FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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November 29, 2026

Holy Communion 11:00 am

Prelude

*****The Processional Hymn *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (ELW) No. 257

*****The Confession and Forgiveness (ELW) page 94

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy.....of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God,.....in the name of the Father, and of the ☩Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*****The Apostolic Greeting (ELW) page 138

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*****The Kyrie *(sung response)* (ELW) page 138

P: ....., let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

*The Hymn of Praise *This is the Feast* (ELW) No. 140

*The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading Isaiah 64:1-9

(After the Old Testament Lesson is announced, will light one candle on the Advent Wreath as the congregation sings verse 1 of Hymn No. 240, Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah) and prayer.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Savior of the Nations Come* Bell Choir

The Psalmody for the Day *(read responsively)* Psalm 80:1-7

1 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock. You
who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

2 Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up Your might and come to save us!

3 Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

4 O LORD God of hosts, how long will You be angry with Your people's prayers?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink
in full measure.

6 You make us an object of contention for our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Christmas is Coming* Adult Choir

*The Gospel Acclamation *(sung)* (ELW) page 142

C: Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

* The Gospel Mark 13:24-37

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (sung after announcement of the Gospel)

C: Praise to You, O Christ. (sung after conclusion of the Gospel)

Children's Sermon Rev. Grewe

Sermon Rev. Robert B. Grewe

*****The Hymn of the Day *Savior of the Nations Come* (ELW) No. 263

*****The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

*The Prayers of the Church (response)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

*****Sharing of the Peace

The Musical Offering

*****The Offertory *Create in Me a Clean Heart* (SBH) No. 27

*The Great Thanksgiving (ELW) page 144

*The Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

Lamb of God (ELW) page 146

The Distribution

Communion Hymn *Now We Join in Celebration* (ELW) No. 462

Prayer/Blessing

Announcements

*****The Benediction *(sung response)*

C: Amen, Amen, Amen.

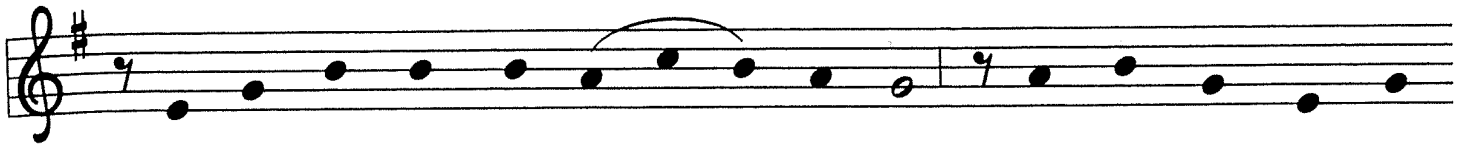
*****The Recessional Hymn *Wake Awake, For Night is Flying* (ELW) No. 436

*****The Dismissal *(response)*

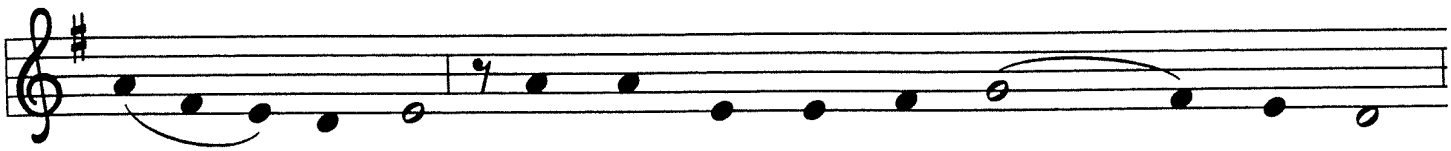
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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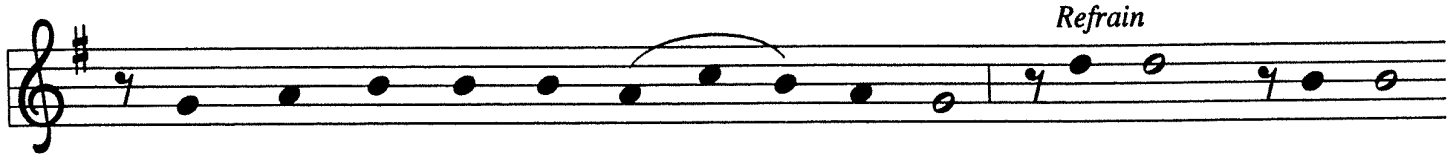


1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



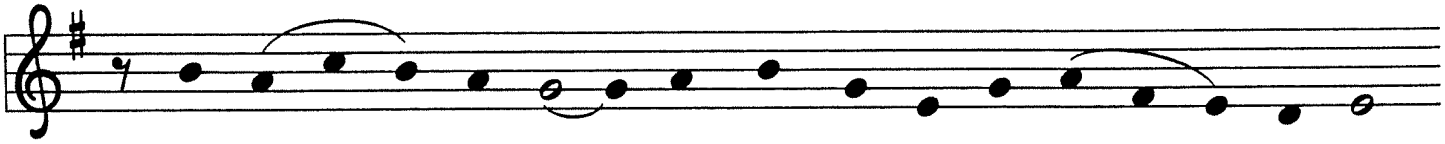
Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,

Refrain



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
teach us your will and guide our way.
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

Re-joice! Re-joice!



