# Time after Pentecost

*November 2026*



**Jefferson Prairie Lutheran Church**

*As a community called by Christ,*
*We live our faith by loving and serving all creation.*

## *Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

*November 15, 2026 9:30AM*

**Prelude**
**Announcements**
**Welcome**
*Please stand as you are able*

**Confession and Forgiveness**
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.
Holy God,
**we confess that we have trusted in our preparation**
**instead of your invitation.**
**We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.**
**We trust the voice of our shame and fear,**
**which keeps us from entering fully**
**into relationship with you and others.**
**We are not awake to the coming of your reign.**
**Rouse us and rescue us,**
**that we may enter into your joy.**
**Amen.**
. . . Blessed are you. **Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn "We Praise You, O God" #870**

**Greeting**
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
**And also with you.**

**Canticle of Praise This is the Feast** p 140

**Prayer of the Day**
. . . one God, now and forever.
**Amen**.

*Please be seated*

**WORD** *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

**Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11** p 1077
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**Anthem** **With a Voice of Singing** **Choir**

**Psalm** **Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12** p 536

*Please stand as you are able*

**Gospel Acclamation** p 151
Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.
Al-le-lu-ia

**Gospel**
The Holy Gospel according to Mathew, the 25th chapter
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Mathew 25:14-30** p 904

**Response to Gospel**
The Gospel of the Lord.
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

**Children's Message**

**Sermon** **Pr. Wade Crevier**

**Silence for Meditation** *We pause in contemplation of God's word, preparing to respond with song.*

*Please stand as you are able*

**Message Response** **"Lord of Glory, You Have Brought Us" #707**

**New Member Reception**
People of Jefferson Prairie, will you welcome these new members into our congregation, get to know them, pray for them, share in worship and fellowship with them, and encourage them as we serve together in Christ's name?
**We will, and we ask God to help us!**
Let us pray . . . Jesus Christ, our Lord**. Amen.**
Jefferson Prairie, let us welcome our newest members!
**Welcome! We are glad you are here!**

**Prayers of Intercession**
Petition response: **Your mercy is great.**

. . . through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

**Peace**
The peace of Christ be with you always.
**And also with you.**

**MEAL** *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**Offerings** Place offerings in the plate at the sanctuary entrance, mail to the church, or give through our website or Tithe.ly App. Thank you for your financial support of our ministry.

**Presentation of Gifts "Praise and Thanksgiving" (v.1-2) #689**

**Offering Prayer**
Eternal God,
**our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.**
**Receive what we offer,**
**and all that you entrust to us,**
**until hungry no more, all the world is fed,**
**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Great Thanksgiving**
The Lord be 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.**
. . . and join their unending hymn:
**Holy, Holy, Holy** p. 144
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na. Ho-san-na. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

**Words of Promise**

**Lord's Prayer**
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
**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.**

*Please be seated*

**Communion** *All are welcome at God's table. Communion is by intinction. You will receive the wafer and then dip it into the wine. Gluten-Free wafers are available by request.*

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| **Communion Hymns** | **"Lord of Light"** | **#688** |
| | **"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"** | **#697** |
| | **"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"** | **#742** |

*Please stand as you are able*

**Post Communion Blessing & Prayer**
. . . in Christ's name.
**Amen.**

**SENDING** *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*
**Blessing**
. . . today and always. **Amen.**

**Bell Toll**

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| **Sending Hymn** | **"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" v. 1-4** | **#632** |

**Dismissal**
Go in peace. Encourage one another.
**Thanks be to God.**

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**Thank you for worshiping with us.**
**Blessings on your day.**

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## Worship Leaders

Terry & Loretta Williams – Ushers/Greeters
Jettie Morelock & Jameson Dredske – Acolytes
Chris Vance – Reader
Mark Schneider - Livestream
Steve Mentele – Choir Director
Robin Hoefer – Pianist
Wade Crevier – Pastor

## Weekly Scripture

**1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, for those who sleep *sleep* at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12**

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another**.**

**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.**

You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth**."**

**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night.**

you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass:

**in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath.

**Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

When you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

**The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty;**

**yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.**

Who regards the power of your wrath? Who rightly fears your indignation?

**So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

**Matthew 25:14-30**

[Jesus said to the disciples:]"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

**Announcements for November 15, 2026**
**Welcome!** We are happy you are here today!
**NOTE:** This worship service is being livestreamed.

**Keep in prayer:** June Bates, Judy Clark (Bill's sister-in-law), Jill Fiorenza (Jim Baker's sister), Julie Knutson's niece, Erin, Derek Lindstrom, Vince Miller (Ted's brother-in-law), Brad Pfaff (Mary Jane's son-in-law), Stephanie Schneider, Don Snyder (Matt Heeren's grandfather), Lynn Tracy, Mary Jane Tracy, Edna Torkilson, Family of Dan Ransom. **Please contact Pastor Wade with any changes.**

Flowers on the altar are given by Tom & Kris Sanderson.
Thank you Choir for your offering of With a Voice of Singing

