

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 6, 2025—10am



Holy Communion Lutheran Church

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Mission: To make Christ known in our actions and our faith

Vision: We are a community living out the gospel of Jesus Christ by service to the Portsmouth Community and by following Jesus.

Page numbers (p.) are in front half of the hymnal.
Hymn numbers (#) are in back half of the hymnal.
Everyone is invited to join in **bolded responses**.
‘+’ Please stand as you are able.

+ Gathering +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” arr. Jack Schrader

+ Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God, **you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✠ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

+ Gathering Song

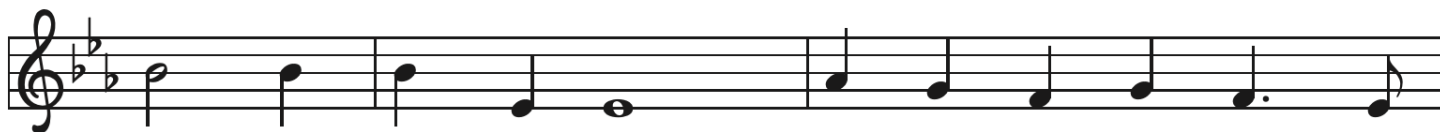
ACS #1032 "Lift Up Your Heads"



1 Lift up your heads, all you bowed low,
2 Lift up your hands, your voices raise,
3 Lift up your hearts, your great A - men;
4 Be - hold, the Spir - it here a - bides,



hear the liv - ing wa - ter flow: quench - ing
bold in plead - ing, bright with praise. Weep no
Mer - cy feeds her guests a - gain: bread e -
bear - ing God's a - bun - dant life: peace be -



spring and cleans - ing pool, heal - ing riv - er, clear and
more, your God has come; greet the wound - ed, ris - en
nough to break and share, fes - tive wine that scents the
tween you, love with - in, grace be - side you loos - 'ning



cool. How fresh it falls up -
One, who bless - es you with
air. Oh, taste and see what
sin. Be - lov - ed, Christ a -



on your face, stream - ing from the font of grace.
joy com - plete, dwell - ing in the Word of peace.
once was lost ris - ing in this feast of love.
mong you stands, mov - ing through your hearts and hands.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: WEST LEESTAD, Zebulon M. Highben, b. 1979

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+ Greeting

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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.

+ Prayer of the Day

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+Word+

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

First Reading

2 Kings 5:1-14

A reading from Second Kings.

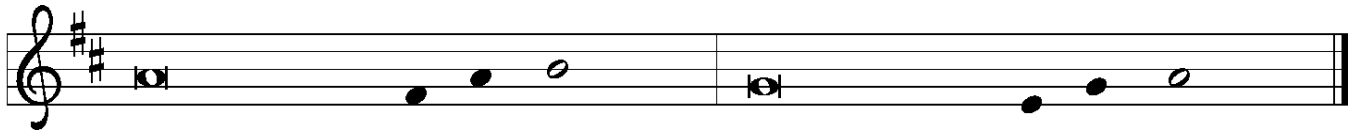
¹ Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. ² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease." ⁴ So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. ⁵ And the king of Aram said, "Go, then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. ⁶ He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his skin disease." ⁷ When the king of Israel read the

letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." ⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." ¹¹ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 30

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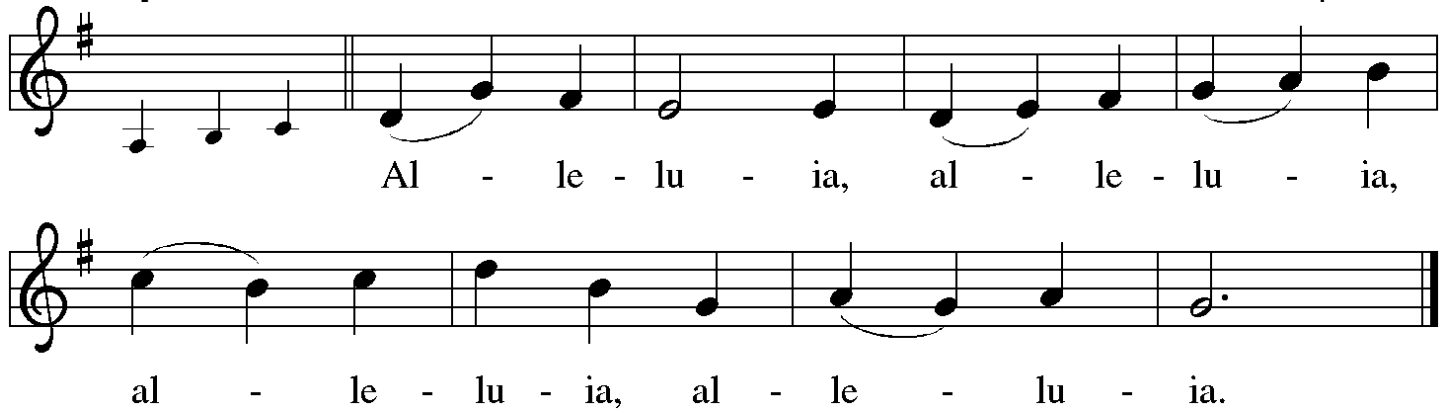