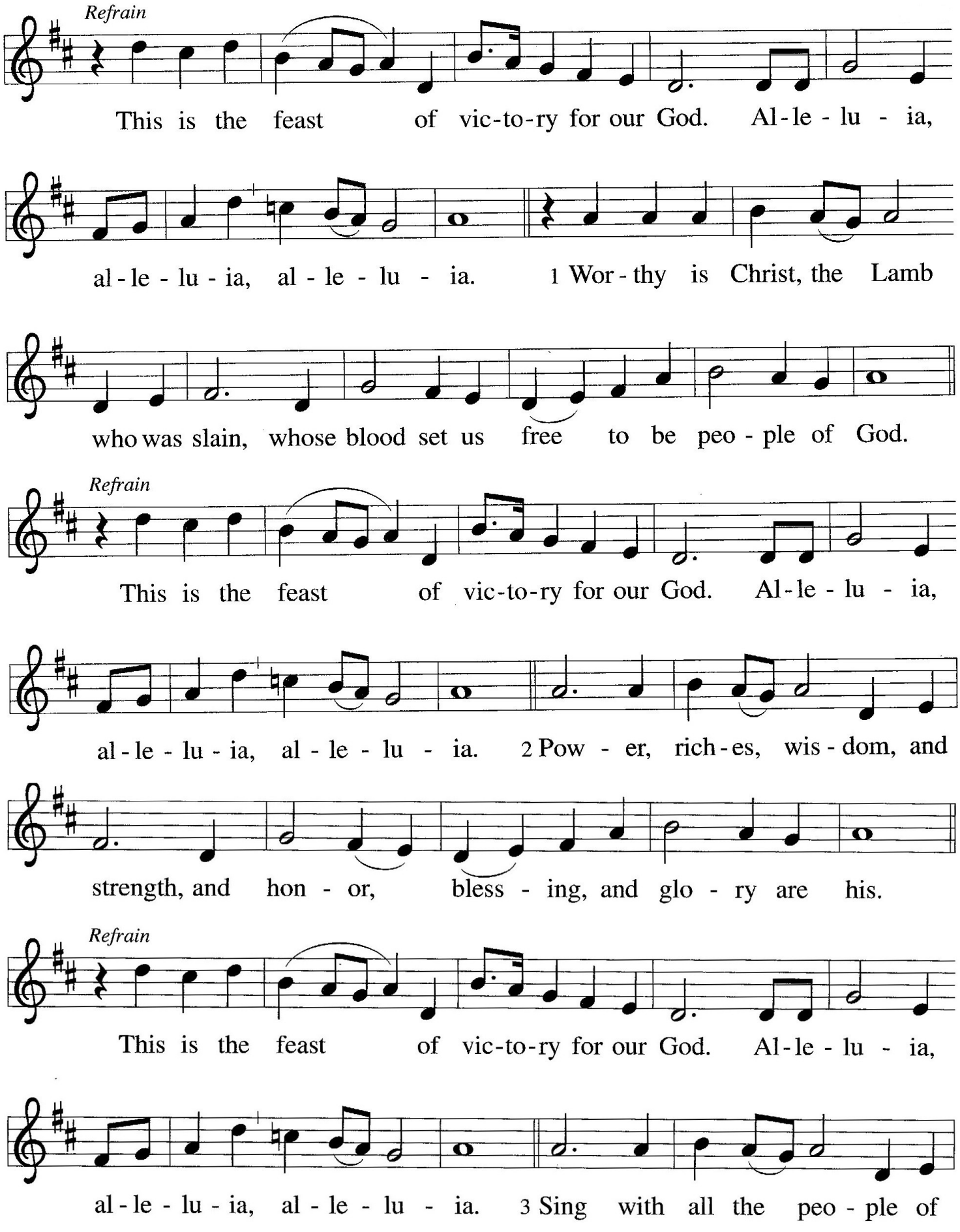
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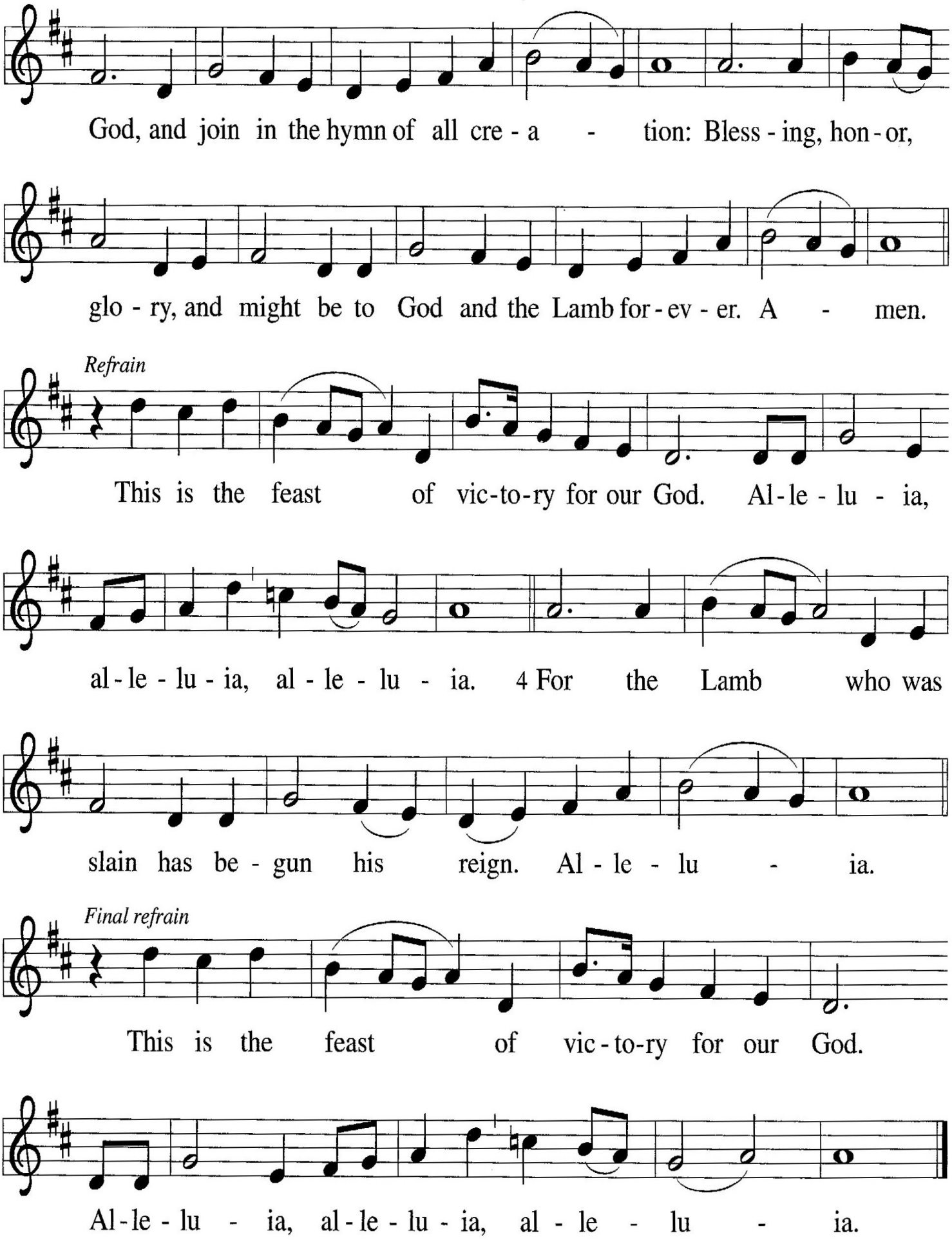
5 O come, O Key of David, come,
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.
Refrain

