New Hope Lutheran Church

Liturgy of Holy Communion
Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2026
10:30 am

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A Word to our Visitors & Guests

Welcome to New Hope Lutheran Church-ELCA. We are grateful you chose to worship with us and hope that you will experience the joy of God's life-changing love today. Whether looking for a church home, curious about the Christian Faith or visiting with Family, you are welcome here. Please fill out a Connection Card, located in the seat pocket in front of you, so we might better communicate with you. They can be placed in the offering plate or given to an usher. Please stop by the visitor booth in the lobby for information about any of New Hope's ministries. We have a children's sermon and then Children's Church for preschool-third grade. Childcare is available for infants through age three. If you are in need of childcare, please speak to one of our ushers.

ALL are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper. We invite you to come forward as the ushers instruct and stand or kneel at the altar. You will receive the bread in your hand and a small cup of wine or juice. After communing you are invited to rise and return to your seat by way of the side aisle.

New Hope Lutheran Church has been planted in Keller for over 25 years. We are energized by our mission to pass on the faith, serve our community, worship God and grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. We pray your time with us today will inspire and challenge you to live out your faith in daily life and join us as we live out our mission to ***Boldly Share God's Word!***

Pastor Miles Holder
Scott Martin, Parish Lay Minister
Bruno Ribeiro, Music Director
Charlene Starr, Administrative Assistant
Elizabeth Kunkler, New Hope Christian School Director

Prelude
Call to Worship
The assembly stands

<u>Here I am to Worship</u> (Sung)
Here I am to worship,
Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.
Here I am to worship.

Welcome

We welcome all those who gather to worship this morning, both here in person, and those joining us on Facebook Live. This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. We extend a special welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning. We're so pleased that you have chosen to gather here to worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Confession and Forgiveness

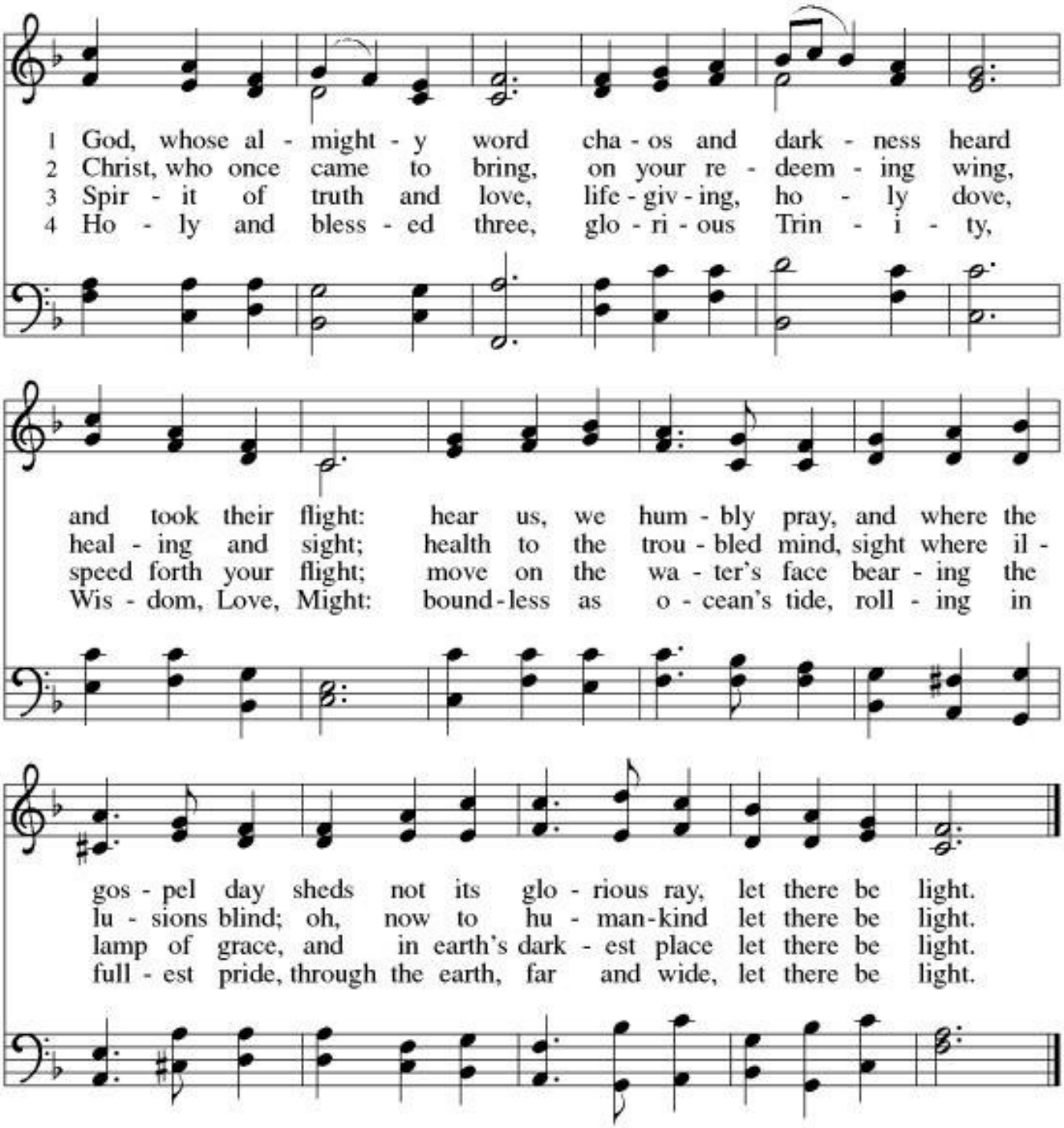
P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.
Most Merciful God,
we confess that we are in bondage 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, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