- **Veteran Grave Wreaths Reminder**: Orders for wreaths will need to be placed by December 1. Placement is on December 19th. Order sheet is in connecting room.
- **November 15, New Member Reception**: As we welcome our new members today, please join in the fellowship hall after worship to say hello, introduce yourself and enjoy some cake.
- **November 22**: Worship will be followed by a **Pie Fest Fellowship:** Some whole pies will be available for those that would like to take home and share. Free-will offerings to benefit the Thanksgiving Meal & JP Food Programs. Sign-up is in the connecting room. Bring a pie! Stay for the fellowship!
- **November 25 from 4:30PM to 6:30PM**: We welcome our friends and neighbors for a Neighborhood Thanksgiving Dinner. If you would like to be involved, please add your name to the sign up sheet in the connecting room, take a flier and share the invitation. Other options are to call the church office (815) 292-3226 or email at jplc@sharontelephone.com.
- **Poinsettia Time soon!** The due date for orders is Sunday, December 6th. Available colors are red, white, pink and marble. $9 per plant. order blanks will be available starting November 22.
- **Brown Bag Christmas Gift Exchange on December 13th:** Do you have small trinkets or holiday decor that would better serve someone else? Then this exchange is perfect for you! Please bring any items you would like to offer for the gift exchange and place them in the labeled basket through December 6th. During fellowship on December 13th the items will be in mystery brown bags for purchase at $2/bag. All proceeds will go towards supporting our youth attending the Youth Gathering this summer.
- Mission partner for November is Rockford Rescue Mission. Please place donations in the designated offering plate.
- Church Office will be closed on Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 26, 2026.
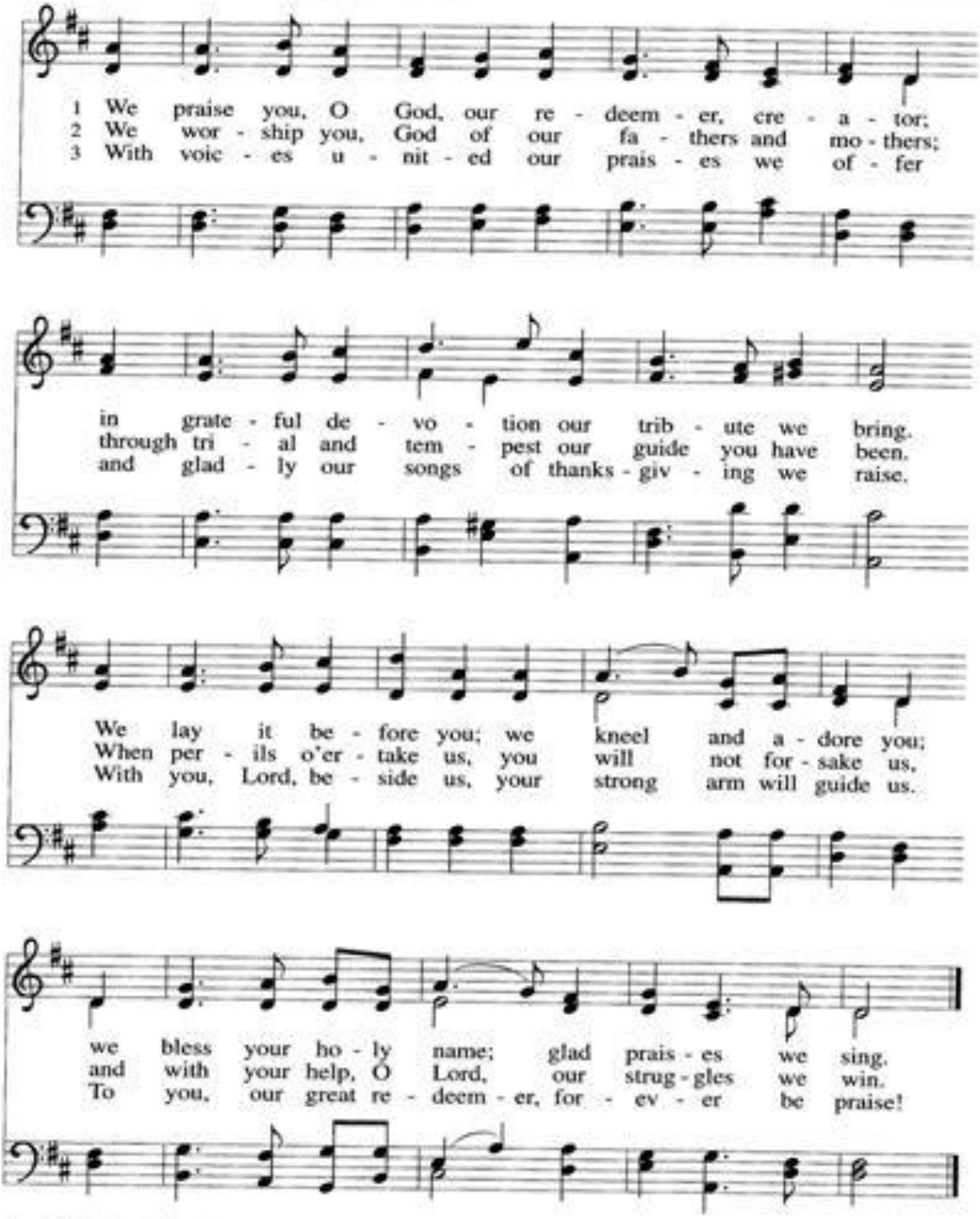
**Sharing Your Offering:** Thank you for your generosity that supports God's ministry here at Jefferson Prairie and our mission partners. There are multiple options for sharing your offering. ***Offering plates** are located on stands by the entrance to the sanctuary. ***Give online** at www.jplchurch.org . Click on the GIVE tab at the top to be directed to Tithe.ly. ***Mail** your check to church: 23184 Bergen Rd. Poplar Grove, IL 61065
**Online worship** available at: https://www.facebook.com/jeffersonprairie/live/ and www.jplchurch.org homepage. Click on Sermons on the website to watch previous worship services.