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- ¹ I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift- | ed me up
and have not let my enemies triumph | over me.
- ² **O LORD my God, I cried | out to you,**
and you restored | me to health.
- ³ You brought me up, O LORD, | from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down | to the grave.
- ⁴ **Sing praise to the LORD, | all you faithful;**
give thanks in ho- | ly remembrance.
- ⁵ God's wrath is short; God's favor | lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes | in the morning.
- ⁶ **While I felt se- | cure, I said,**
"I shall never | be disturbed.
- ⁷ You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong | as the mountains."
Then you hid your face, and I was | filled with fear.
- ⁸ **I cried to | you, O LORD;**
I pleaded with | my Lord, saying,
- ⁹ "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down | to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or de- | clare your faithfulness?
- ¹⁰ **Hear, O LORD, and have mer- | cy upon me;**
O LORD, | be my helper."
- ¹¹ You have turned my wailing | into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed | me with joy.
- ¹² **Therefore my heart sings to you | without ceasing;**
O LORD my God, I will give you | thanks forever.

+ Gospel Acclamation

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+ Gospel Reading

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ² He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³ Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶ And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'Even the

dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

¹⁶ "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me." ¹⁷ The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" ¹⁸ He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹ Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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

Young at Heart Message & Sermon The Rev. Leslie D. Weber

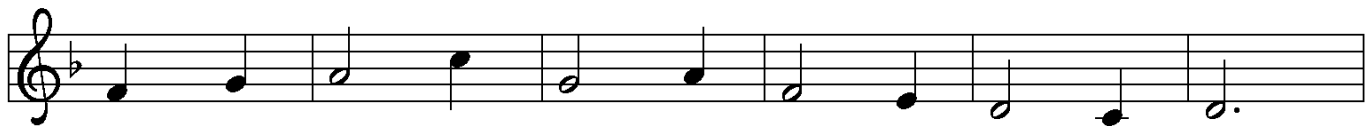
+ Song of the Day ELW #798 "Will You Come and Follow Me"
(see next page)

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
your name? Will you care for cruel and
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
your name? Will you quell the fear in -
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
kind and nev - er be the same?
free and nev - er be the same?
side and nev - er be the same?
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
world a - round, through my sight and touch and
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
pray'r in you and you in me?"
mean in you and you in me?"
sound in you and you in me?"
grow in you and you in me.

+ Apostles' Creed

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With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