6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
O Sun of justice, now draw near
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight.
Refrain

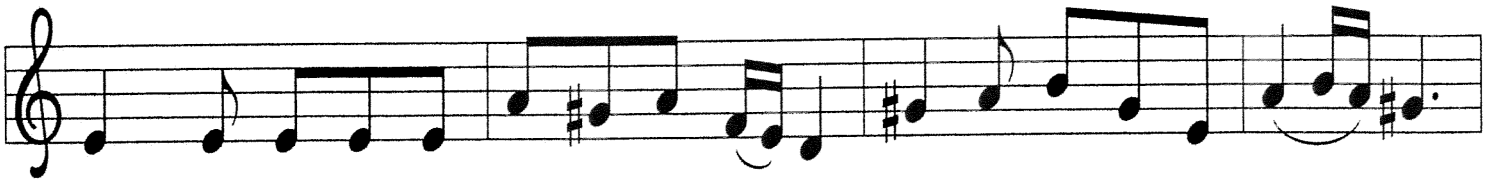
7 O come, O King of nations, come,
O Cornerstone that binds in one:
refresh the hearts that long for you;
restore the broken, make us new.
Refrain

8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Refrain

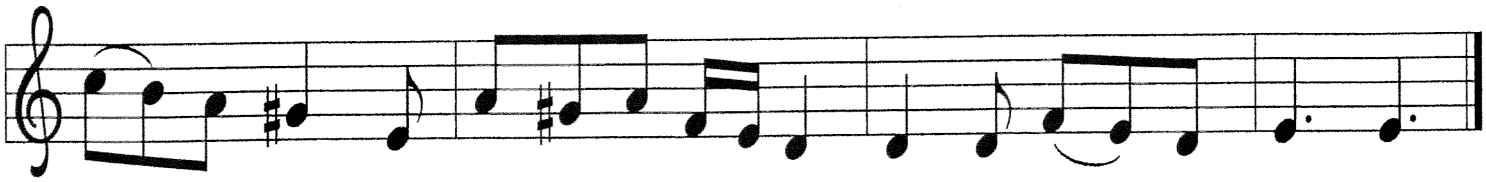

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.
Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and
strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.
Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 3 Sing with all the peo-ple of


God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
Final refrain
This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah 240

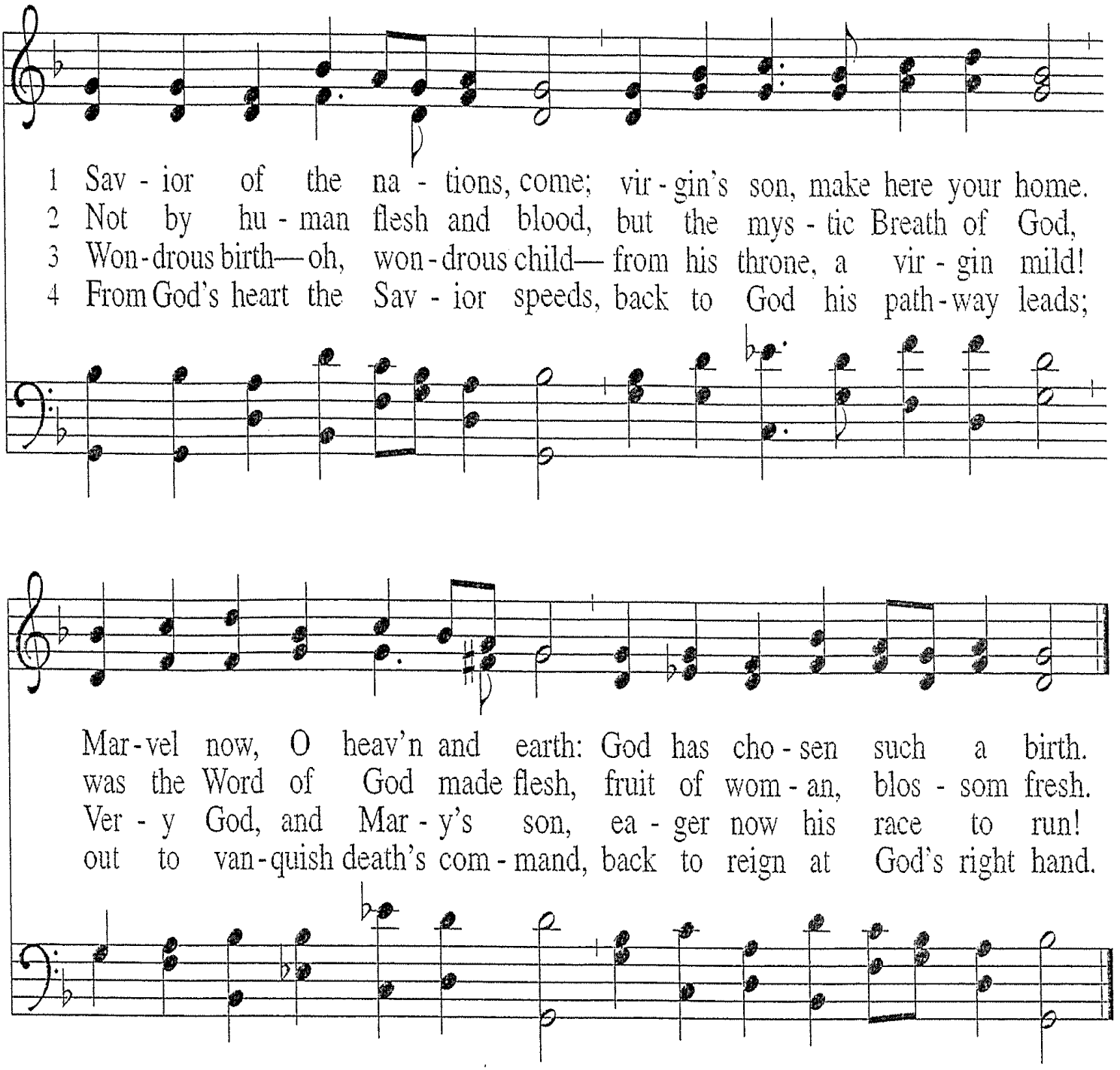


1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si-ah: let the light ban-ish dark-ness.
2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si-ah: let the light ban-ish dark-ness.
3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si-ah: let the light ban-ish dark-ness.
4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si-ah: let the light ban-ish dark-ness.



