Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

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Wednesdays

December 2nd to December 23rd 2026

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Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Leesburg FL
Advent Series 2026 – Wednesday 1:00pm

Table in the Wilderness - *God Preparing Us for the Bread of Life*
Holden Evening Prayer with Holy Communion

🌾 **Week 1 (December 2nd):** *Harvesting the Wild Grain*
🤲 **Week 2 (December 9th):** *Kneaded by the Spirit*
⏳ **Week 3 (December 16th):** *Resting in the Proof*
🍽️ **Week 4 (December 23rd):** *Receiving the Bread of Christ*

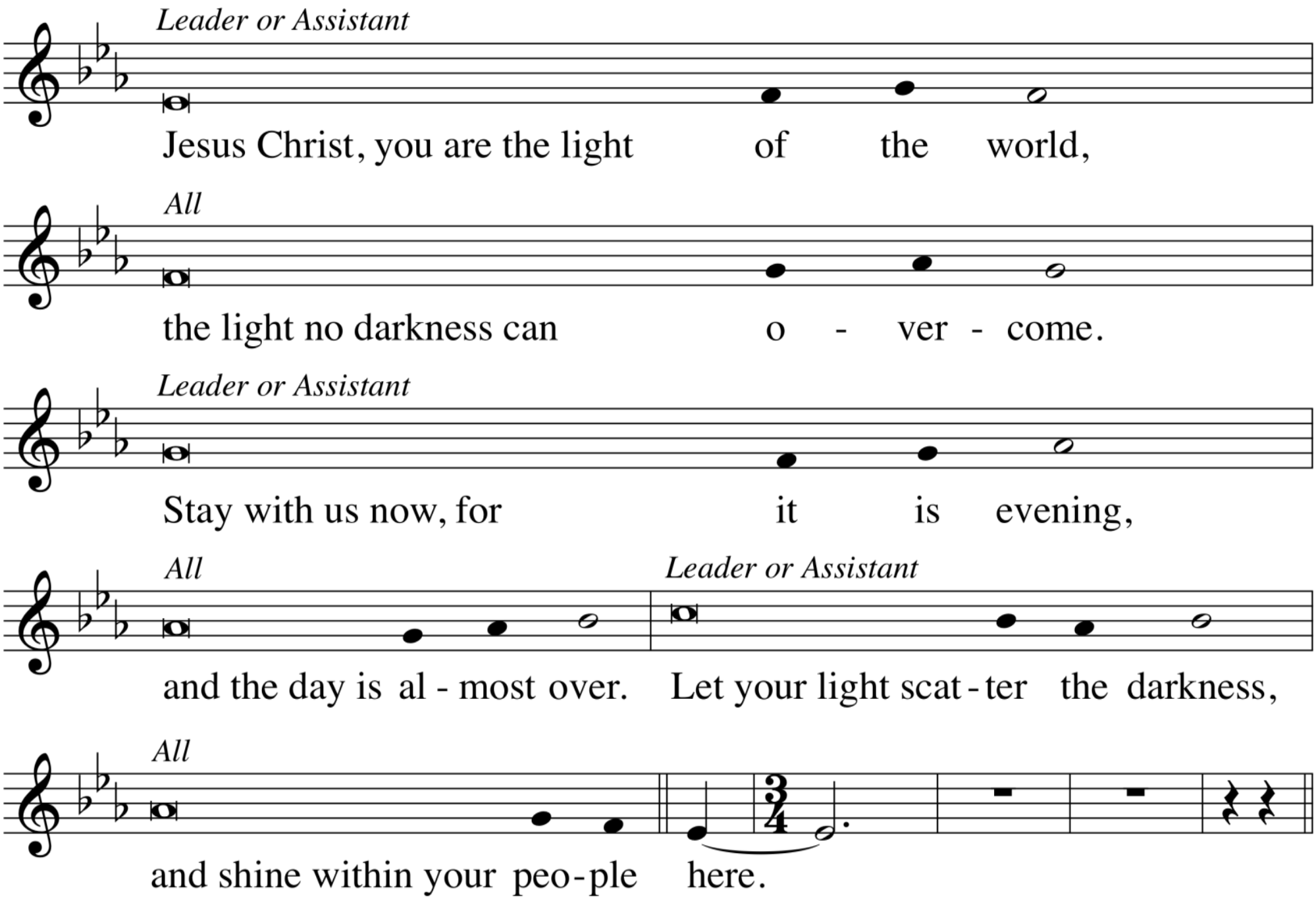
Participating in Today's Service:

Pastor: Pastor Tony P. VanCura

Music Director: Len Cremisio

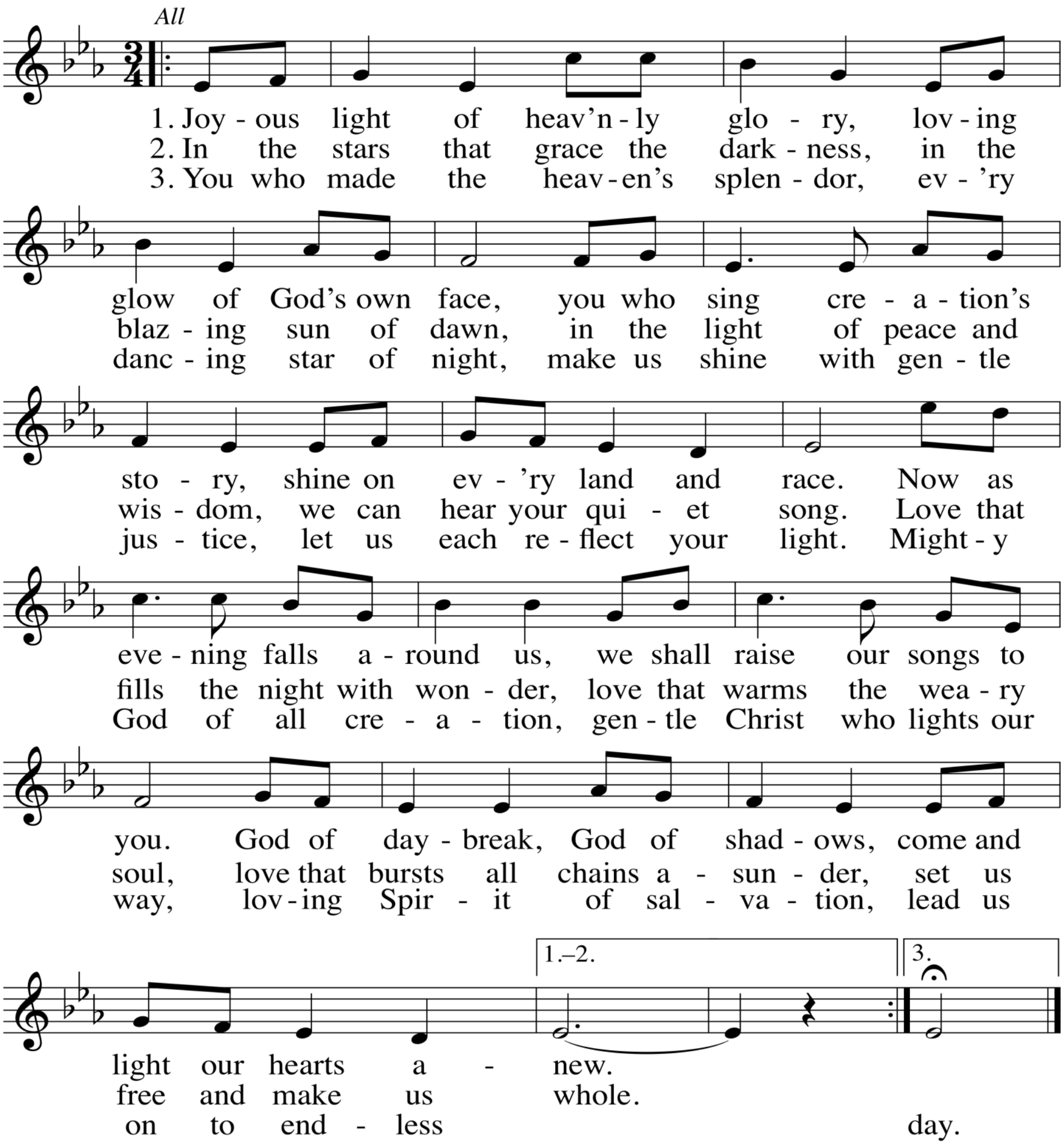
***A Note on Advent Worship:** In keeping with Lutheran tradition, we do not process the cross during the season of Advent. Advent is a season of expectant waiting and quiet hope—a time to lean into God's promises as we look for Christ's coming in both history and our daily lives. In place of the cross procession, the lighting of the Advent wreath marks our watching and waiting, with each candle growing the light of hope. We will joyfully process the cross once again on the First Sunday of Christmas.*

