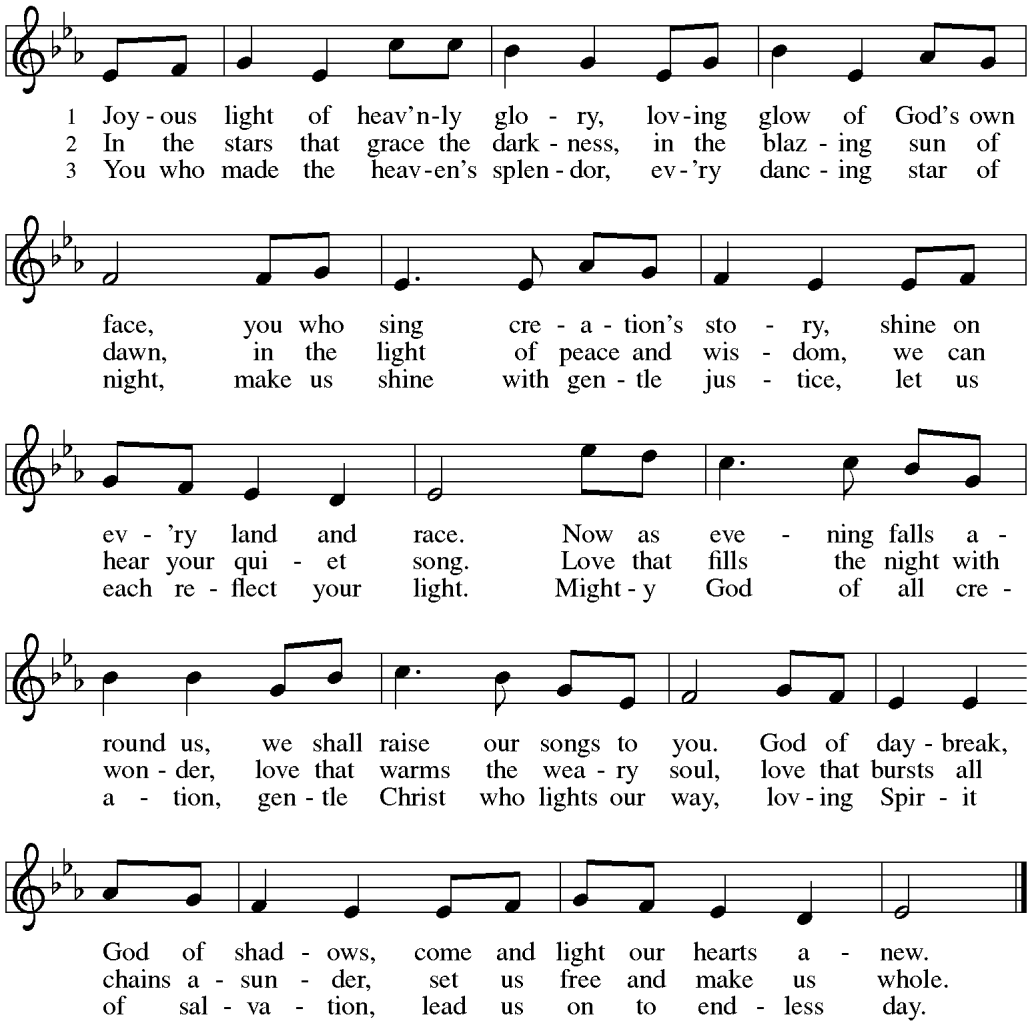
Thank you, God! Amen!

Hymn of Praise

1. SERVICE OF LIGHT
Procession



Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory



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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.
Holy God, you are not swayed by the clamor of the angry crowd. Show us what it means to truly surrender, trusting in your ultimate power over all the forces of evil. Help us to claim one king. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Voices of Hope

The Word

NARRATOR: Our story and God's story continues today in the reading from chapter 19 of the book of John, verses 1 through 16a.

ALL: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Readers: Narrator. The Jewish Leaders part will be ALL. You'll need to find a Jesus and a Pilate.
It would be helpful to have everyone practice saying Gabbatha.
Pronunciation Guide: Gabbatha: GAB-uh-thuh

NARRATOR: Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying,

JEWISH LEADERS (ALL): **"Hail, King of the Jews!"**

NARRATOR: and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them,

PILATE: "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him."

NARRATOR: So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them,

PILATE: "Here is the man!"

NARRATOR: When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted,

JEWISH LEADERS (ALL): **"Crucify him! Crucify him!"**

NARRATOR: Pilate said to them,

PILATE: "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him."

NARRATOR: The Jews answered him,

JEWISH LEADERS (ALL): **"We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God."**

NARRATOR: Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus,

PILATE: "Where are you from?"

NARRATOR: But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him,

PILATE: "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?"

NARRATOR: Jesus answered him,

JESUS: "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin."

NARRATOR: From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out,

JEWISH LEADERS (ALL): **"If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor."**

NARRATOR: When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews,

PILATE: "Here is your King!"

NARRATOR: They cried out,

JEWISH LEADERS (ALL): **"Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!"**

NARRATOR: Pilate asked them,

PILATE: "Shall I crucify your King?"
NARRATOR: The chief priests answered,
JEWISH LEADERS (ALL): **"We have no king but the emperor."**
NARRATOR: Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

NARRATOR: Stay tuned for the continuing drama that is our story and God's story.
ALL: **Praise to you O Christ.**