He shall bring sal-va-tion to Is-ra-el, God ful-fills the prom-ise.
He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent-ly lead them home-ward.
Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo-ry.
He is com-ing, tell the glad tid-ings. Let your lights be shin-ing!

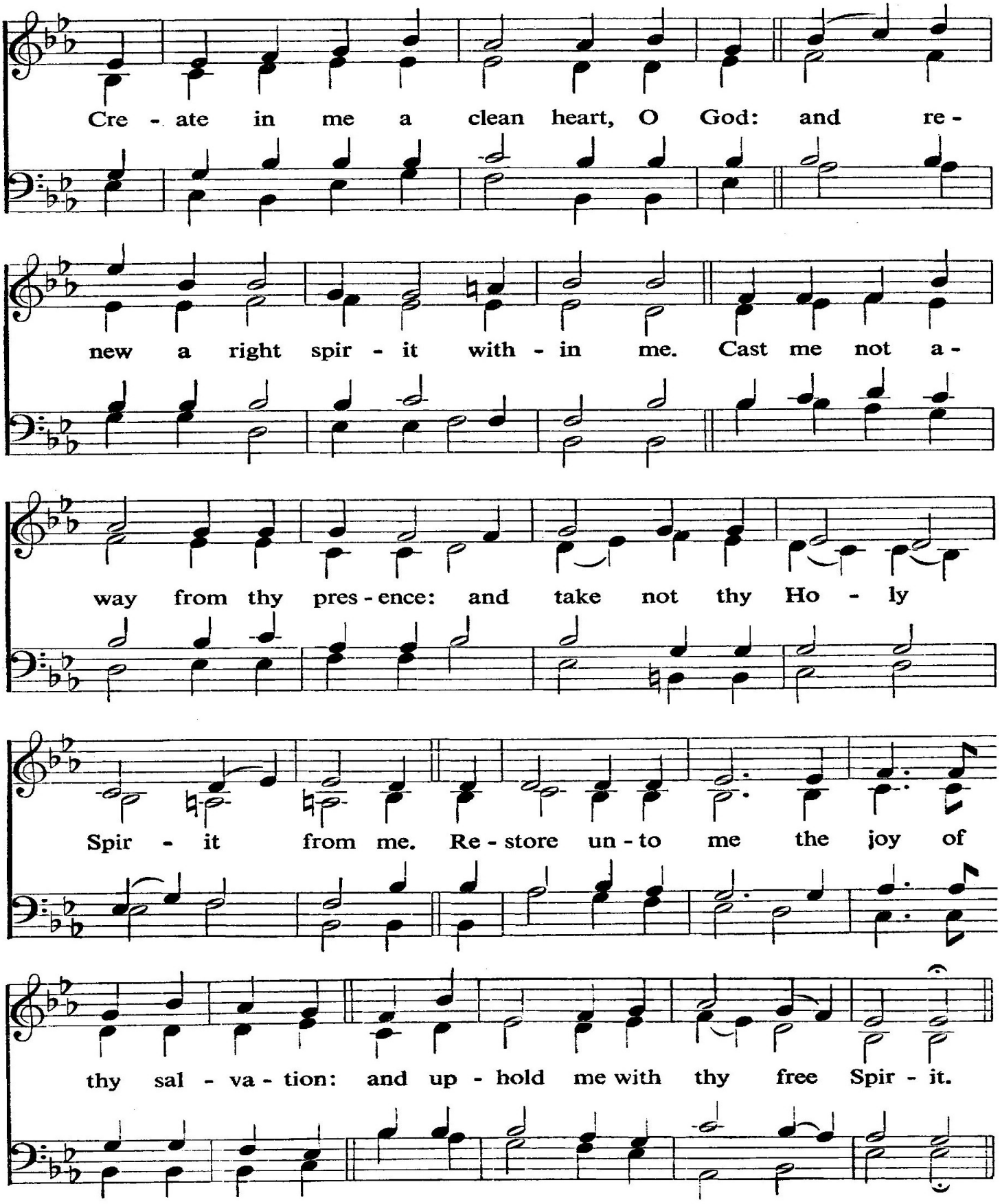
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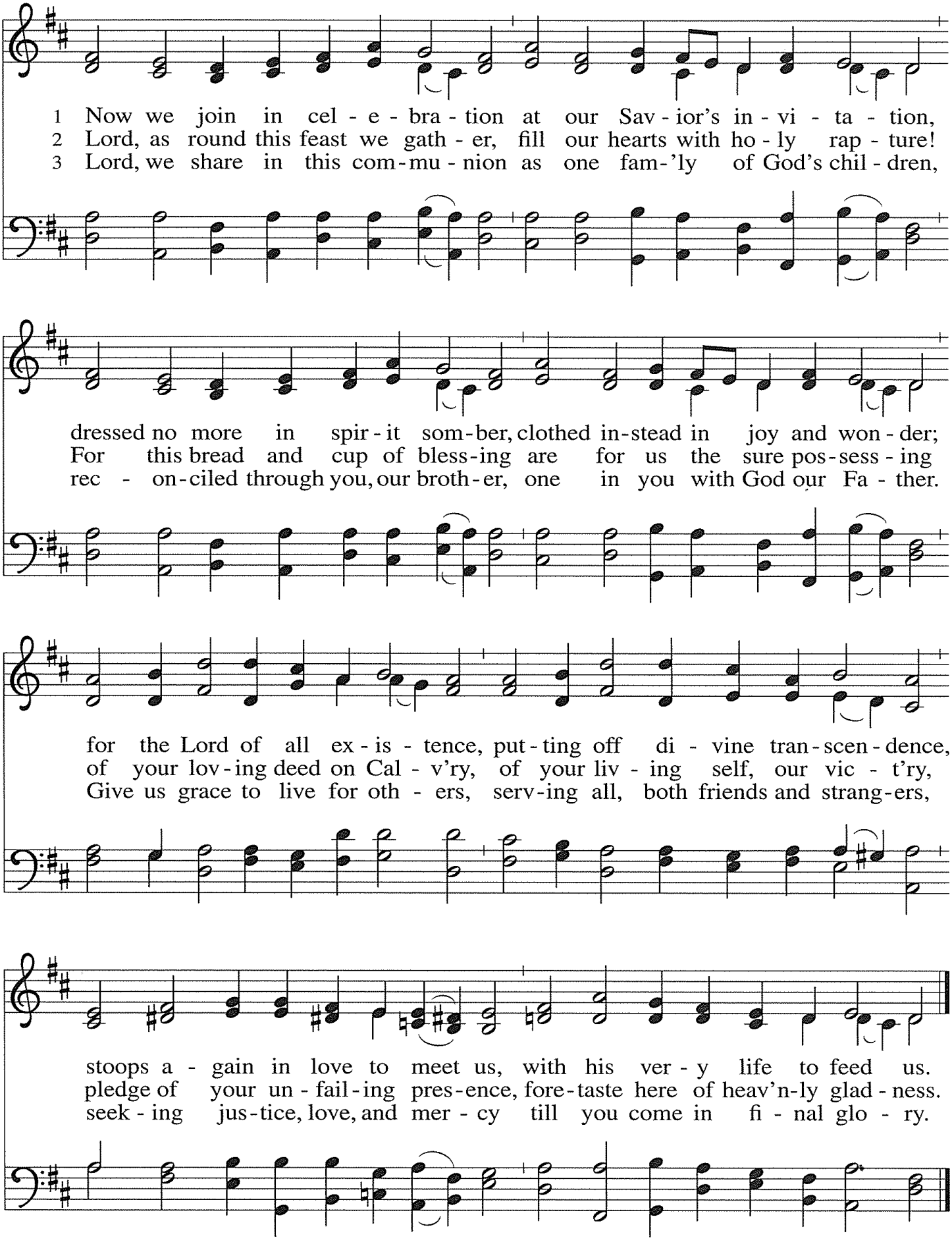
5 Now your manger, shining bright,
hallows night with newborn light.
Night cannot this light subdue;
let our faith shine ever new.