SERVICE OF LIGHT



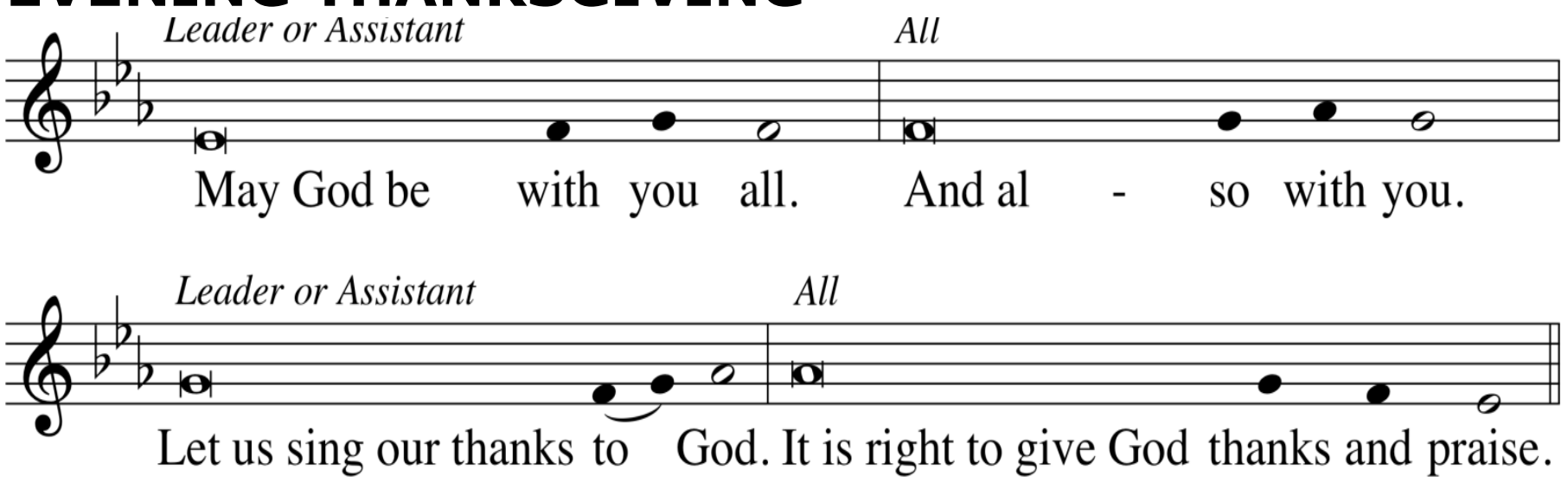
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EVENING HYMN

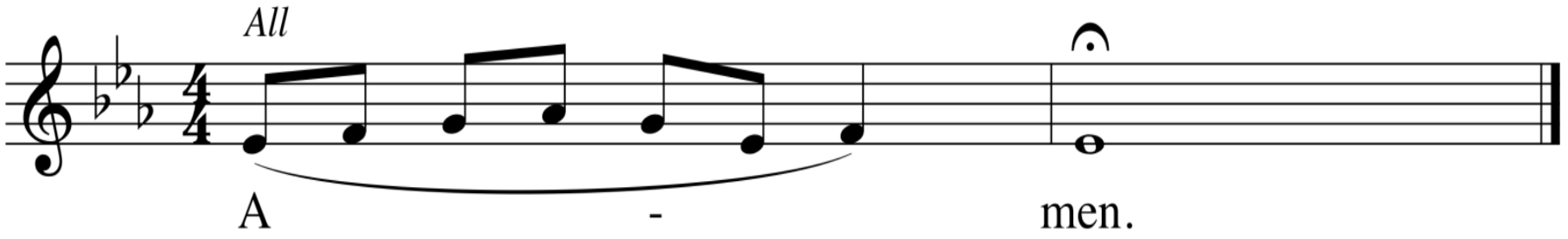


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EVENING THANKSGIVING



Leader Blessed are you, Creator of the universe, from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.