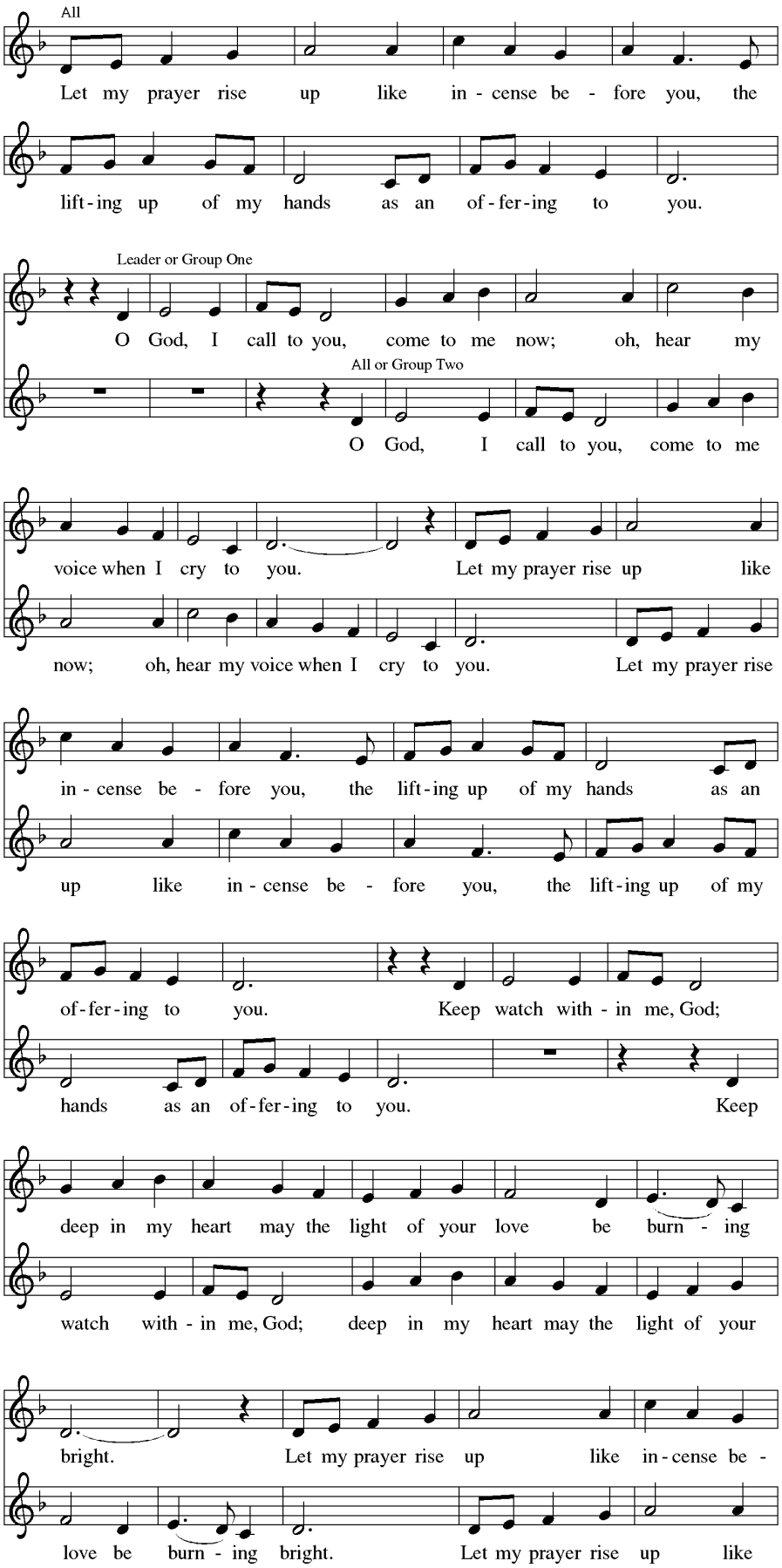
Wade in the Word

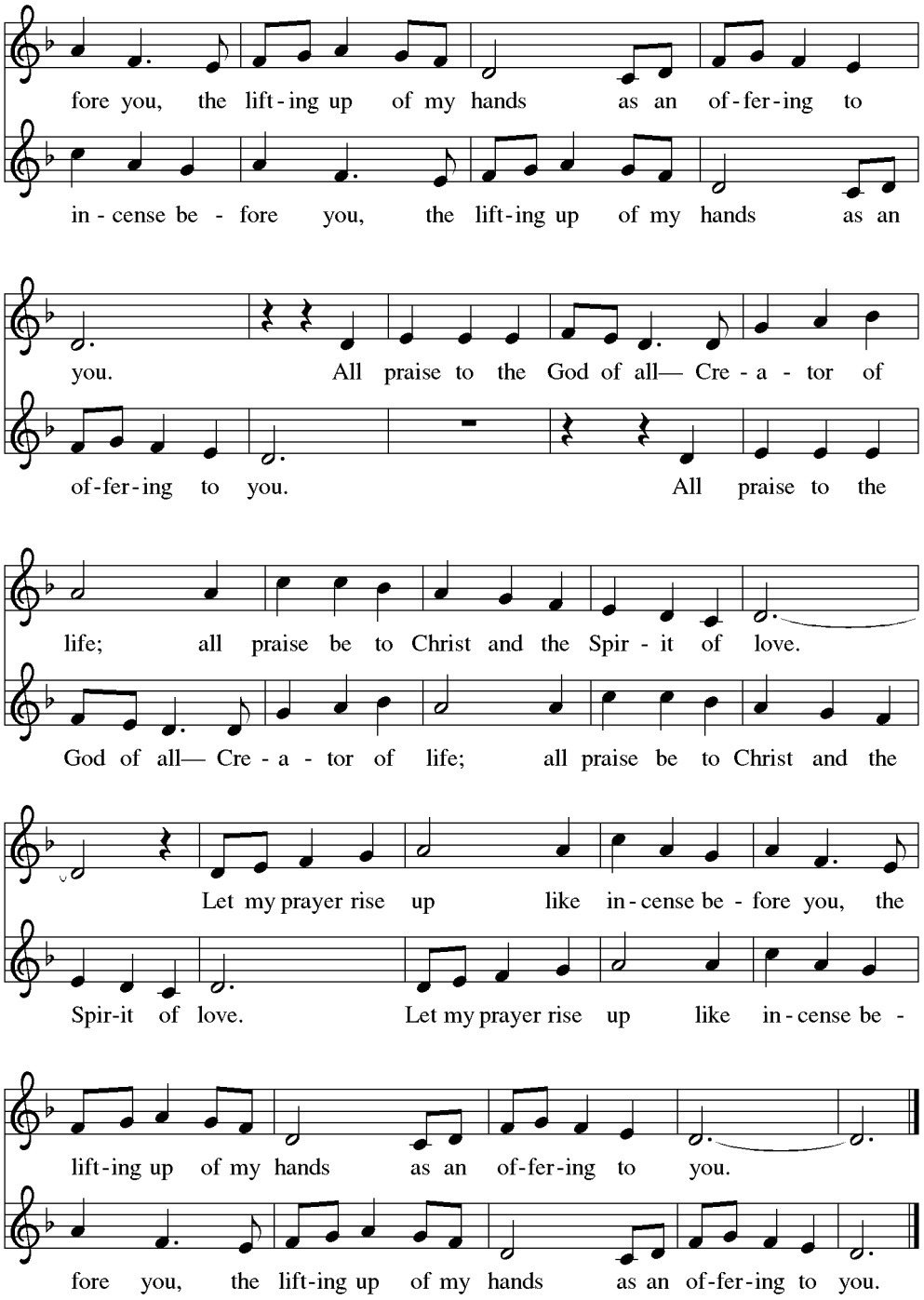
Sermon

We Offer Our Prayers

As we sing our prayers, you are invited to pray in any of the following ways: Using the paper hands, write a prayer and then place it on the altar. You