+ Peace

+Meal+

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

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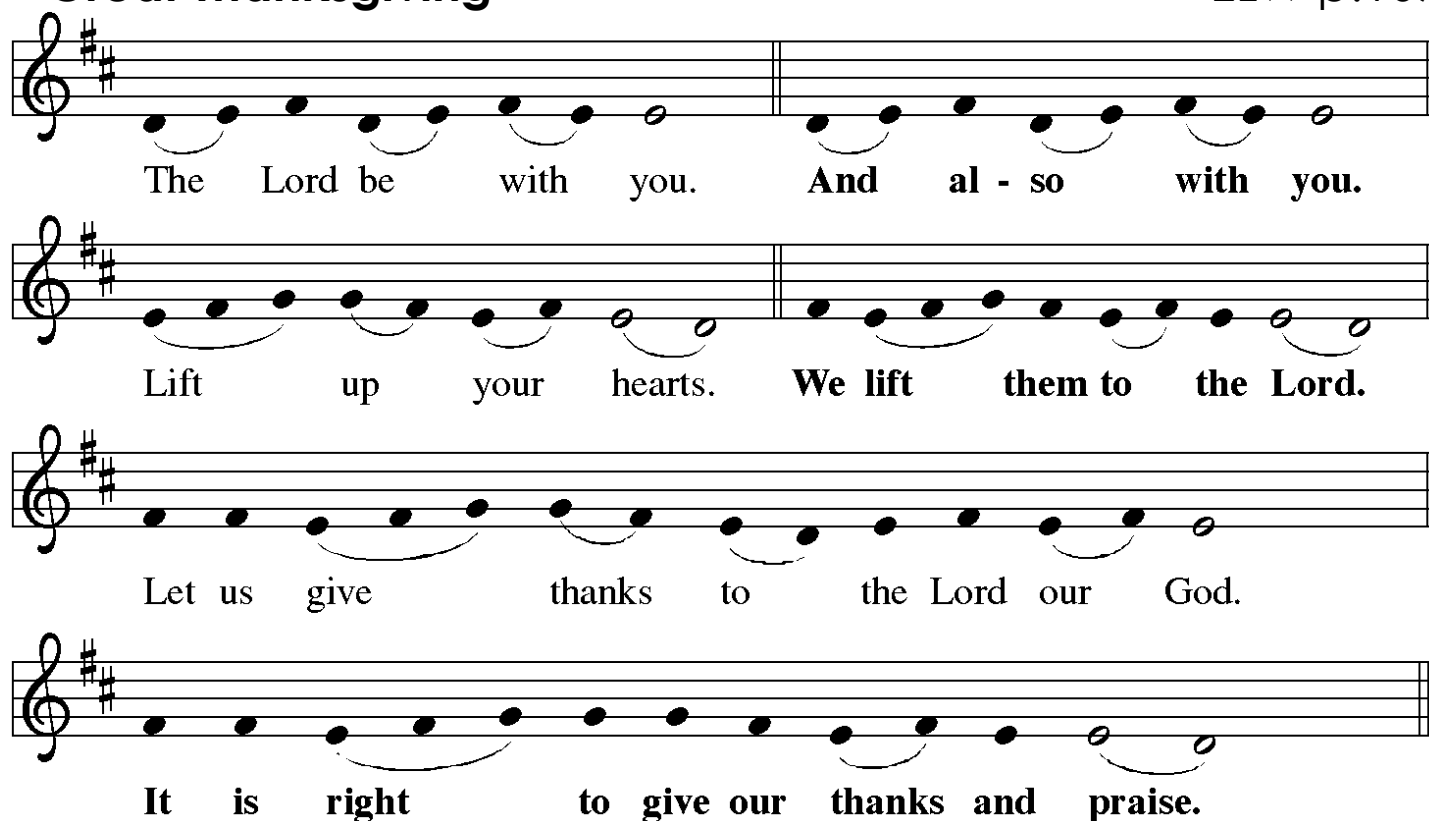
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+ Offering Prayer

+ Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

+ Proper Preface

+ Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

+ Thanksgiving at the Table

+ Lord's Prayer

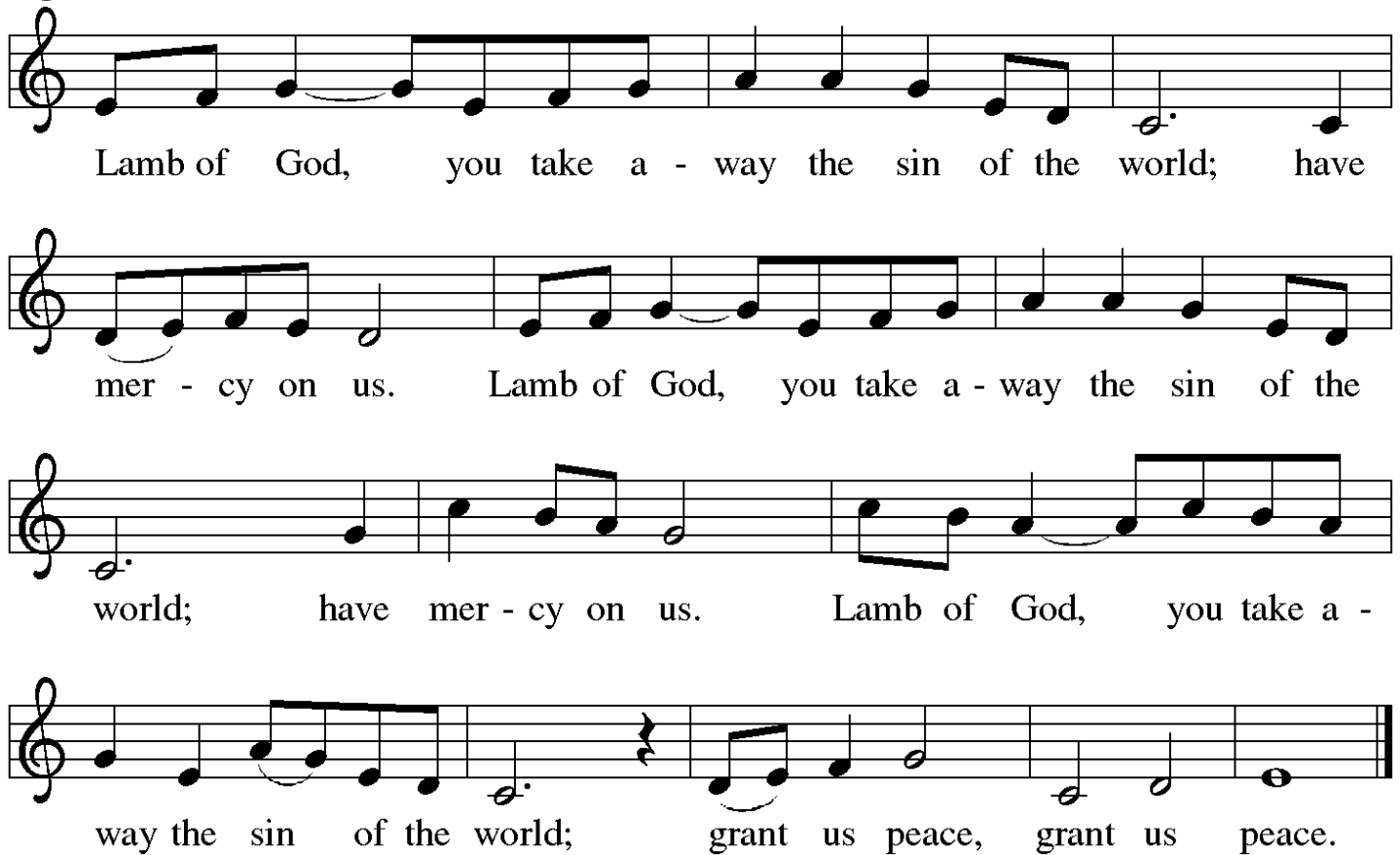
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Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from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