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PSALM 141

Refrain

All

Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be - fore you, the

lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

Verse 1

Leader or Group One

1. O God, I call to you, come to me

All or Group Two

1. O God, I

now; O hear my voice when I cry to

call to you, come to me now; O hear my

Refrain

you. Let my prayer rise up like

voice when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise

in-cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an

up like in-cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my

Verse 2

of-fer-ing to you. 2. Keep watch with -

hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

in me, God; deep in my heart may the light of your

2. Keep watch with - in me, God; deep in my

love be burn - ing bright.

heart may the light of your love be burn - ing

Refrain

Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be - fore you, the

bright. Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be -

lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to

Verse 3

3. All praise to the God of all, Cre - a - tor of

you.

3. All praise to the

life; all praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of

God of all, Cre - a - tor of life; all praise be to

Refrain

love.

Let my prayer rise up like

Christ and the Spir-it of love.

Let my prayer rise

in-cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an

up like in-cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my

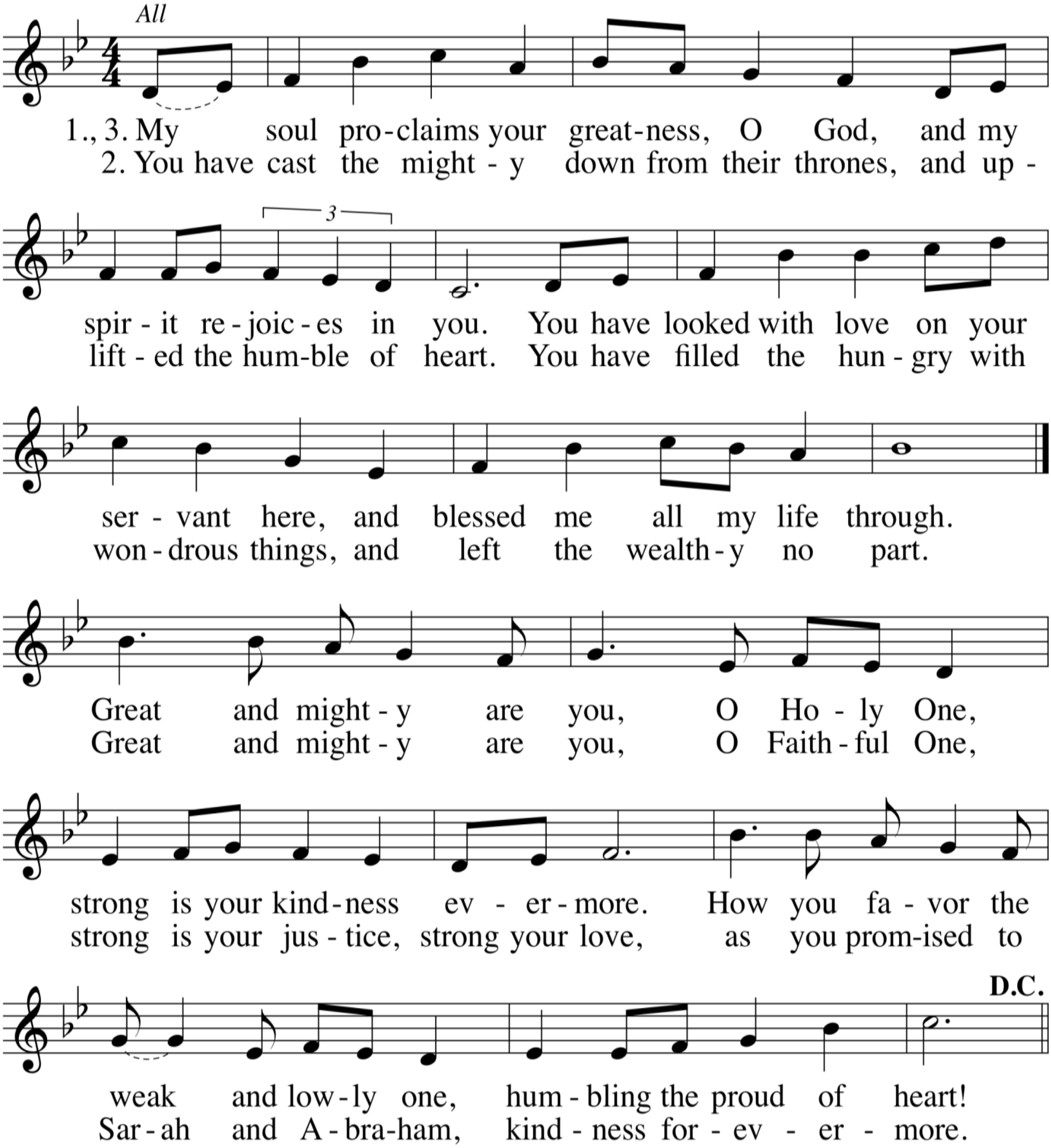
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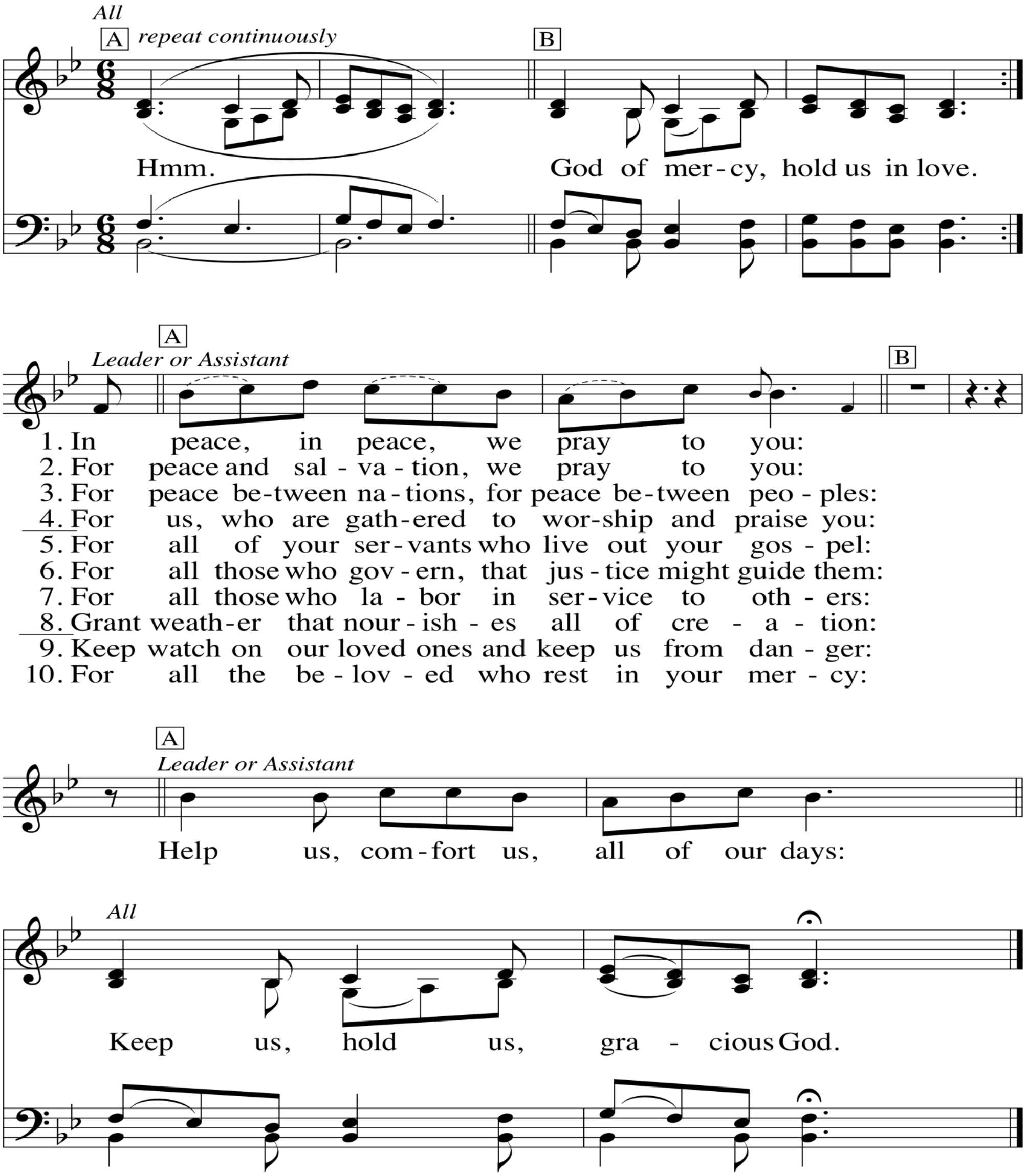
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LITANY AND PRAYERS



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MEAL

BLESSING

Great and merciful God, Source and Ground of all goodness and life, give to your people the peace that passes all understanding, and the will to live your Gospel of mercy and justice, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

EUCHARISTIC PRAY

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.