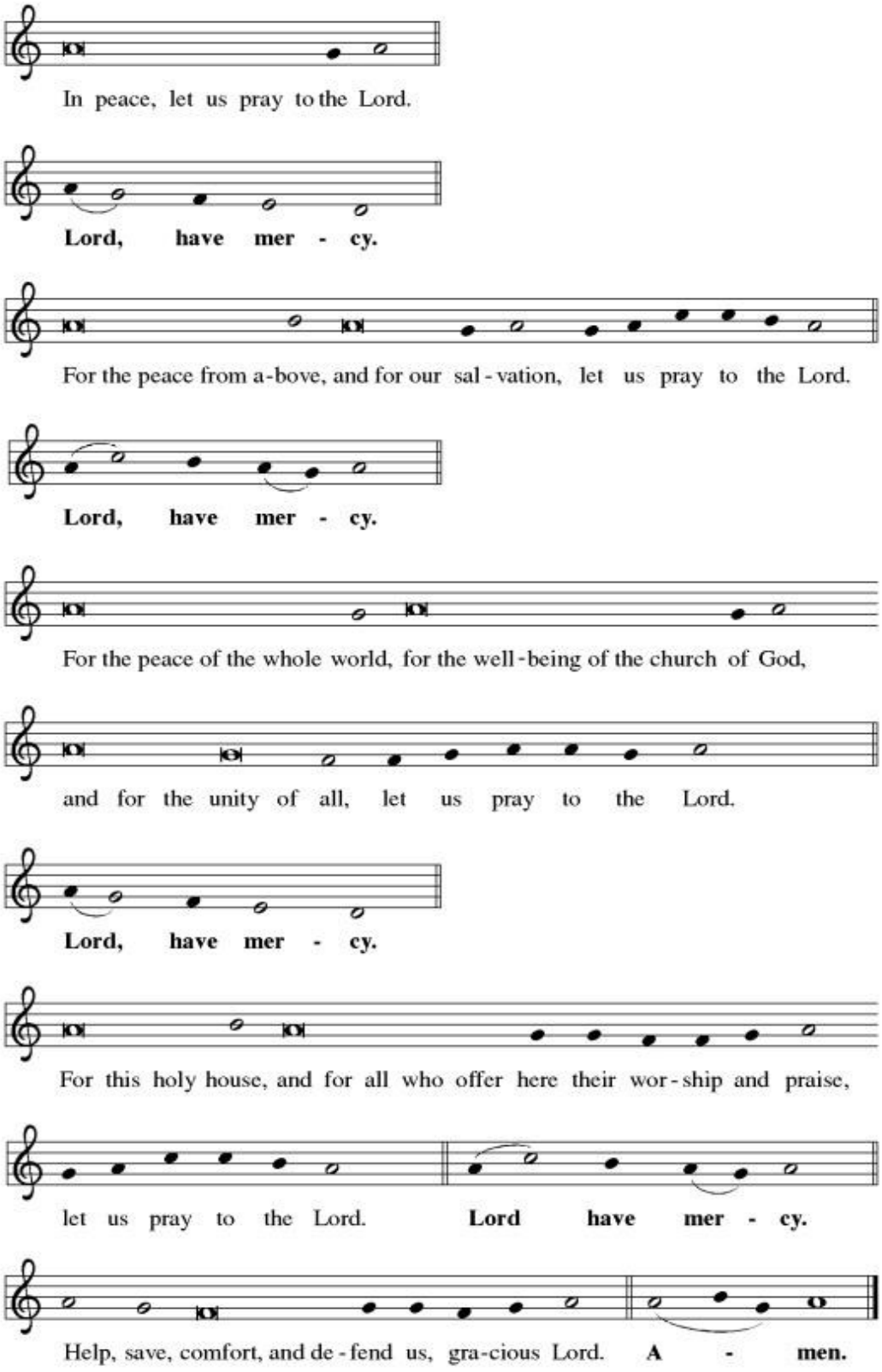
God, Whose Almighty Word



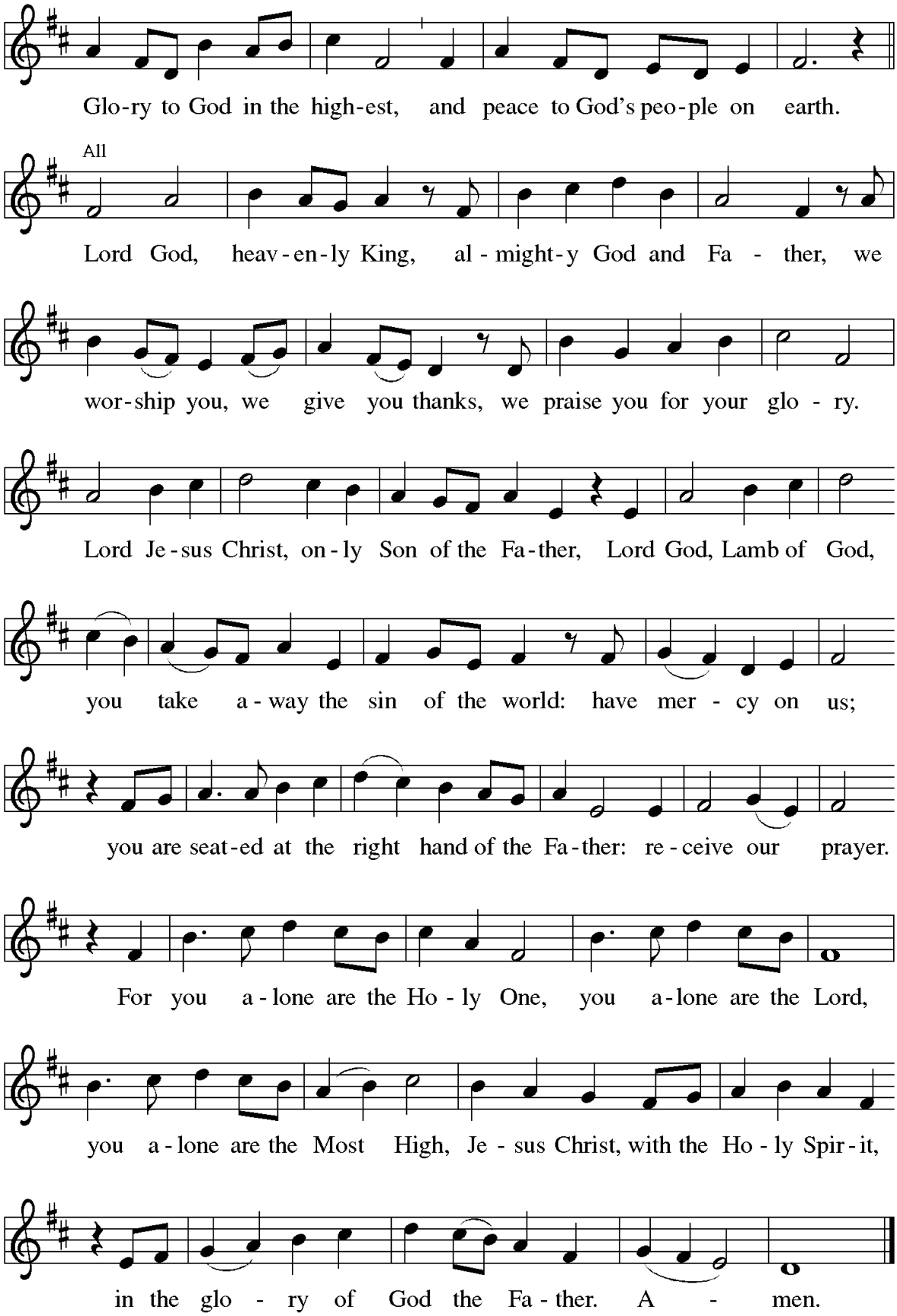
Greeting

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.

Kyrie



Canticle of Praise



Prayer of the Day

P:Let us pray...