## This Week's Calendar

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| Sunday, November 15 | 9:30am | Worship/SS/Fellowship |
| Tuesday, November 17 | 9:00am | Quilting |
| | 6:00pm | Council Meeting |
| Wednesday, November 18 | 1:00pm | Bible Study |
| | 6:30pm | Bell Choir Practice |
| | 6:30pm | Confirmation |
| Sunday, November 22 | 9:30am | Worship/SS/Fellowship |

# We Praise You, O God

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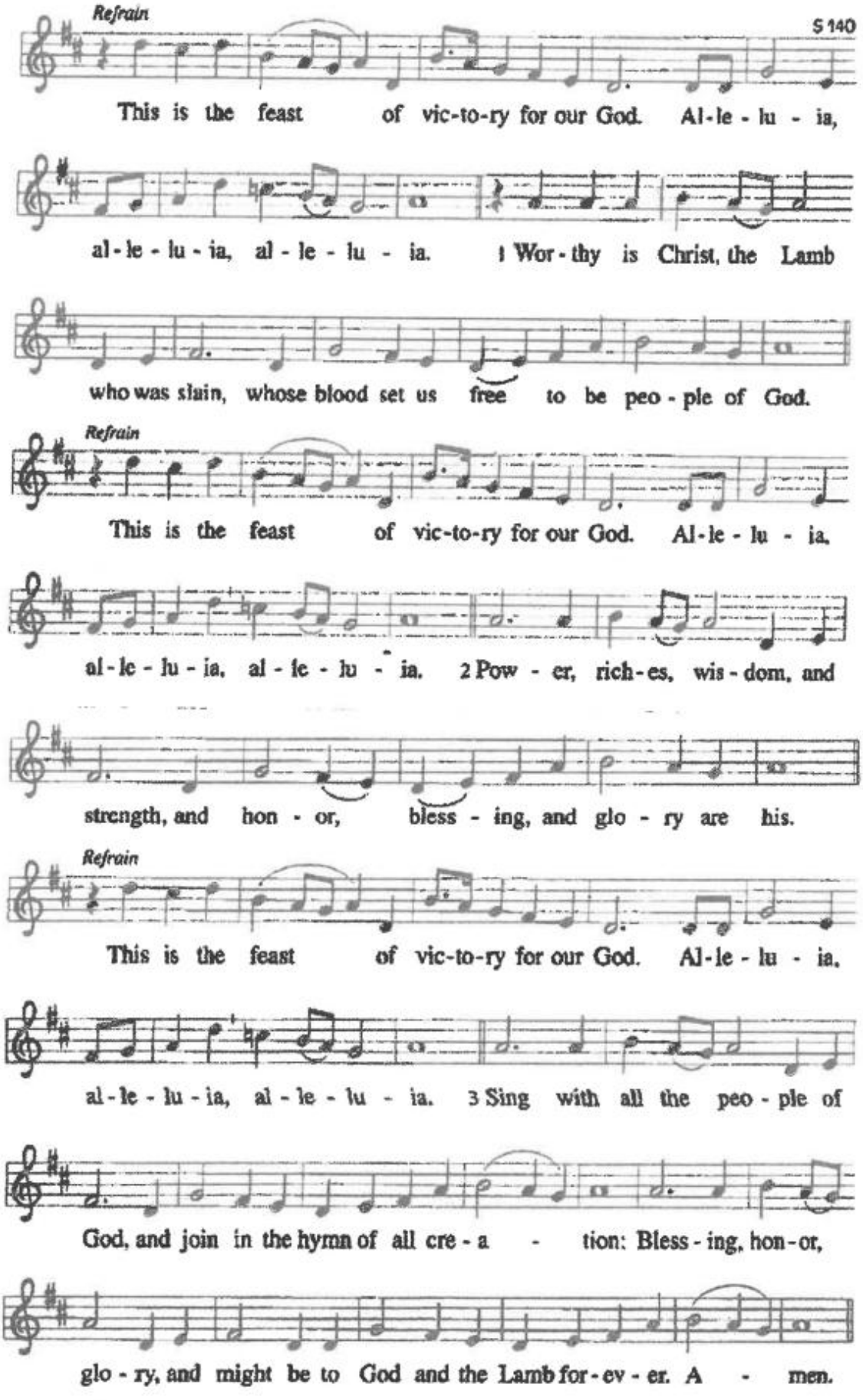



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Music: A. Valerius, *Nederlandtsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626
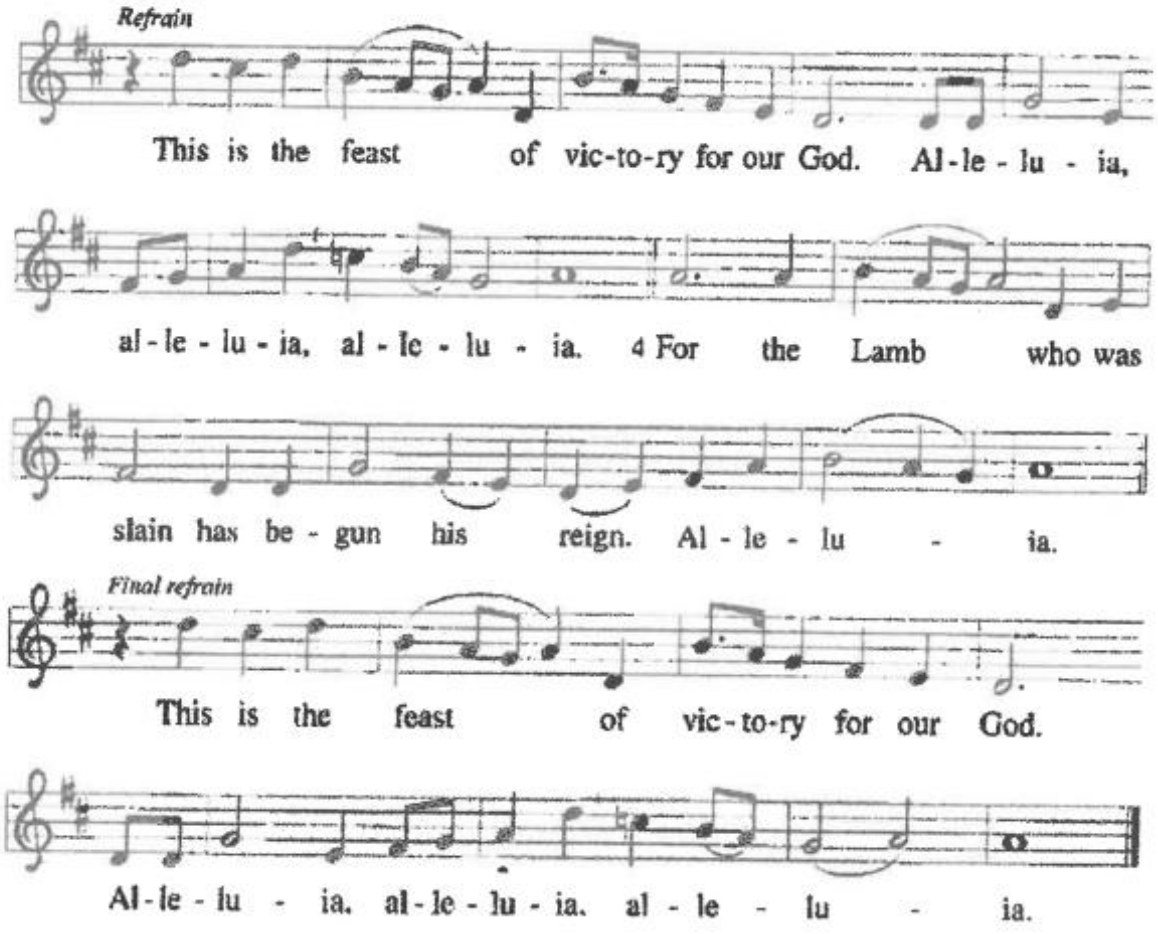
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## Canticle of Praise