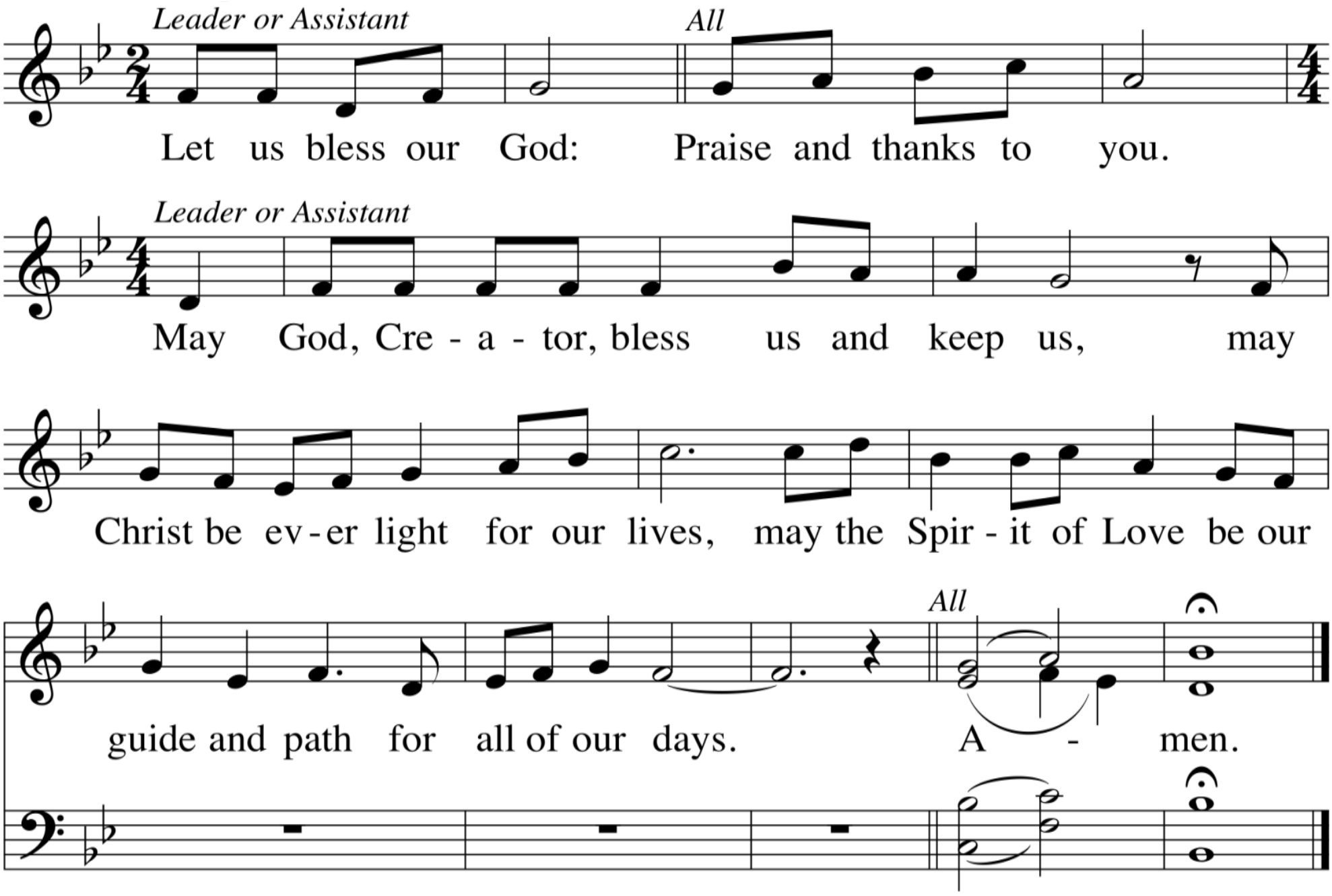
LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION/BLESSING

FINAL BLESSING



The leader may invite all to share a sign of peace,
or the leader may say, "Go in peace," and all depart in silence.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.