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

The assembly is seated

Word

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

1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king
over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem.
I have chosen one of his sons to be king."[2] But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about
it, he will kill me." The Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to
the Lord.' [3] Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me
the one I indicate."[4] Samuel did what the Lord said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of
the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?"[5] Samuel replied,
"Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come to the
sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the
sacrifice.[6] When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed stands
here before the Lord."[7] But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his
height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look
at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."[8] Then Jesse called Abinadab and had
him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The Lord has not chosen this one either." [9] Jesse
then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the Lord chosen this one." [10] Jesse had
seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The Lord has not chosen
these." [11] So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest,"
Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down
until he arrives."[12] So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and
had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; this is
the one."[13] So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and
from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to
Ramah.

L: Word of God, word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 (read bold text responsively)

1 The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
2 **He makes me lie down in green pastures,**
he leads me beside quiet waters,
3 he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.
4 **Even though I walk through the darkest valley,**
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
6 **Surely your goodness and love will follow me**
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Ephesians 5:8-14

8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children
of light 9 (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and
truth) 10 and find out what pleases the Lord. 11 Have nothing to do with the fruit-
less deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. 12 It is shameful even to mention
what the disobedient do in secret. 13 But everything exposed by the light becomes
visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. 14 This is why it is
said: "Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

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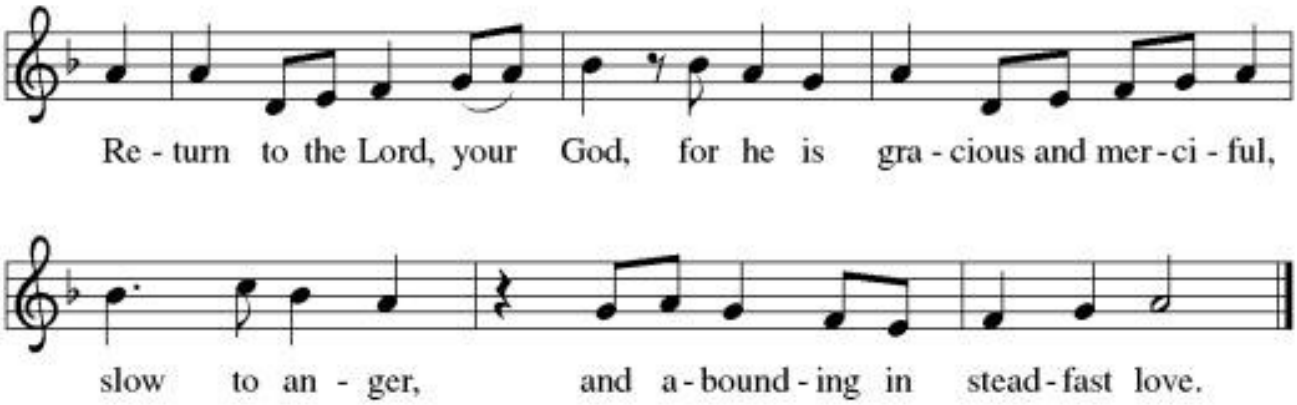
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to John
C: Glory to you, O Lord

John 9

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. [2] His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who
sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"[3] "Neither this man nor his parents
sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. [4] As
long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can
work. [5] While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."[6] After saying this, he spit on the
ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. [7] "Go," he told
him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and
came home seeing.[8] His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't
this the same man who used to sit and beg?" [9] Some claimed that he was. Others said, "No, he
only looks like him." But he himself insisted, "I am the man."[10] "How then were your eyes
opened?" they asked.[11] He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my
eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see."
[12] "Where is this man?" they asked him. "I don't know," he said.
[13] They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. [14] Now the day on which Jesus
had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. [15] Therefore the Pharisees also
asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I
washed, and now I see."[16] Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does
not keep the Sabbath." But others asked, "How can a sinner perform such signs?" So they were
divided.[17] Then they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was
your eyes he opened." The man replied, "He is a prophet."[18] They still did not believe that he
had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man's parents. [19] "Is this your
son?" they asked. "Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?"

[20] "We know he is our son," the parents answered, "and we know he was born blind. [21] But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don't know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself." [22] His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who already had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. [23] That was why his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."
[24] A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. "Give glory to God by telling the truth," they said. "We know this man is a sinner."[25] He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"[26] Then they asked him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"[27] He answered, "I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?"[28] Then they hurled insults at him and said, "You are this fellow's disciple! We are disciples of Moses! [29] We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don't even know where he comes from."[30] The man answered, "Now that is remarkable! You don't know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. [31] We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly person who does his will. [32] Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. [33] If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."[34] To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out.[35] Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"[36] "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him."[37] Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you."[38] Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.[39] Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."[40] Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, "What? Are we blind too?"[41] Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains.

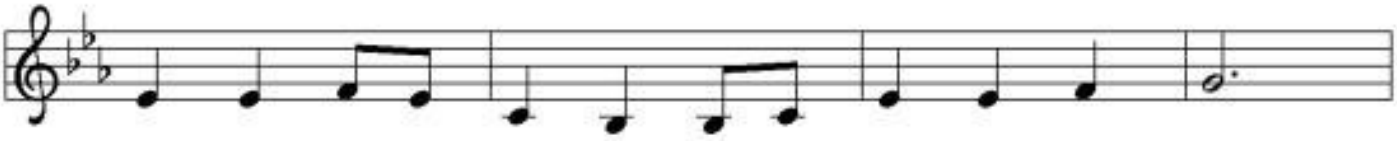
P: The Gospel of the Lord
C: Praise to you, O Christ

Children's Message

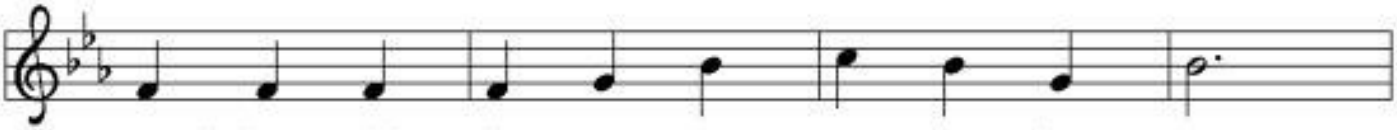
Sermon *Pastor Miles Holder*

The assembly is seated

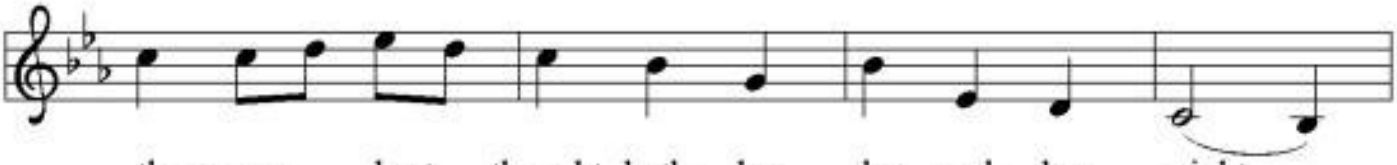
Be Thou My Vision



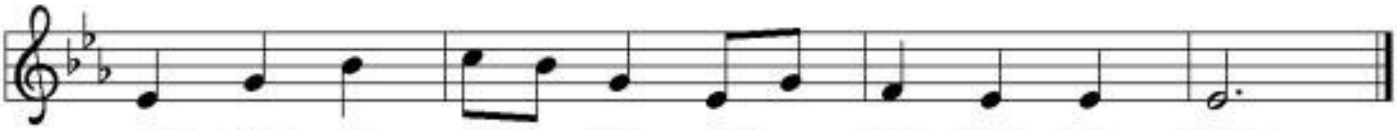
1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