6 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,
virgin's son, incarnate Word!
To the holy Trinity
praise we sing eternally!

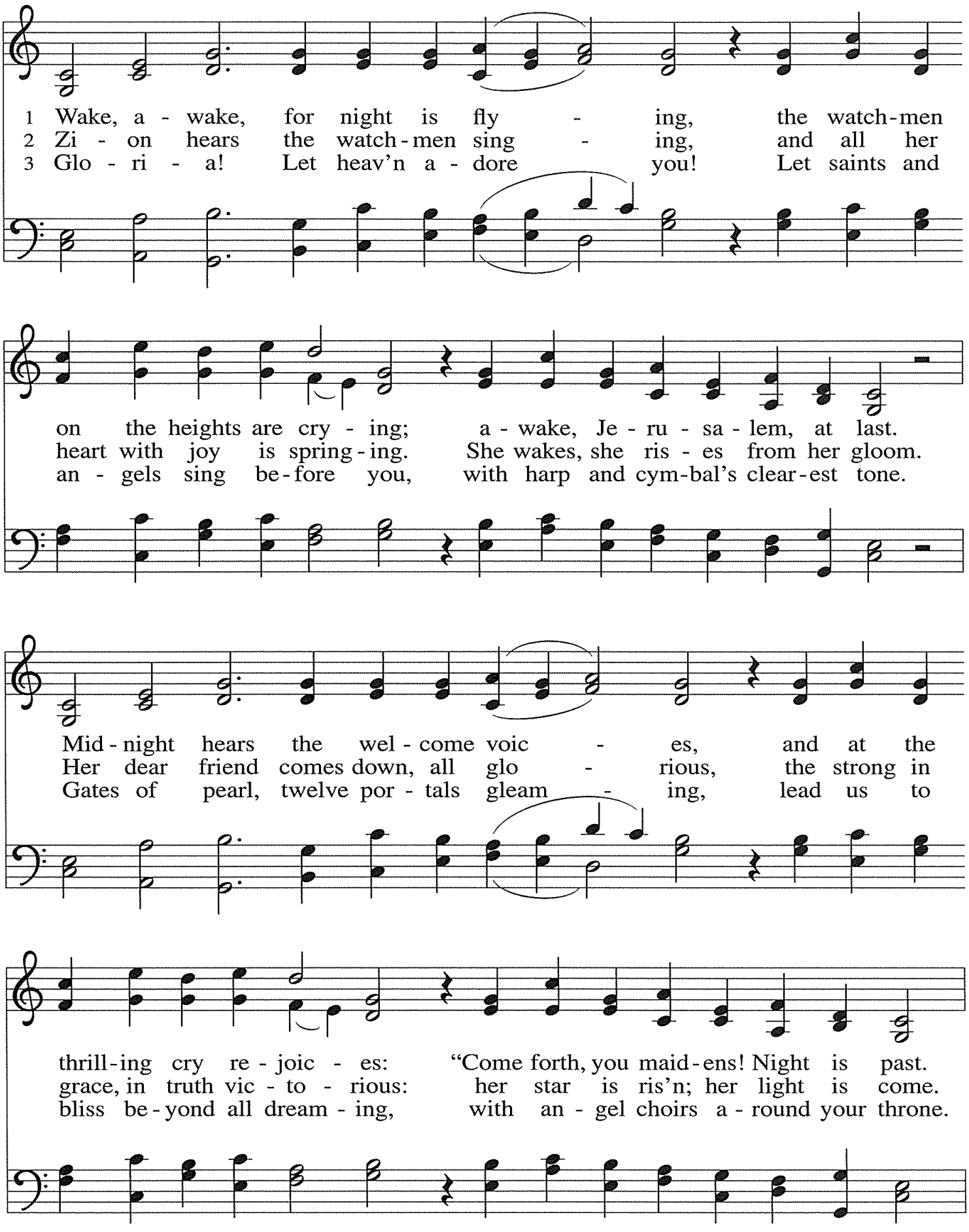
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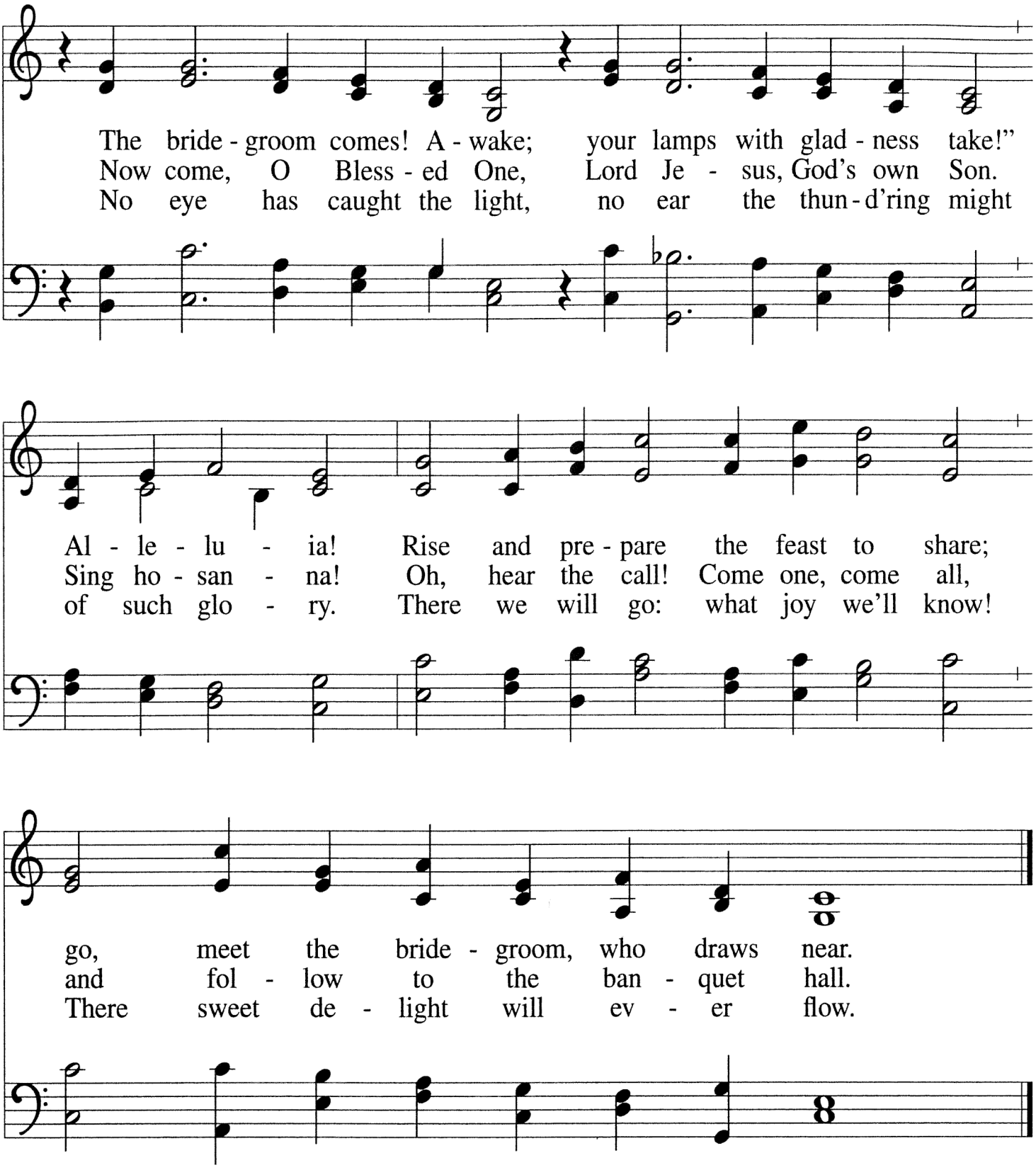
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The Flowers on the Chancel are given to the glory of God in celebration of the First Sunday of Advent, as we joyfully prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. And in gratitude for God's many blessings. A donation to the Restoration Fund has been made by Cindy and Scott Linville.