may sing your prayers. You may use a prayer station located on the "piano side" of the room against the back wall.

Let My Prayer Rise Up





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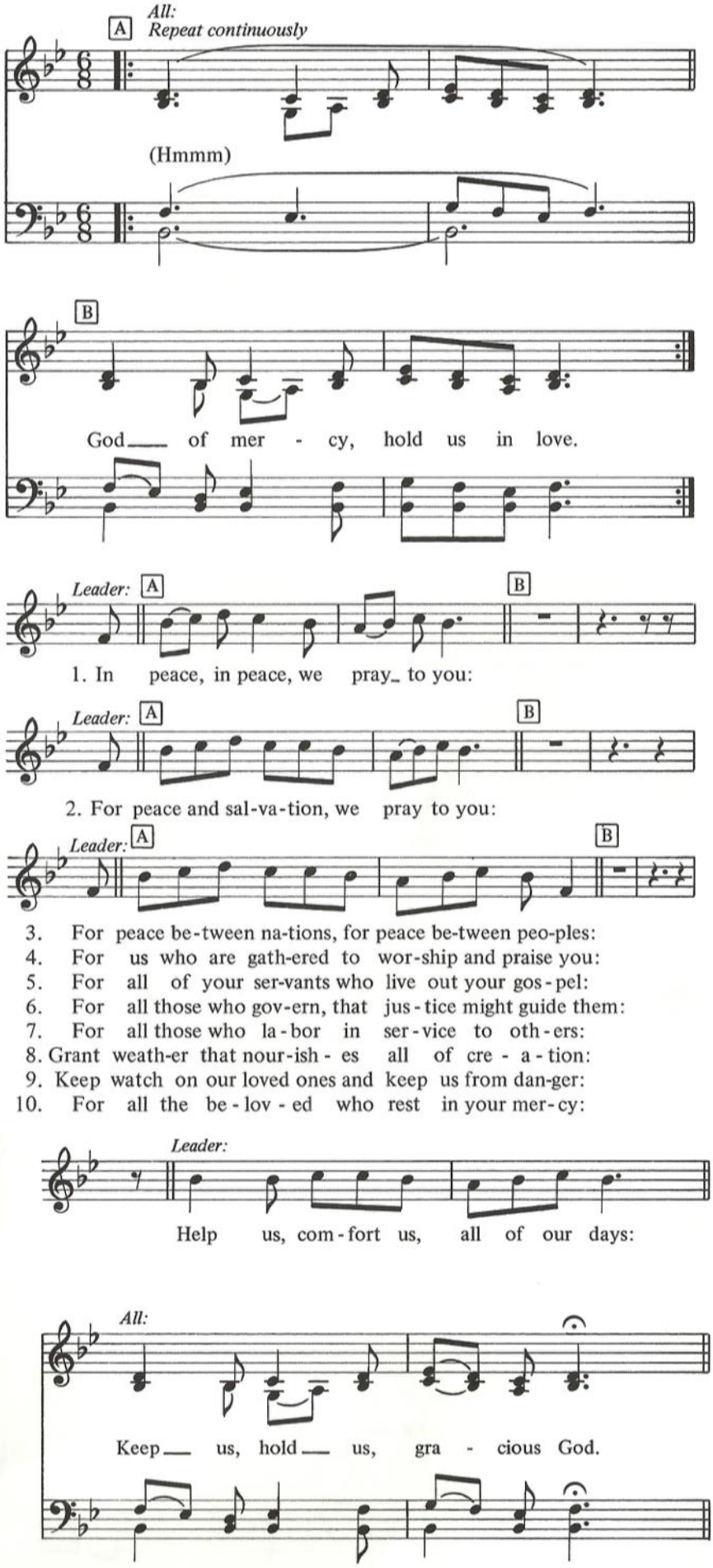
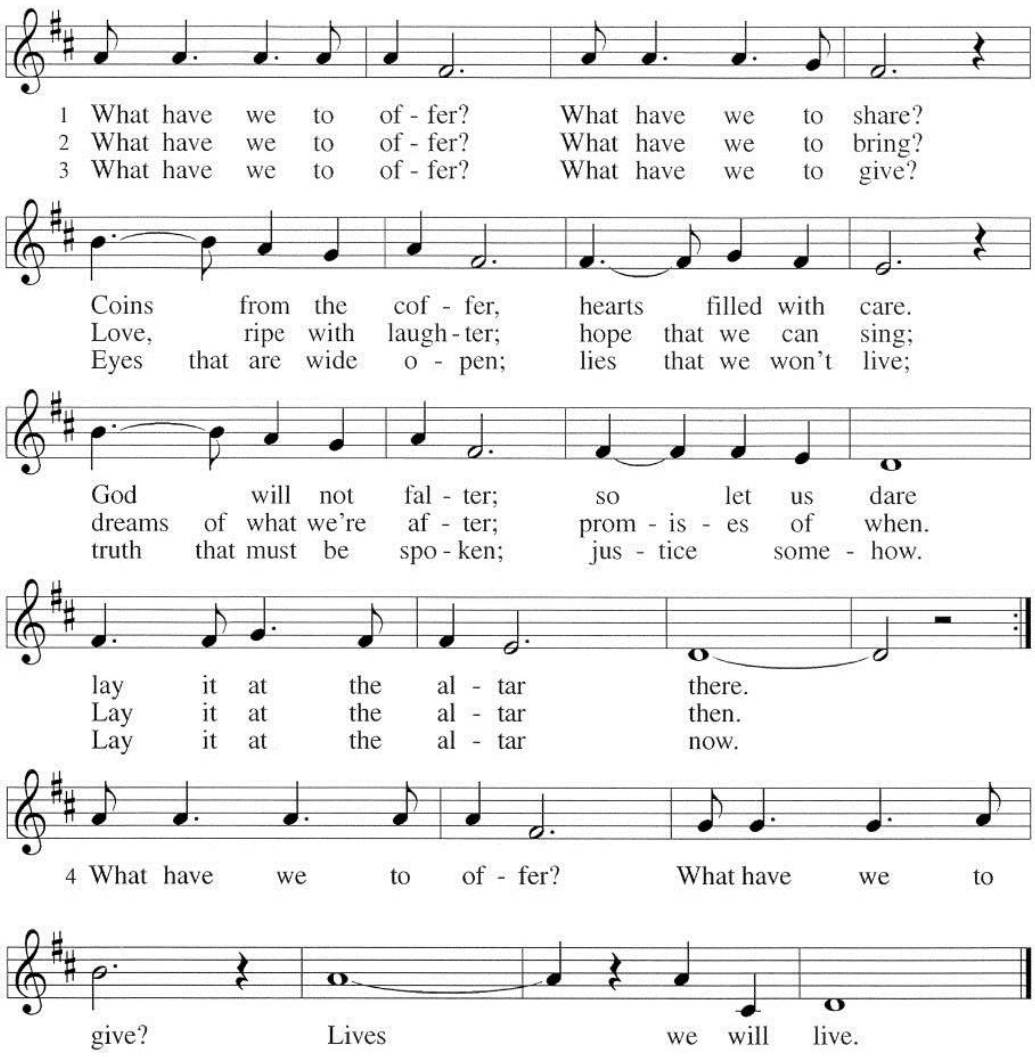