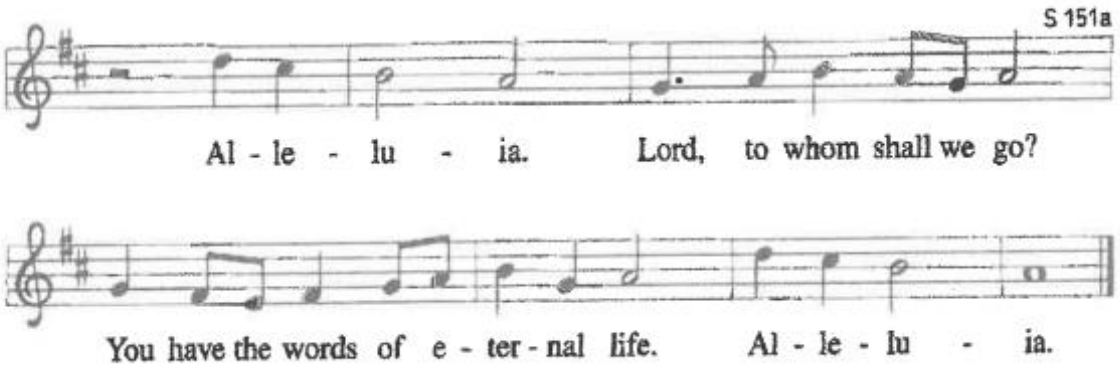
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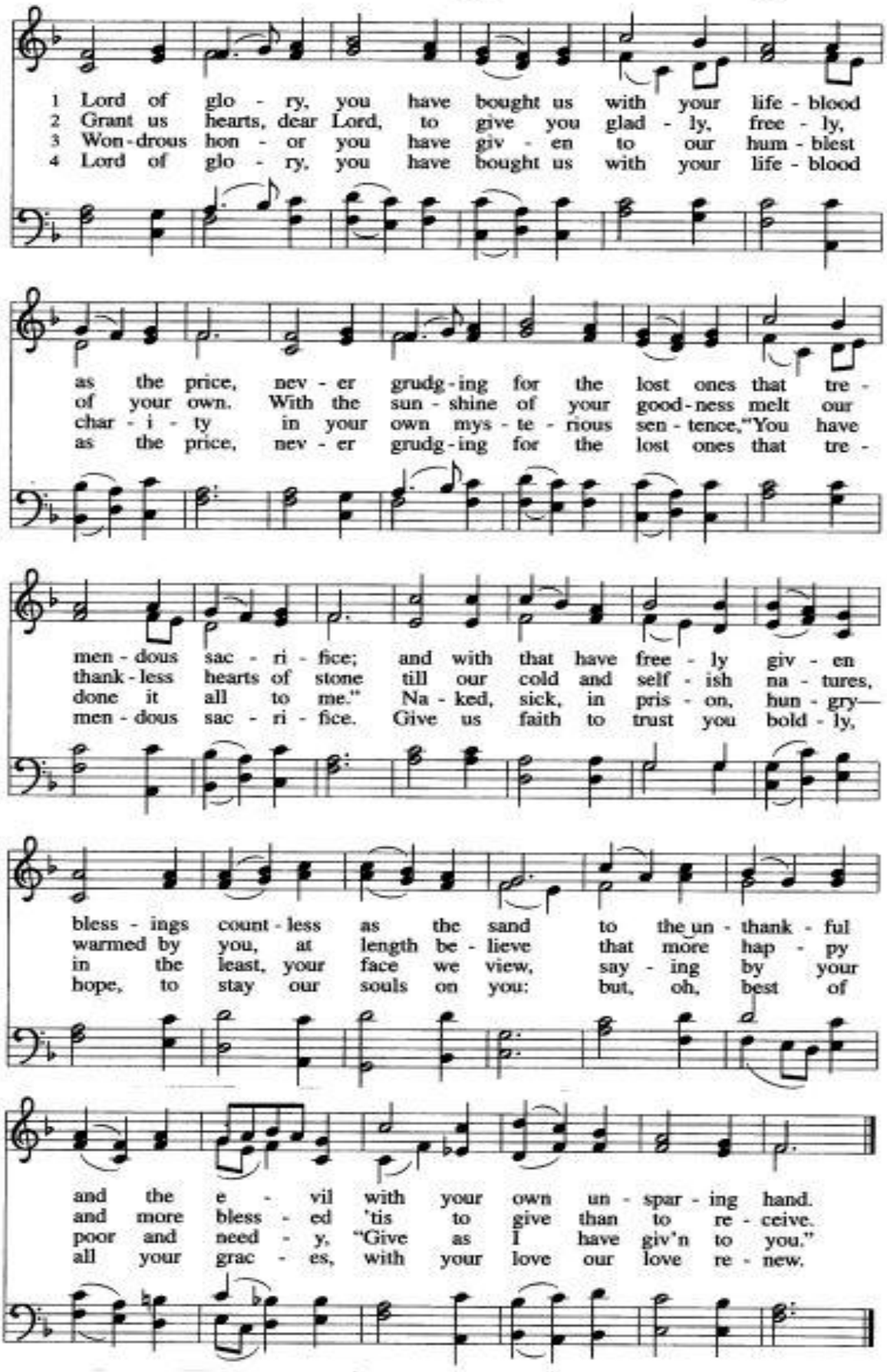