+ Invitation to Communion

Agnus Dei

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Notes about Communion Distribution at HCLC

When we're gathered at God's table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! HCLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.

Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may come forward with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.

Distribution Song

"Reign of Healing"

God be near us as we travel and
In the bread of life that's broken and
Through-out his - tr'y we're sur-round - ed by
help us when we fall; in the cha - os that sur -
sa - cred wine we that flows may we ho - nor you the
trav'l - lers in the faith giv - ing wit - ness to the
rounds us send your hope through it all. Be
mys - t'ry and how we've come to know you
strug - gle and won - der of God's grace to
mer - cy for our mad - ness at the world and ones we love,
gath - er us to - geth - er at the ban - quet of your love,
strive each day for jus - tice and point us to re-lease,
a gen - tle rain of heal - ing from a - bove.
a gen - tle rain of heal - ing from a - bove.
a gen - tle reign of heal - ing, hope and peace.

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+ Table Blessing

+ Prayer after Communion

+ Sending +

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

+ Blessing

Announcements

+ Sending Song

"Glorious Day"



1 I was bur - ried_ be - neath_ my shame._ Who could
2 I was breath - ing_ but not_ a - live._ All my



car - ry_ that kind_ of weight?_
fail - ures_ I tried_ to hide._



It was my tomb 'til I met You.

Refrain



You called my name,_ and I ran out of that_grave! Out of the



dark - ness_ in - to Your glor - ri - ous_ day! You called my name,_ and



I ran out of that grave!_ Out of the dark - ness_ in - to Your glo - ri - ous_ day!