What Have We to Offer?



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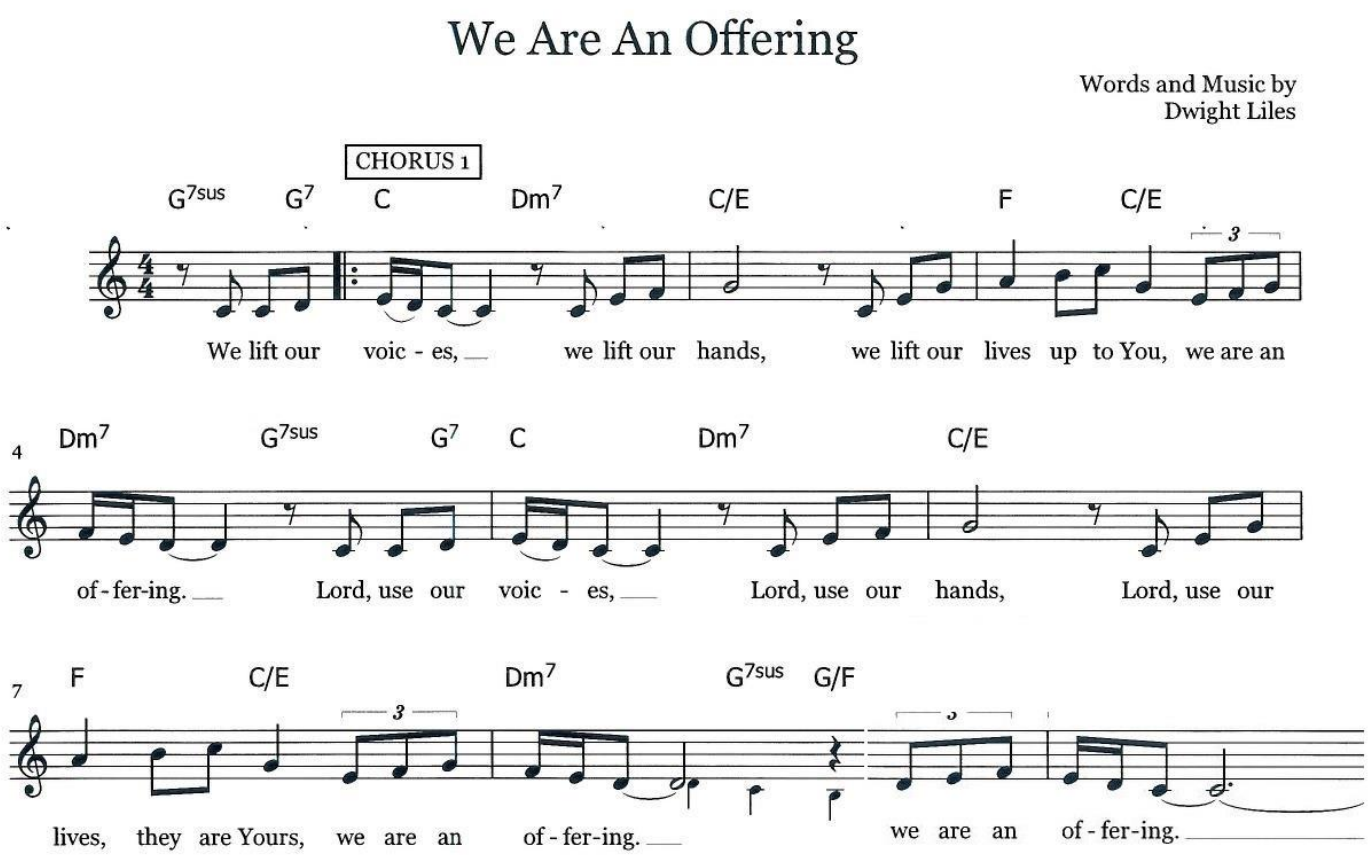
Offering

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 Laundry Love.