APOSTLES' CREED

A: Let us confess the faith of the Church with the Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A:Lord, in your mercy,
C:Hear our prayer

Peace

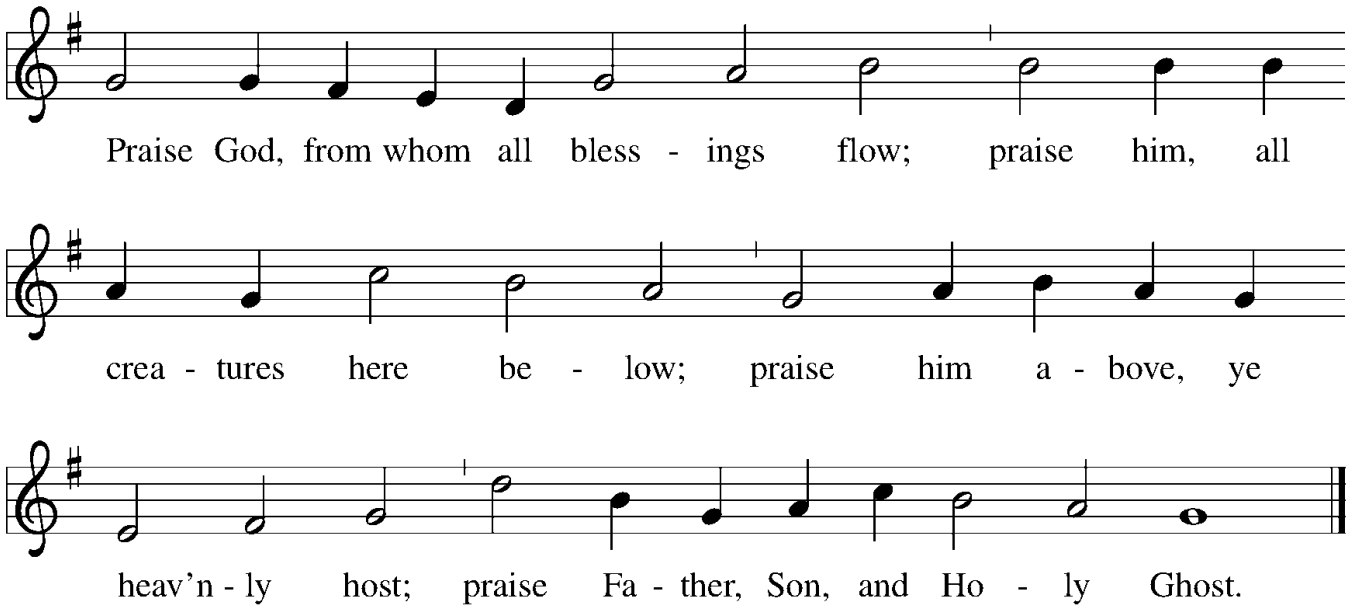
P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

The assembly is seated.

Offering

In response to God's Good News of grace and abundance freely given to us in Christ Jesus, we return joyfully our first fruits for the mission of New Hope Lutheran Church, including the wider expressions of the whole body of Christ and the care of those in need.