## Canticle of Praise (continued)




## Gospel Acclamation
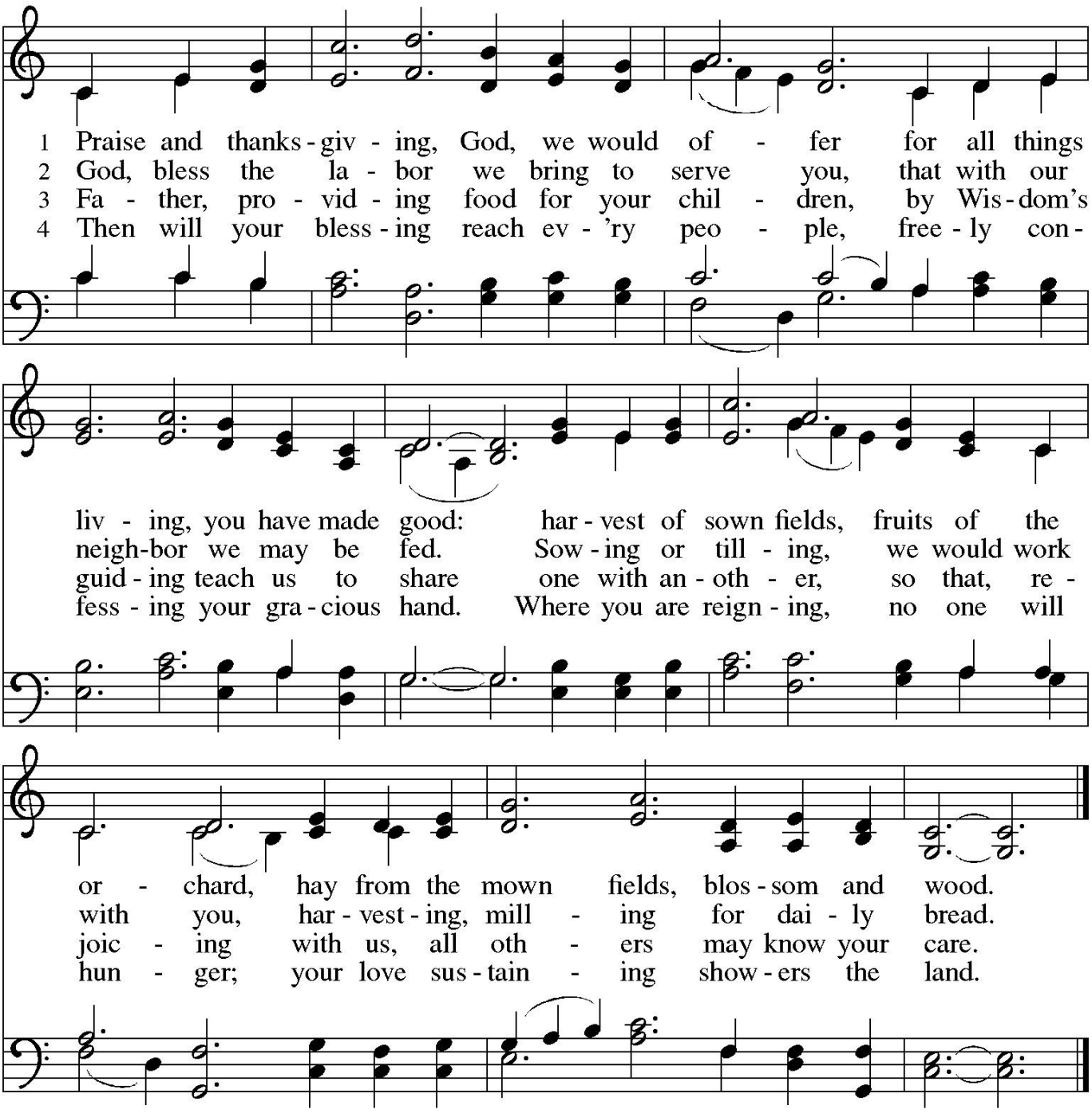


# 707 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us




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Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