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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.**

Let us pray**, Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

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.

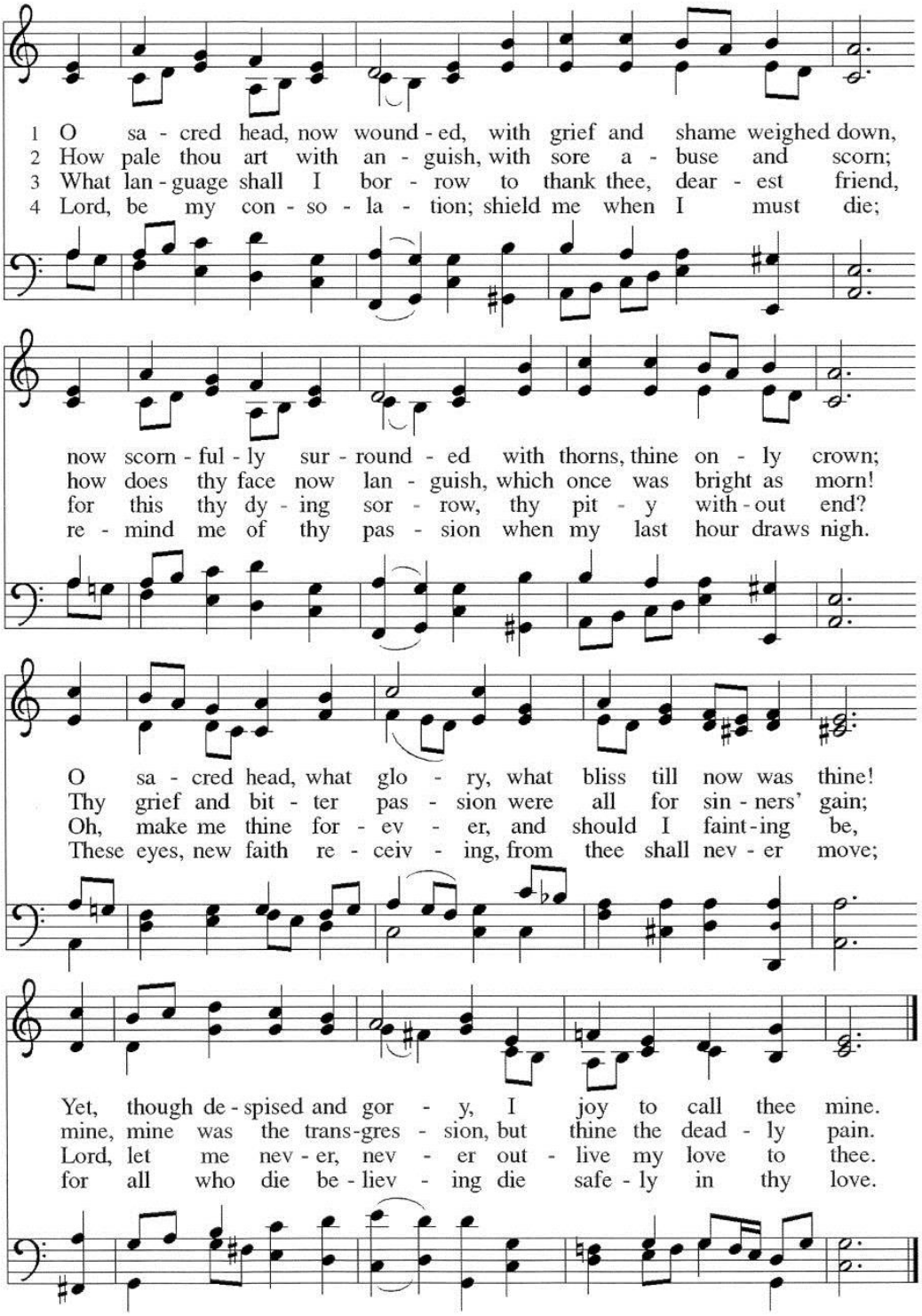
Our Father in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

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 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded & Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