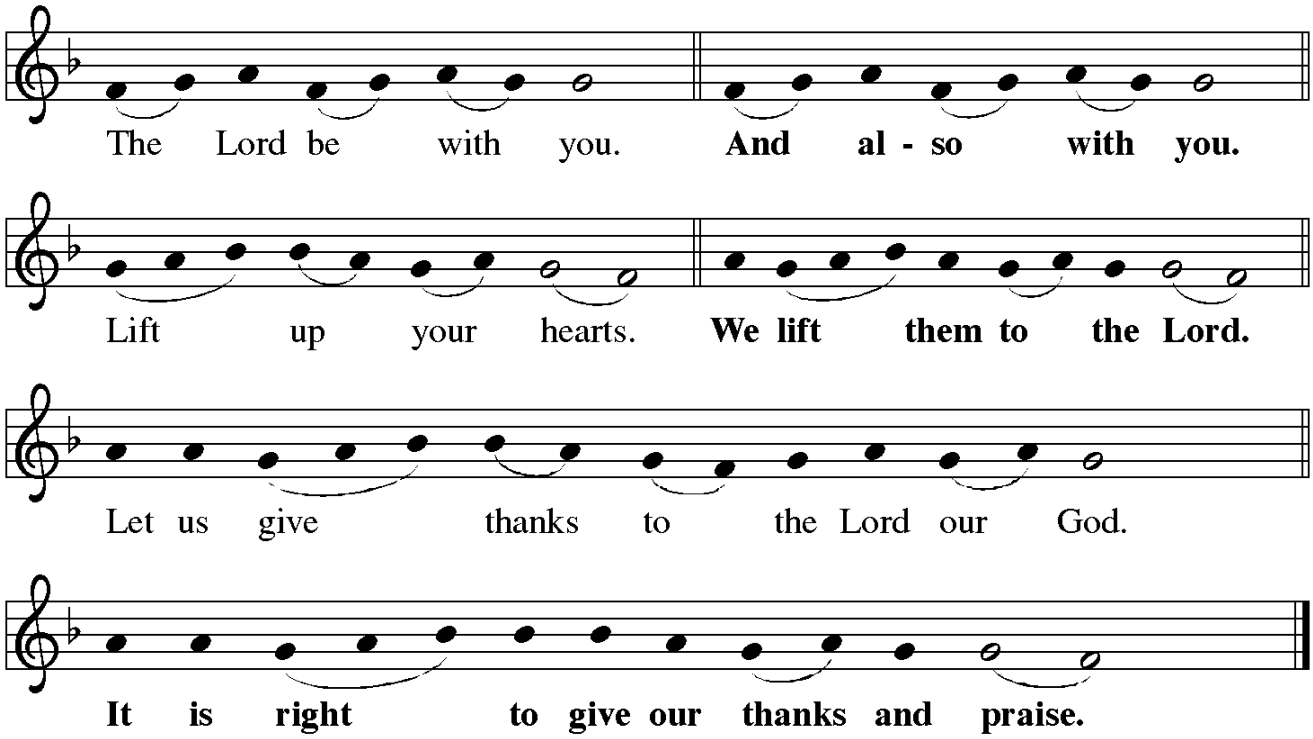
O*ffering Prayer*

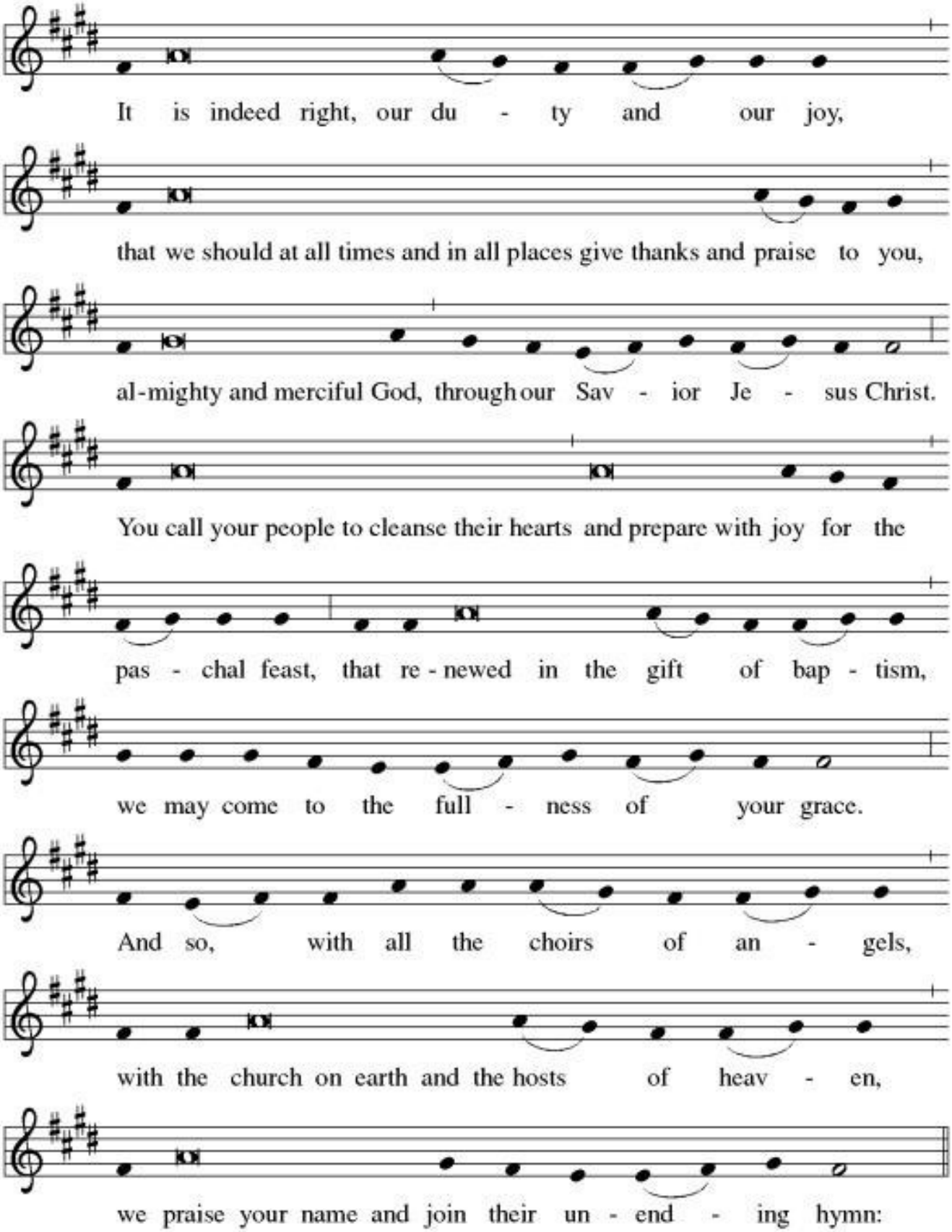
A: Let us pray…

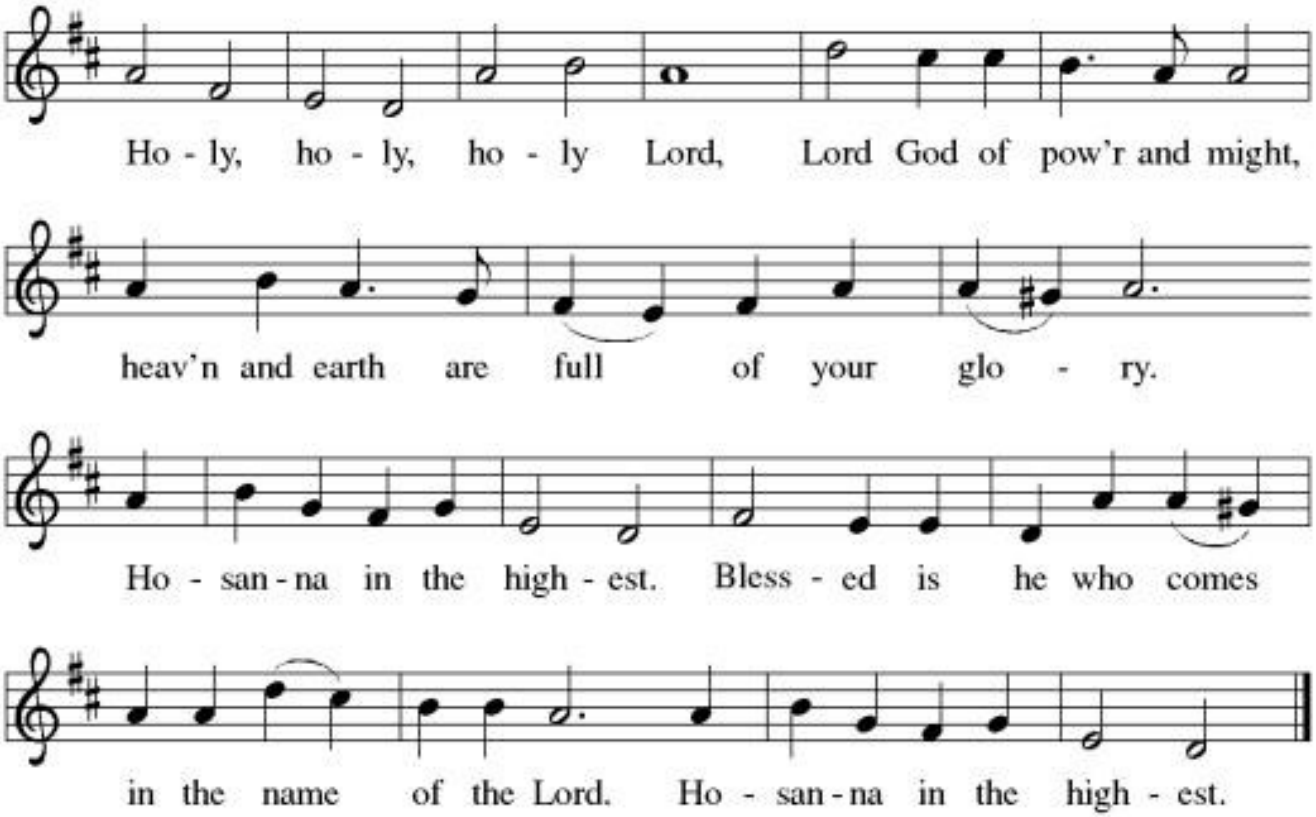
God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Meal
Great Thanksgiving
2nd Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136




It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
al-mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.
You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the
pas - chal feast, that re - newed in the gift of bap - tism,
we may come to the full - ness of your grace.
And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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.