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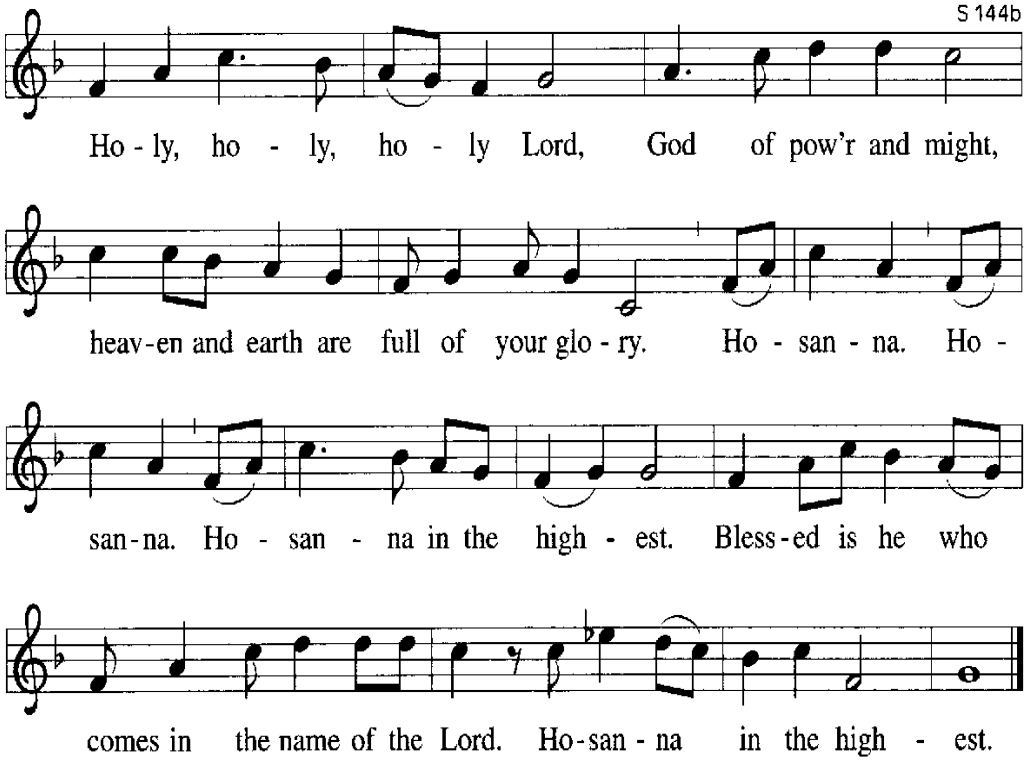
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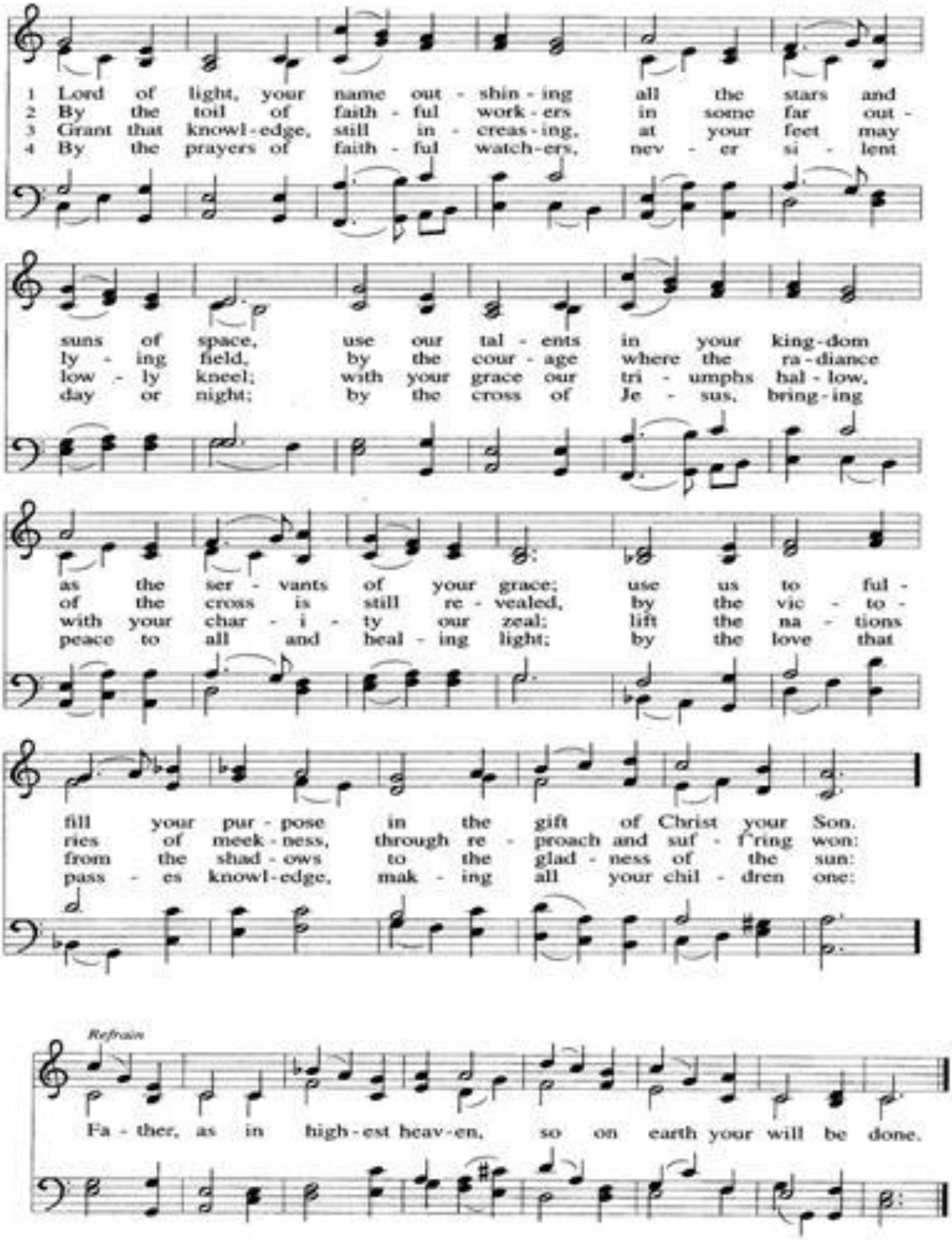



Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984, alt.
Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version
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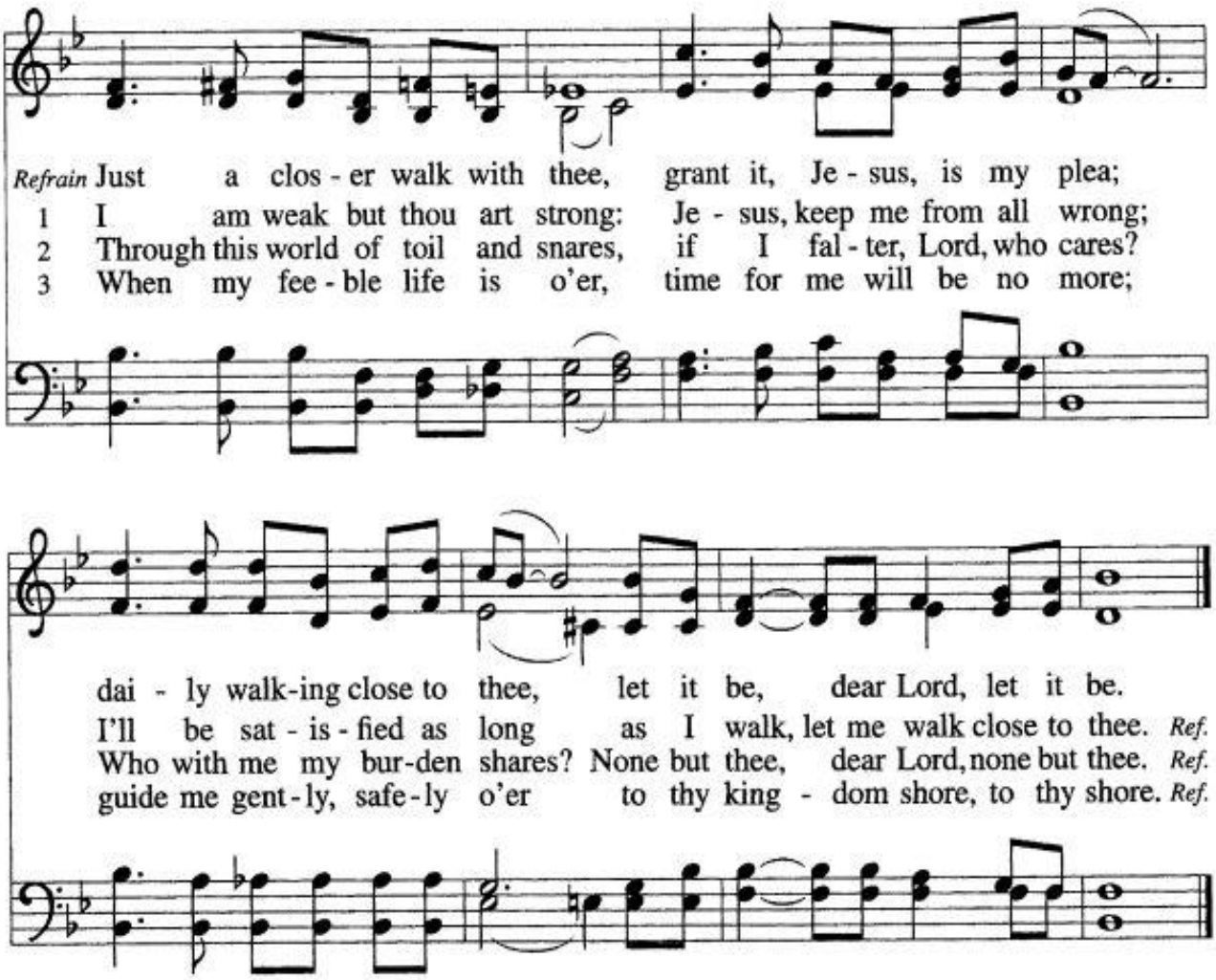
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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