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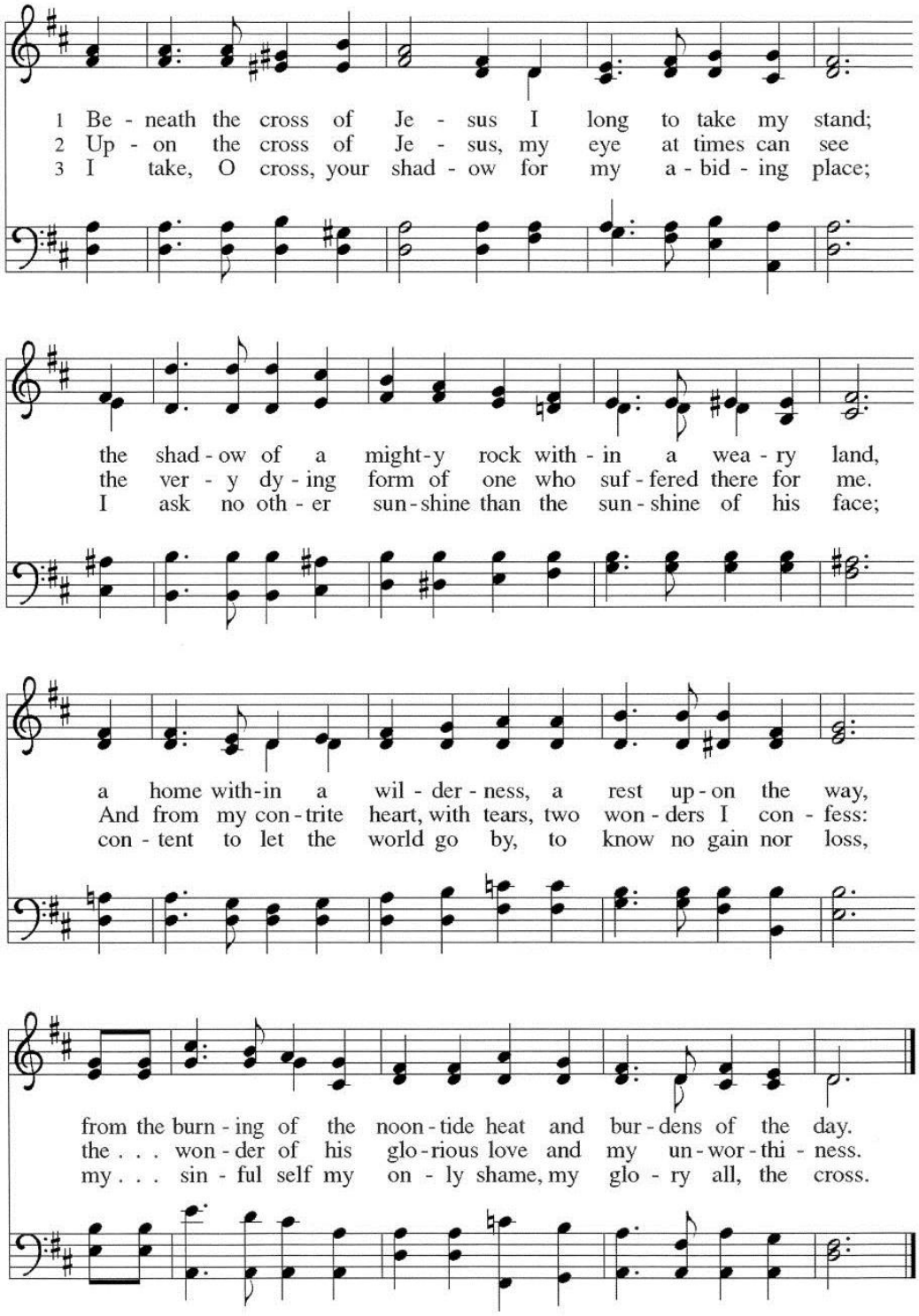
Beneath the Cross of Jesus



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Blessing After Communion

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in His peace. **Amen.**

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. **You offer your son to us to give us life, to show us the way, to sustain us in our daily living. Now send us out to offer our lives in love. We can only do this through your unending love. Thank you. Amen.**

The Sending

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

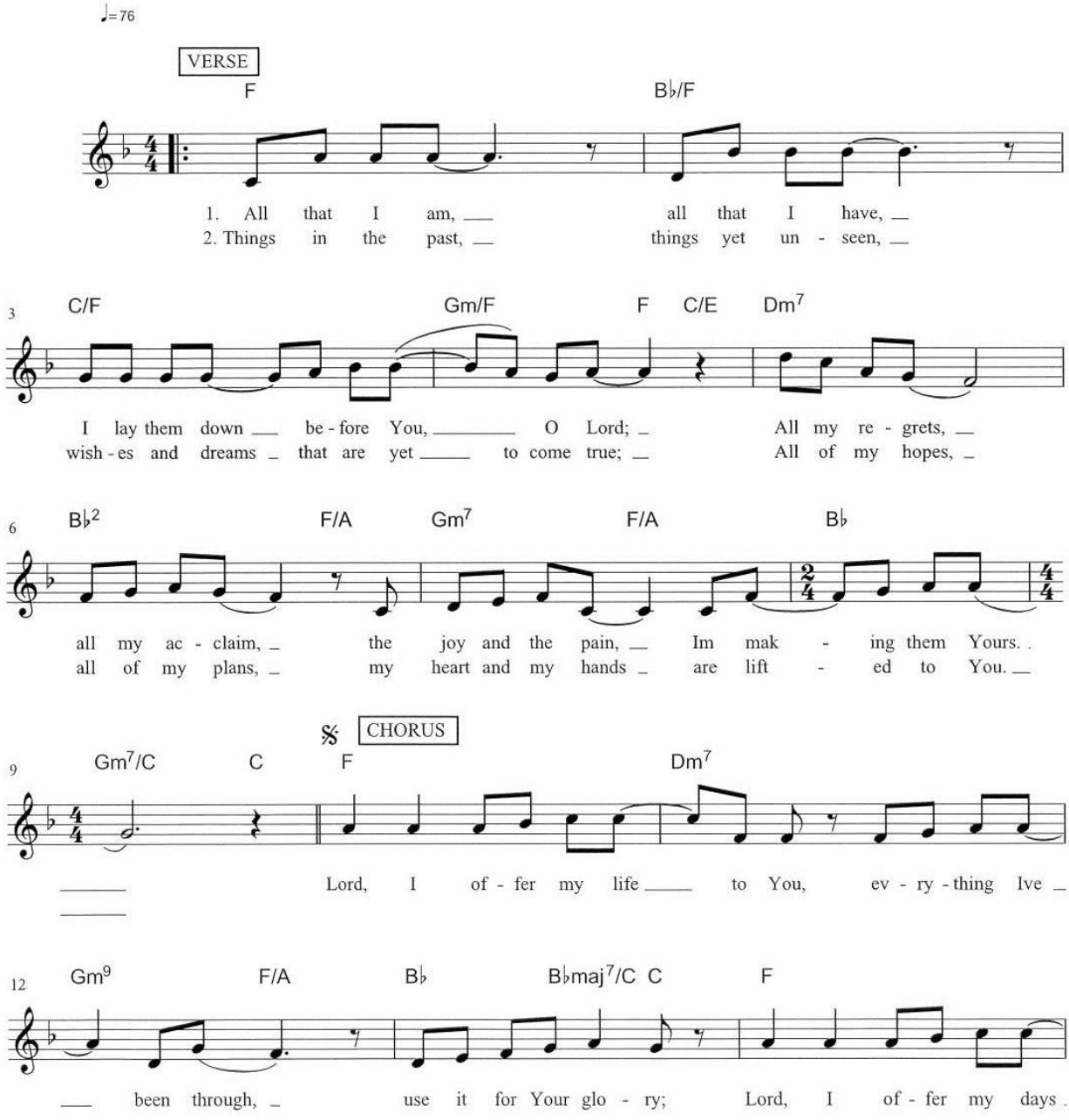
Purpose Sightings

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!" "I Offer My Life" will be sung at the beginning and end of the sharing.