The presiding minister prays the words of institution
Matthew 26:26-28

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

P: 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

The Sacrament of Communion

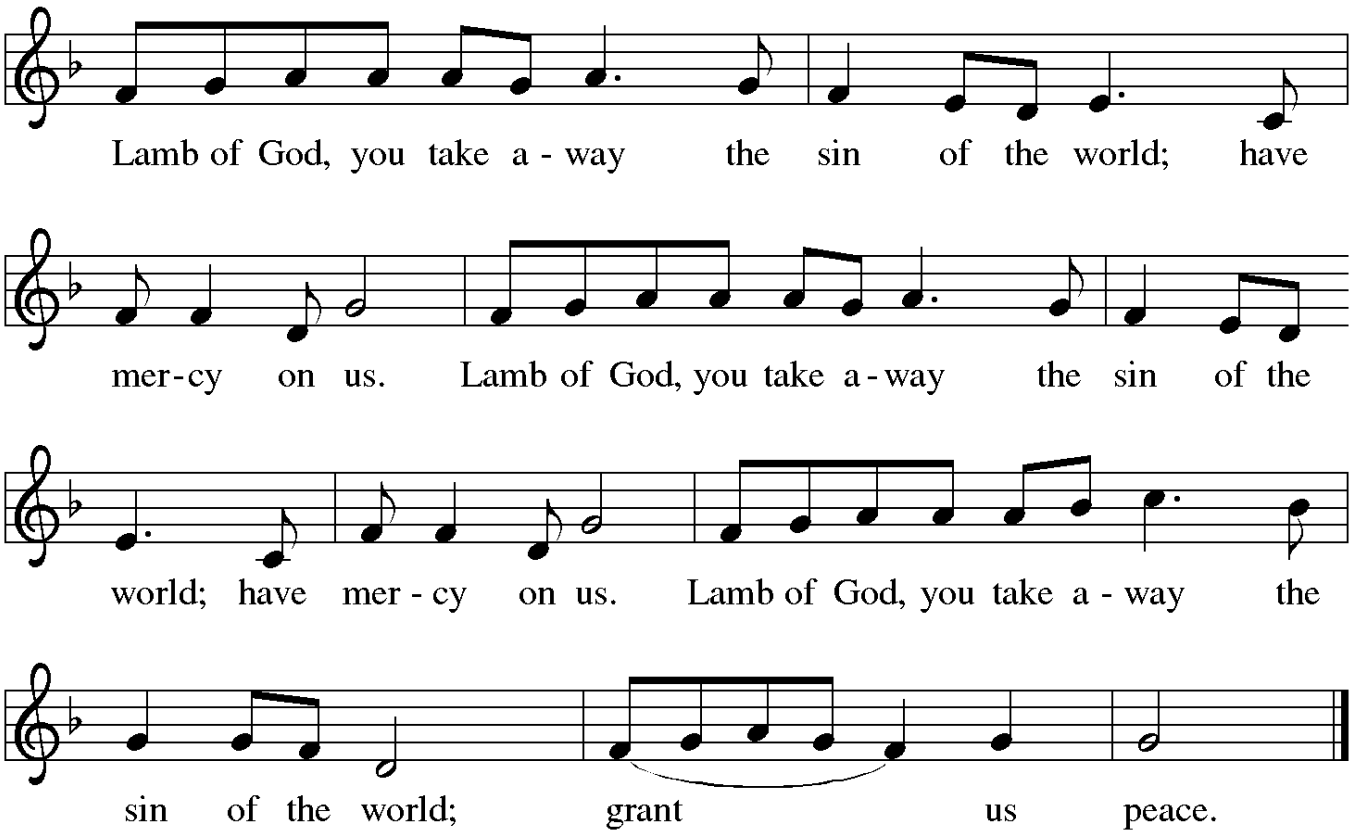
We practice open communion at New Hope. Jesus is the host for this meal and is present in the bread and the wine. He invites you to come and receive the body of Christ given for you, and the blood of Christ shed for you. Forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation are given to us in this meal. Children who have not yet received communion instruction are invited to come forward for a blessing. You will receive bread from the pastor, then either wine or grape juice. Please let the ushers know if you are in need of communion at your seat.

Invitation to Communion

P: The bread is broken and the wine is poured. Come to the Lord's table of love, mercy and forgiveness, for all things now have been made ready.

Agnus Dei

"Lamb of God" John 1:29



Jesus Paid it All

I hear the Saviour say:
Thy strength indeed is small.
Child of weakness watch and pray;
Find in Me thine all in all.

Jesus paid it all;
All to Him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain;
He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy power and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone.

Jesus paid it all;
All to Him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain;
He washed it white as snow.

For nothing good have I
Whereby Thy grace to claim;
I'll wash my garments white
In the blood of Calvary's Lamb.

Jesus paid it all;
All to Him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain;
He washed it white as snow.

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete,
Jesus died my soul to save,
My lips shall still repeat.

Jesus paid it all;
All to Him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain;
He washed it white as snow.