3 Now Your mer - cy_ has saved_ my soul._



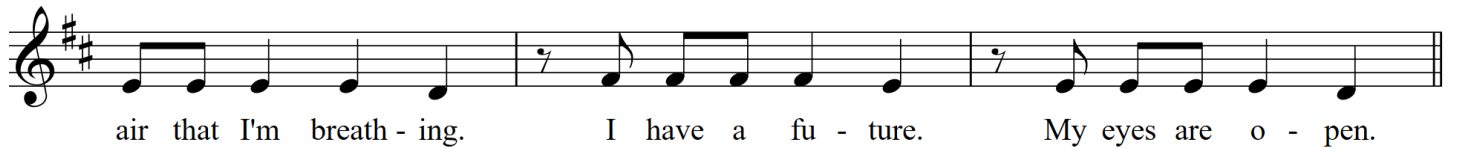
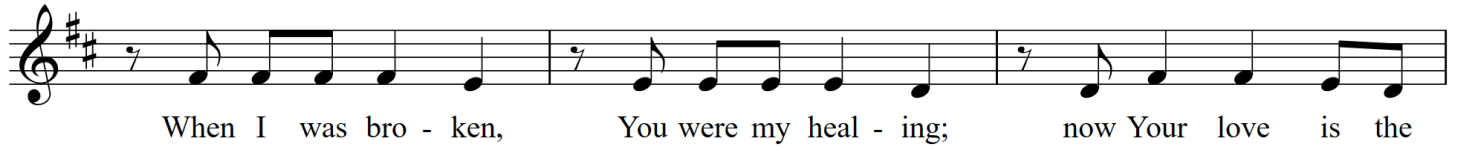
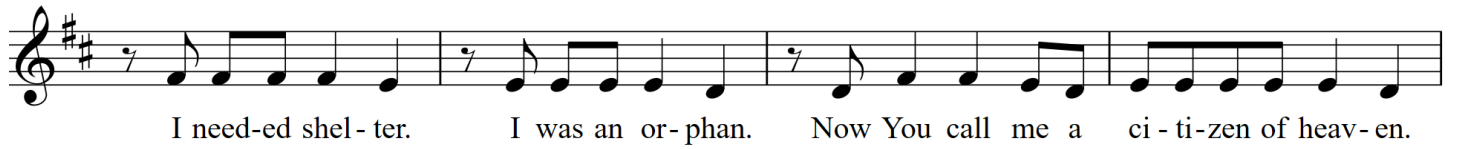
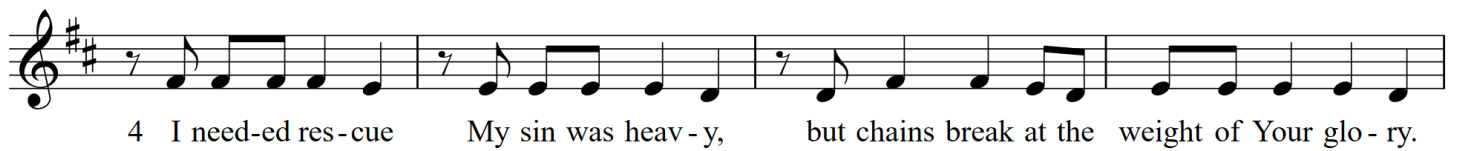
Now Your free - dom_ is all_ that I know._



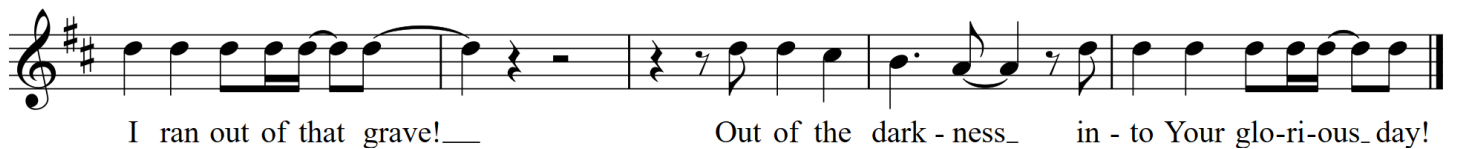
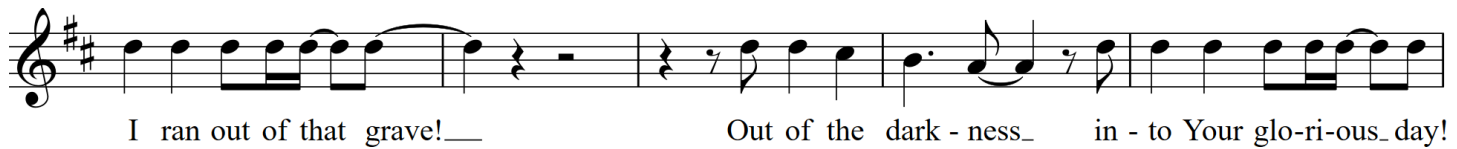
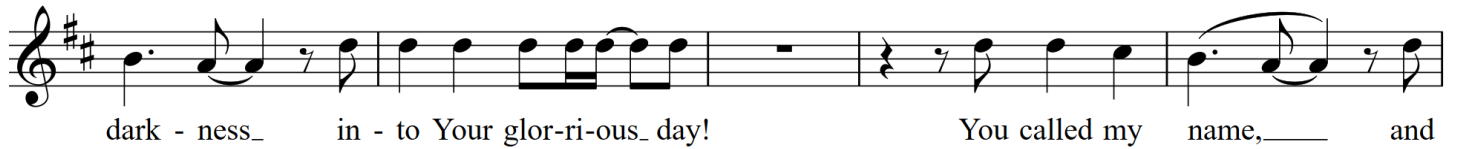
The old made new, Je - sus, when I met You.

to Refrain

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Final Refrain



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+ Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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