I Offer My Life

Words and Music by
Claire Cloninger and Don Moen



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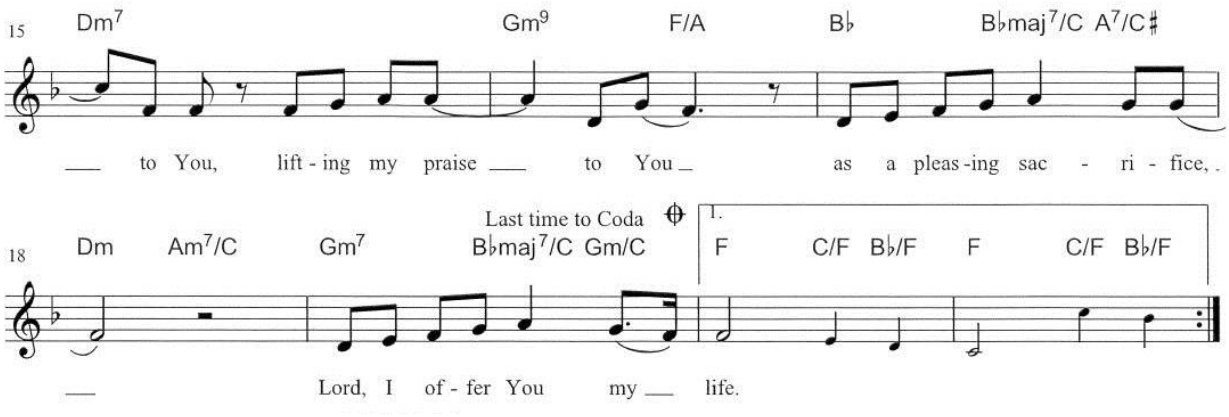


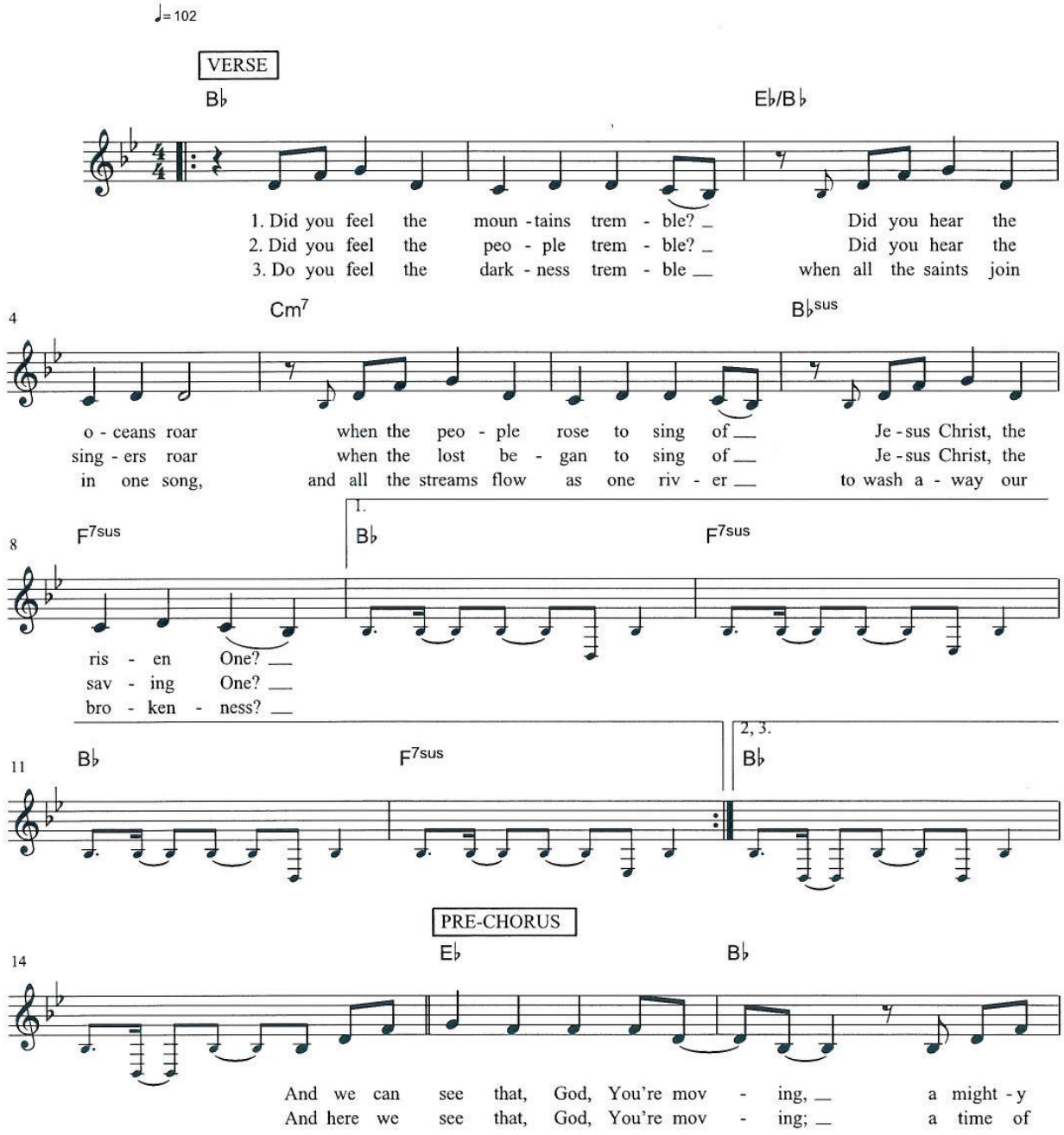
Blessing

May the Lord bless you and keep you,
May the Lords face shine upon you.
May the Lord look upon you with favor,
And give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Song *Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble*