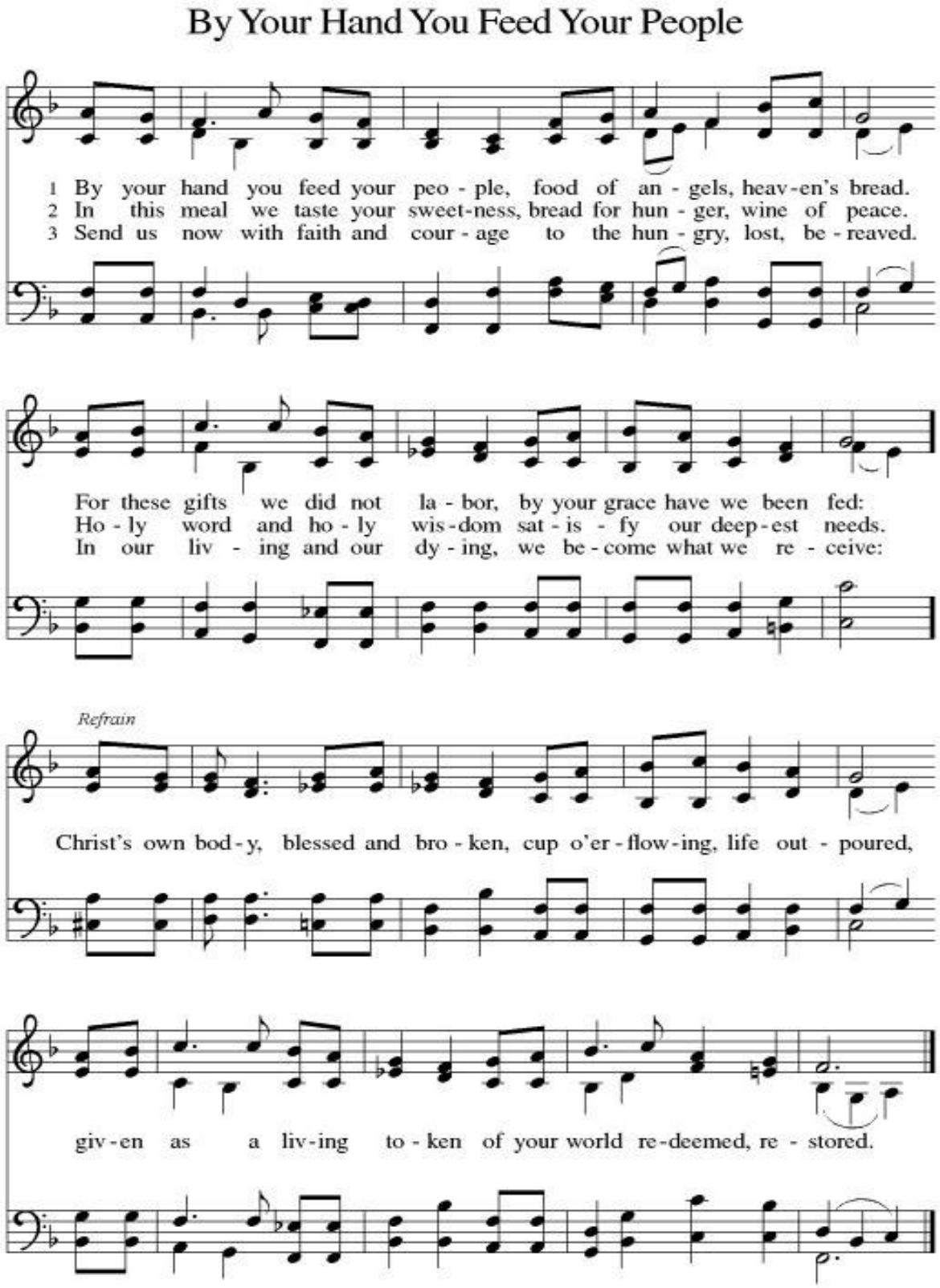


Table Blessing

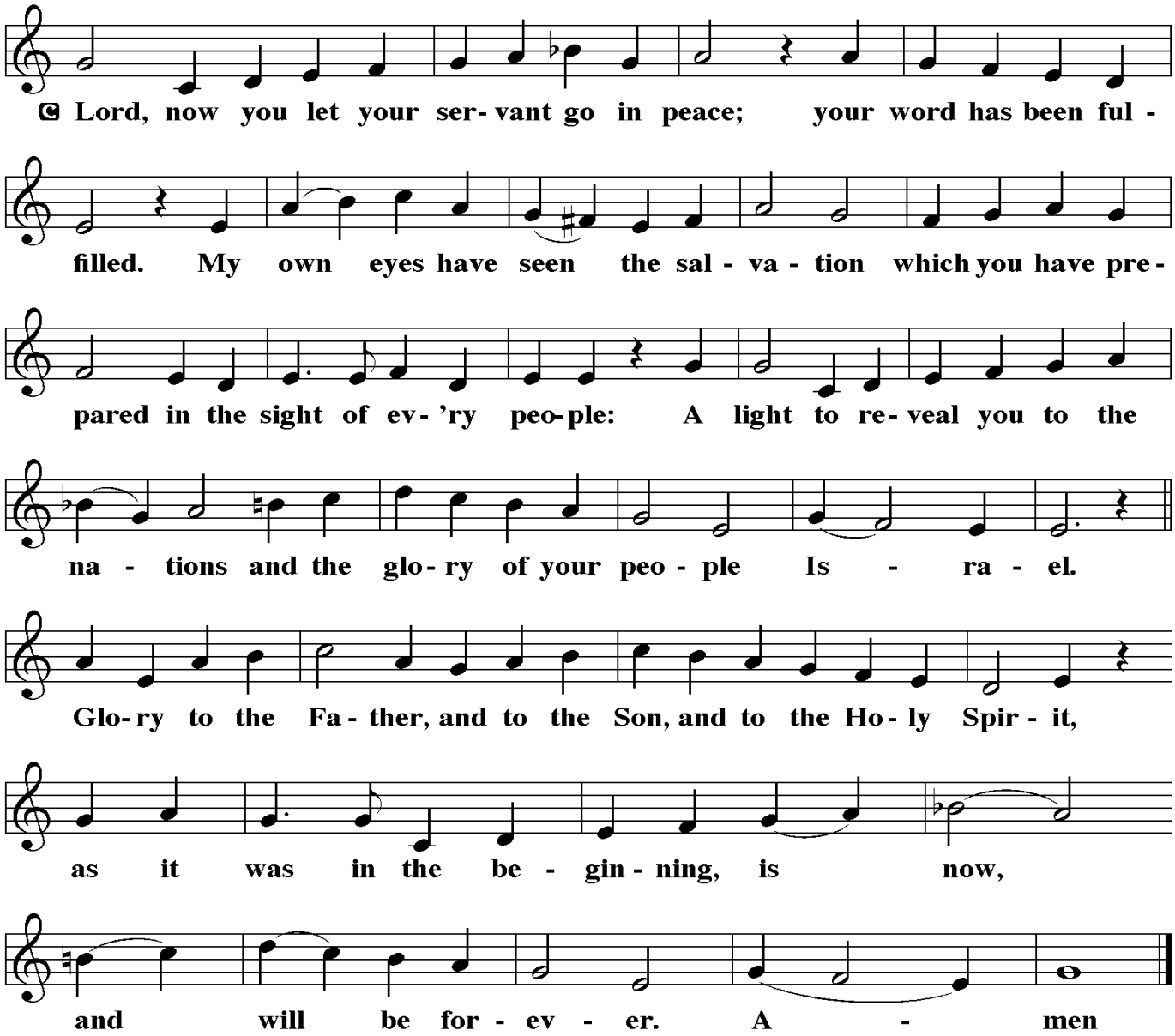
P: And now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace, now and unto eternal life.

Amen

Prayer after Communion

A: Let us pray together…

C:Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.