The Lay Reader is Dennis Schmidt.

Acolytes are Jacin and Trevor Flowers.

Counters/Greeters today are L. Sten and D. Schmidt..

Welcome to our Visitors! The people of this congregation welcome you as you join us in worship this morning. Please sign the register, located in the narthex. If you have questions, please see the pastor or contact the church office.

Do you wish to become a member of First Lutheran Church? Please contact Pastor Grewe.

Nursery: We welcome all children to be a part of worship, but we realize that sometimes the service can be too long for the little ones. We have a nursery for those attending to the needs for infants and small children. There is a speaker in the nursery so that parents can still hear the service. You are welcome to use the nursery for the entire service, or just a small part.

The Flower Chart for 2026 is posted in the narthex. If you wish to place flowers, (real or artificial) near the altar, sign your name opposite the date of your choice. You will be reminded of your date and asked for the wording you want in the bulletin two weeks before the due date.

Sign-up sheets are posted to host a coffee hour in 2026. Please write you names under the month you would like to host. The coffee hours have been a wonderful time of fellowship and the hosts have been awesome! Thank you!!

Sign-up sheets are posted for Lay Readers in 2026. Please sign up.

Please pray for those in need of healing:

Greg Mason, Ed Dupas, Carol Cancelmi, Sandy Hebrank, Richard & Lisa Hager, Anneleise Christian, Rick & Amande, RJ, Shari Kienzle, Susan Westcott, Apollos Yocca, Cathie Schuett-Weaver, Grant Baun, Nikki Thon, Amy Verderber, RJ and James, Dennis S., Mike Miller, Joanne Marker, Don Hazlett, Ken C., Pr. Bill White, Peter & Natalie, Jaxon McNaught, Bernadette and Fred Devine, Leann Vitteck, Oliver Chadwick, Danielle Sherman, Judi, George Salvucci, Bill Kovach, Lynda Bolton-Sprowls, Crystal Worthy, Rachael R., Eric, McKenzie, Brad Webeck, Abigail, Barbara Mounts, Patty Platts, and Sonie Rea.

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Turning Point at Washington

Movie and Meal after Service.

Adult Catechism Class meets Tuesday at 11AM and 7 PM.

Chess Club meets on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm. All are welcome from beginners to experienced.

Dart Ball Game is December 1. First Lutheran will play at 4th Presbyterian. Practice starts at 7:00, games start at 7:30. Hope to have several new members join our team.

Dec. 2 - Mid Week Advent Service at 7 PM.