Did You Feel The Mountains Tremble

Words and Music by
Martin Smith



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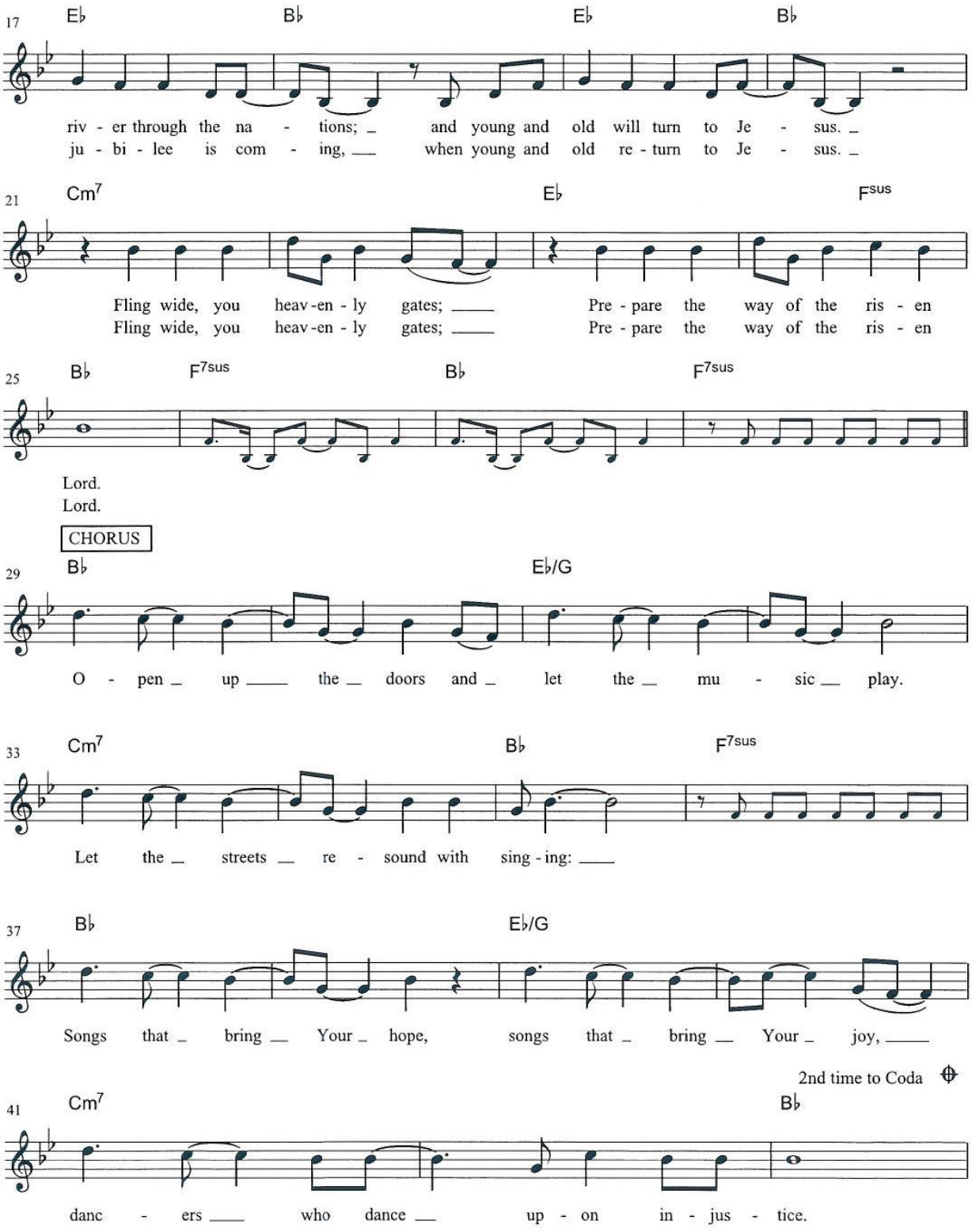
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riv - er through the na - tions; and young and old will turn to Je - sus.
ju - bi - lee is com - ing, when young and old re - turn to Je - sus.
21
Cm7 E♭ Fsus
Fling wide, you heav-en - ly gates; Pre - pare the way of the ris - en
Fling wide, you heav-en - ly gates; Pre - pare the way of the ris - en
25
B♭ F7sus B♭ F7sus
Lord.
Lord.
CHORUS
29
B♭ E♭/G
O - pen up the doors and let the mu - sic play.
33
Cm7 B♭ F7sus
Let the streets re - sound with sing - ing:
37
B♭ E♭/G
Songs that bring Your hope, songs that bring Your joy,
2nd time to Coda
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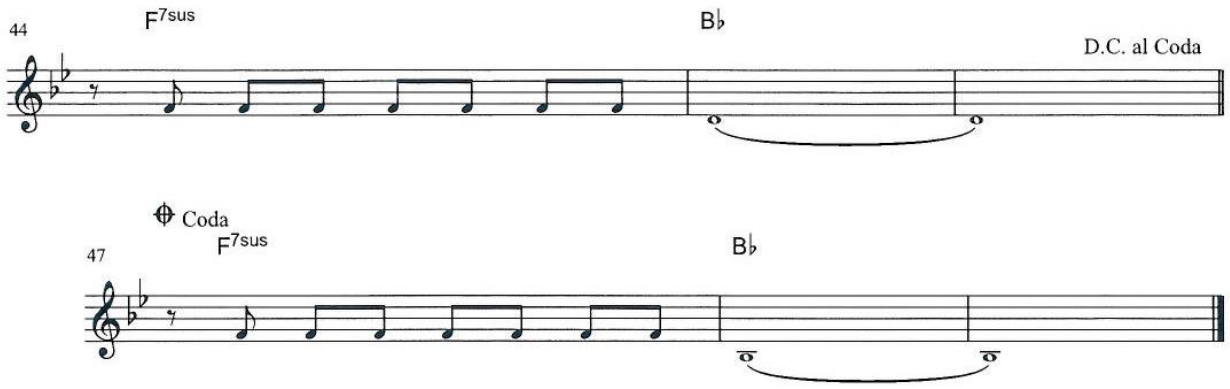
danc - ers who dance up - on in - jus - tice.



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

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