# 688 Lord of Light
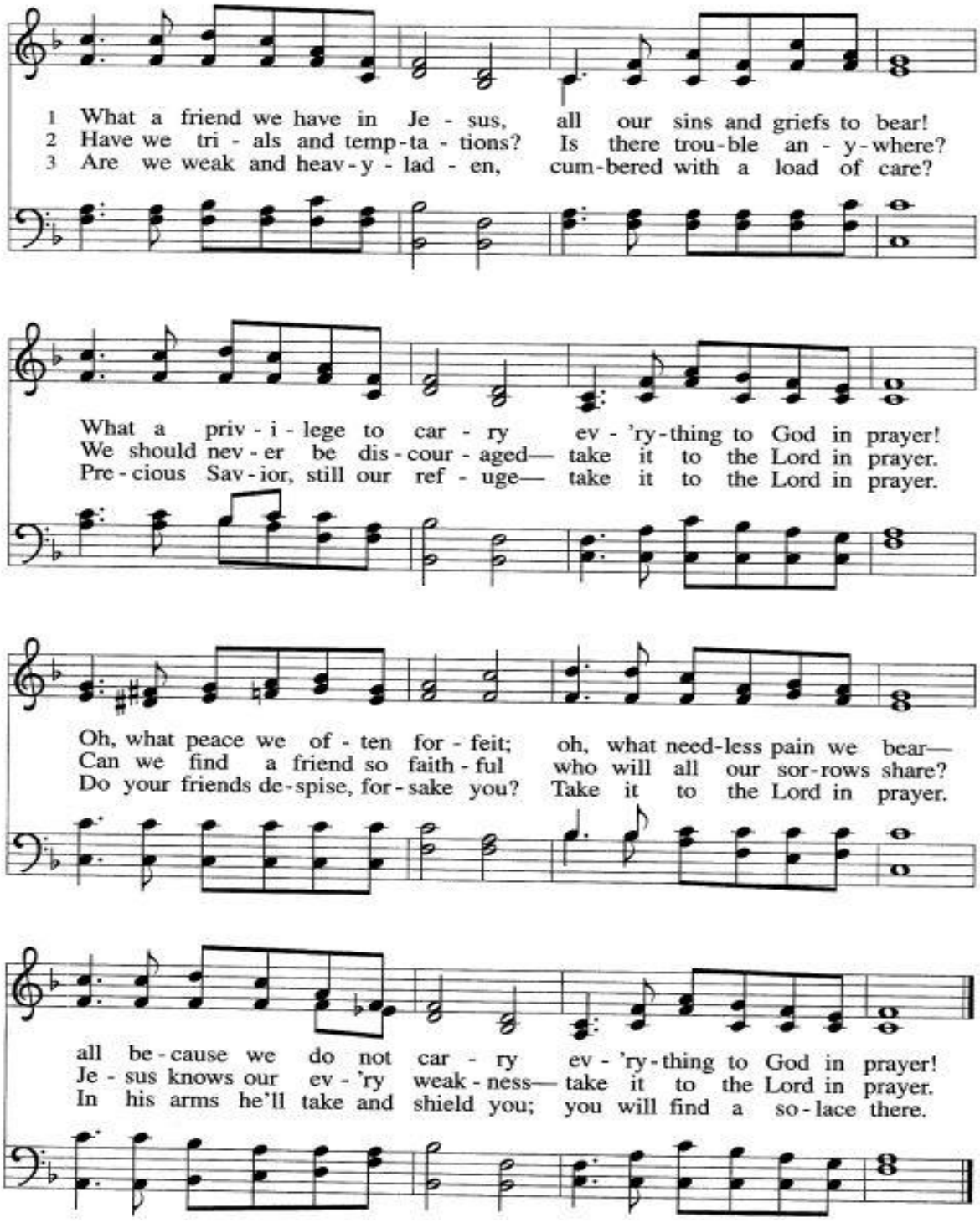


# 697 Just a Closer Walk with Thee




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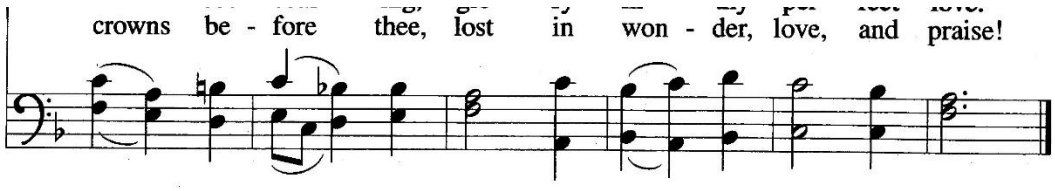
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# What a Friend We Have in Jesus 742

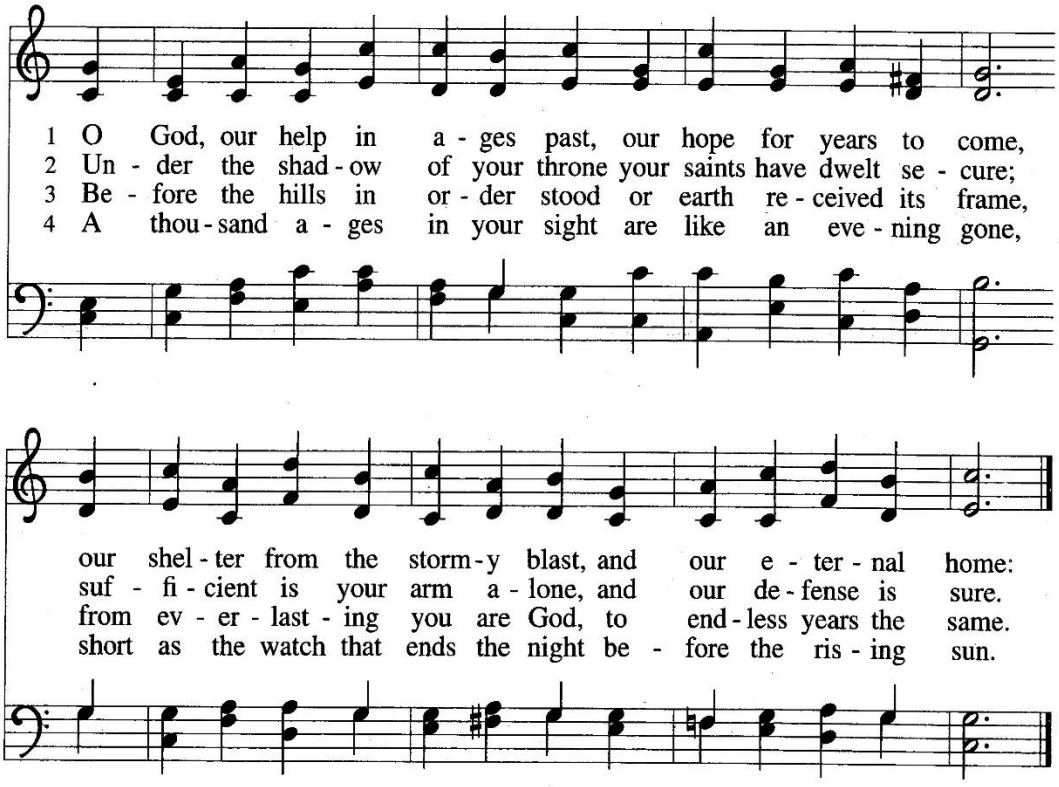



Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886
Music: Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

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# O God, Our Help in Ages Past 632




5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: William Croft, 1678–1727

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