Announcements

Blessing

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

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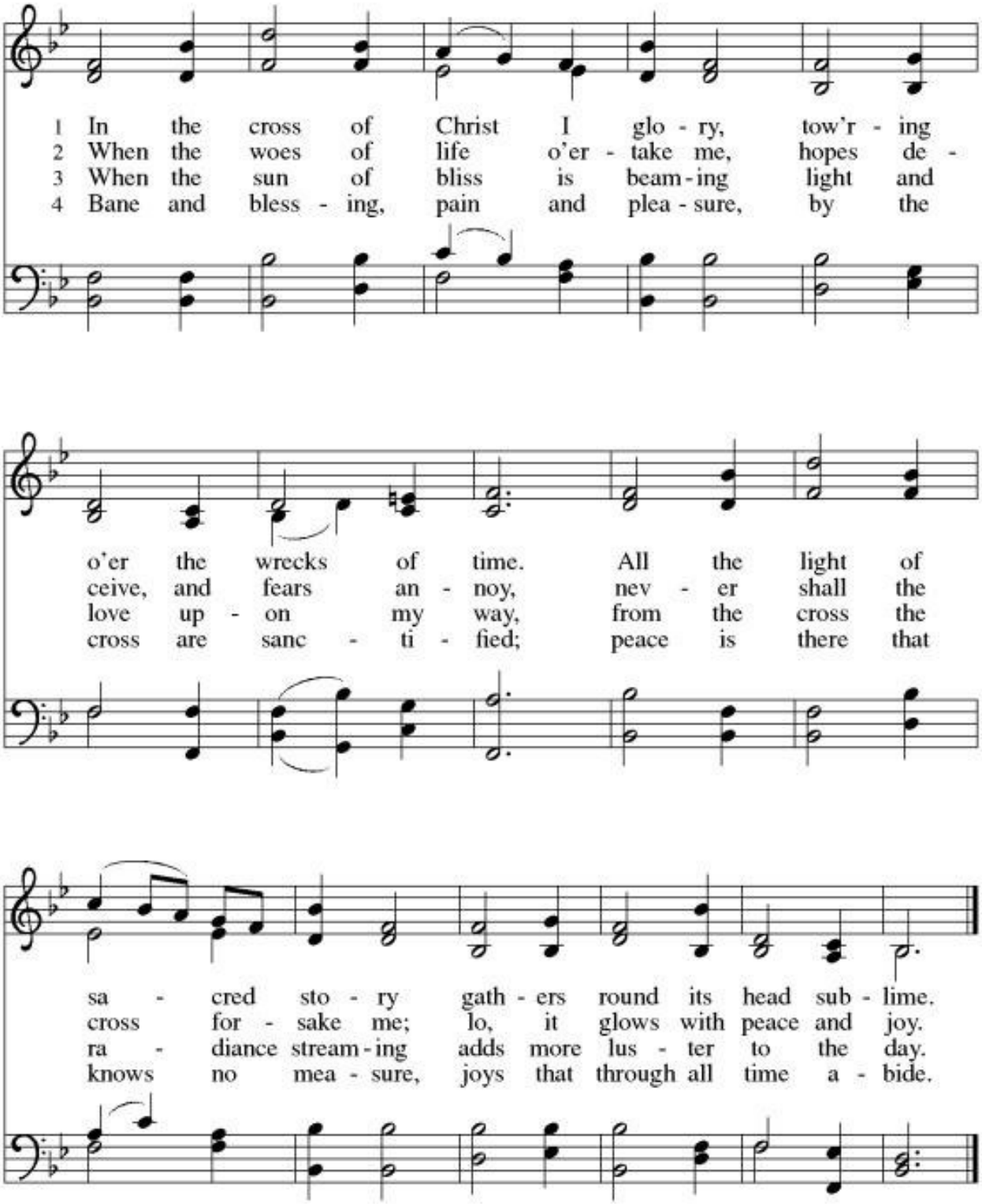
In the Cross of Christ I Glory



Dismissal

A: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Boldly Sharing God's Word

Come as You Are!

Come Make a Difference!

Come to Belong!

If you are visiting New Hope or have a prayer request please fill out the blue connection card located in the seat pocket.

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Prayer Requests

Thanksgiving to God for:
- New Hope Christian School
- Those who found employment
- First responders and police

God's guidance and direction for:
- The mission and ministry of New Hope Lutheran Church
- National and world leaders working for justice and peace
- Those discerning vocational call or seeking employment
- Those who struggle with family issues

NT-NL sister congregations and ministries:
Pray daily for Christ's redeeming love and grace to be at the heart of our witness and for each of our congregations, conferences and all the ways we are in mission together. Pray for leaders lay and rostered, as they lead congregations in Lent and Holy Week, St. Paul in Crawford, Advent in Arlington and those working in prisons.

Healing, wholeness, protection:
- Congregation members and friends: *especially for Mark, Peyton and family, the Ronquillo family, Peter, Gerda, Penny, Pastor Miles, Kim, Rena, Adele, Angel, Craig, Arthur, Scott, Bryan, Anderson, Betty, Carrie, Delores, Kristell, the peoples and leaders of Russia, Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, Venezuela, Iran, our men and women in uniform and persecuted Christians everywhere.*
- Homebound
- Children and teachers navigating remote learning
- Young adults attending college or away from home
- All athletes playing sports
- Cub Scouts and The Order of The Arrow
- All deployed, non-deployed, reserve and veteran Armed Forces and families
- Those recovering from catastrophe or weather
- All those affected and displaced by recent natural disasters
- The victims of terrorism and violence

Grieving:
Those dealing with loss

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New Hope Giving

As of 3/8/2026

Weekly		YTD	
Contributions	Budget	Contributions	Budget
$4,585	$3,000	$24,525	$30,000

Thank you to the following who served at worship ***today*:**

Pastor: Miles Holder

Assisting Minister: Rick Humes **Reader:** Karin Urbanczyk

Ushers: Greg Carter & Ken Mitchell **Greeter:** Greg Carter

Thank you to the following who will serve at worship **March 22**

Pastor: Miles Holder

Assisting Minister: Chris Markestad **Reader:** Dave Melvin

Ushers: Greg Carter & Steve Busbice **Greeter:** Greg Carter

Thank you to the counters for March: Elizabeth Kunkler

Thank you to following teams

Hybrid Worship Team: Andrew Edelstein &Bob Gartner

Altar Guild: Gerda Evans, Deb Hultberg, Deb McMurry, Laura Salvetti & Wendy Underwood

Praise Team: Eileen Busbice, Kemberley Edelstein, Dane Kunkler, Elizabeth Kunkler, Jack Lang, Gary Markestad & Karin Urbanczyk

***Looking Ahead*…**

Sun. March 15th	Council meeting after service
Tues. March 17th	**7 :00pm** Bible Based Recovery
Wed. March 18th	**6:15pm** Dinner
	7:00pm Service
Sun March 22nd	Land Sale Forum Meeting (all are invited)
	7-9:00pm Art Club with Kemberley

~Adult Choir Practice every Sunday 9:15 am~