Reformation Sunday



PENTECOST TWENTY-TWO

WELCOME TO WORSHIP ***October 25, 2026***

THANK YOU for joining us in God's house today! We cordially ask that our Guests sign one of the guestbooks located at either the front or back entryways, or fill out a "Let's Get Acquainted" card located in the hymnal pew rack and place it in the collection plate.

THANK OFFERING: Members of Trinity give their offering as an expression of love and thankfulness to the Lord and to help support the Lord's work in our community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

RESTROOMS are located at the back of the upper level (the annex), and in the basement (down the back stairs of the sanctuary or annex). Handicap access is available, please ask an usher for assistance.

YOUNG FAMILIES / TODDLER BAGS – We are **GLAD YOU BROUGHT YOUR CHILDREN** to our worship service. Jesus said: *"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."* We know that having little children in church can be a challenge, but **DO NOT WORRY** about it. Many of your fellow worshippers have been in your shoes and are just happy you brought your children with you. For your convenience, we have reserved the back rows of seating for parents with small children. These areas provide more flexibility for your family, as well as, easy access to move downstairs if necessary. A closed-circuit TV system allows families to continue participating in the service while downstairs. Pre-school **toddler bags** and **children's bulletins** are available for their enjoyment. Ask an usher for one to use during the service and please return the toddler bag afterwards.

855 The Church's One Foundation

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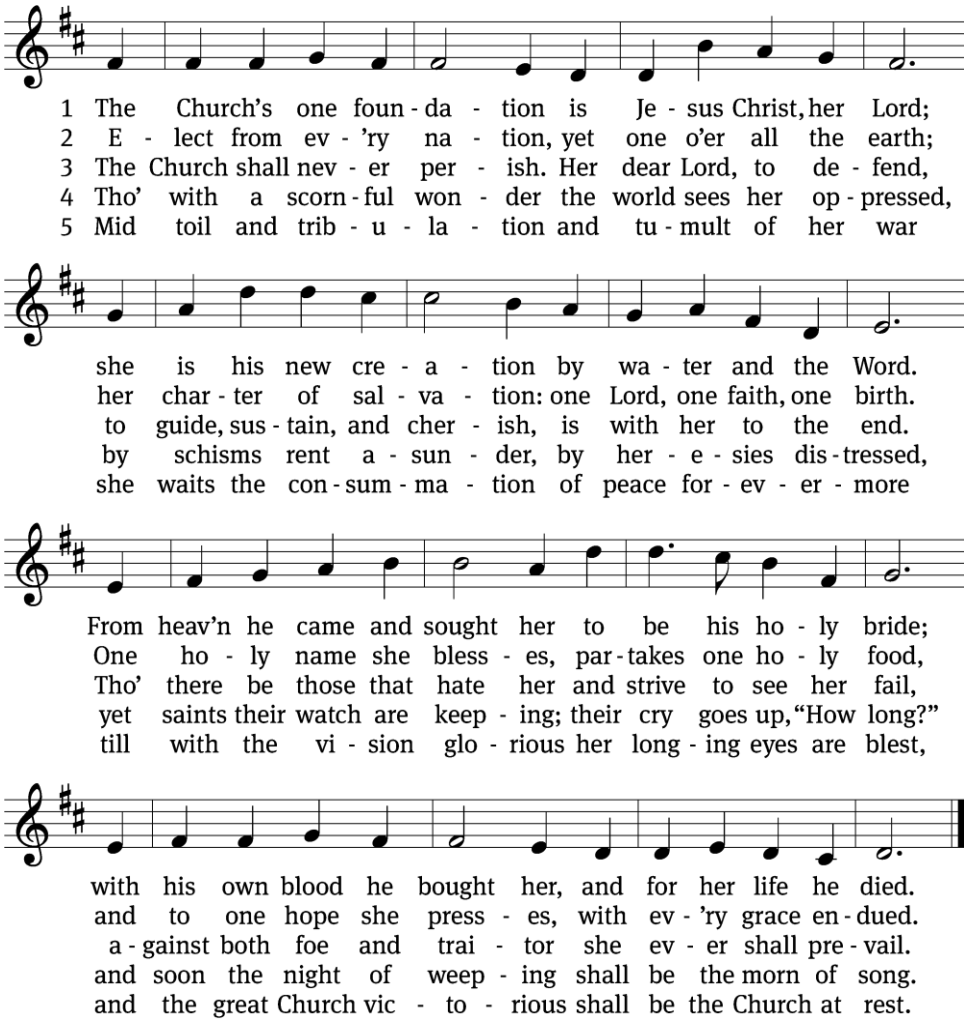

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Please stand if you are able

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

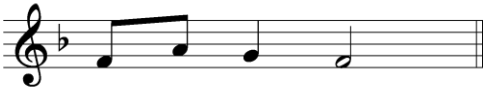
Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

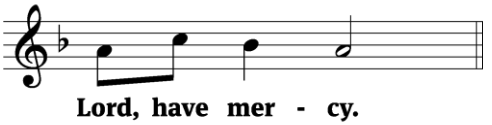
Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

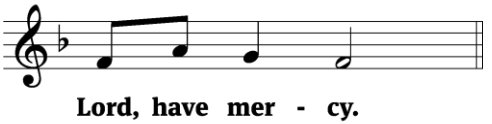
In peace let us pray to the Lord.



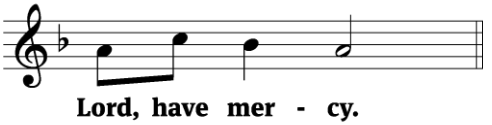
For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



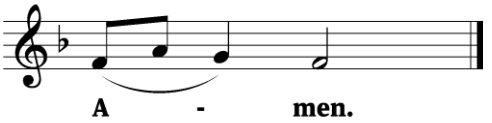
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



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



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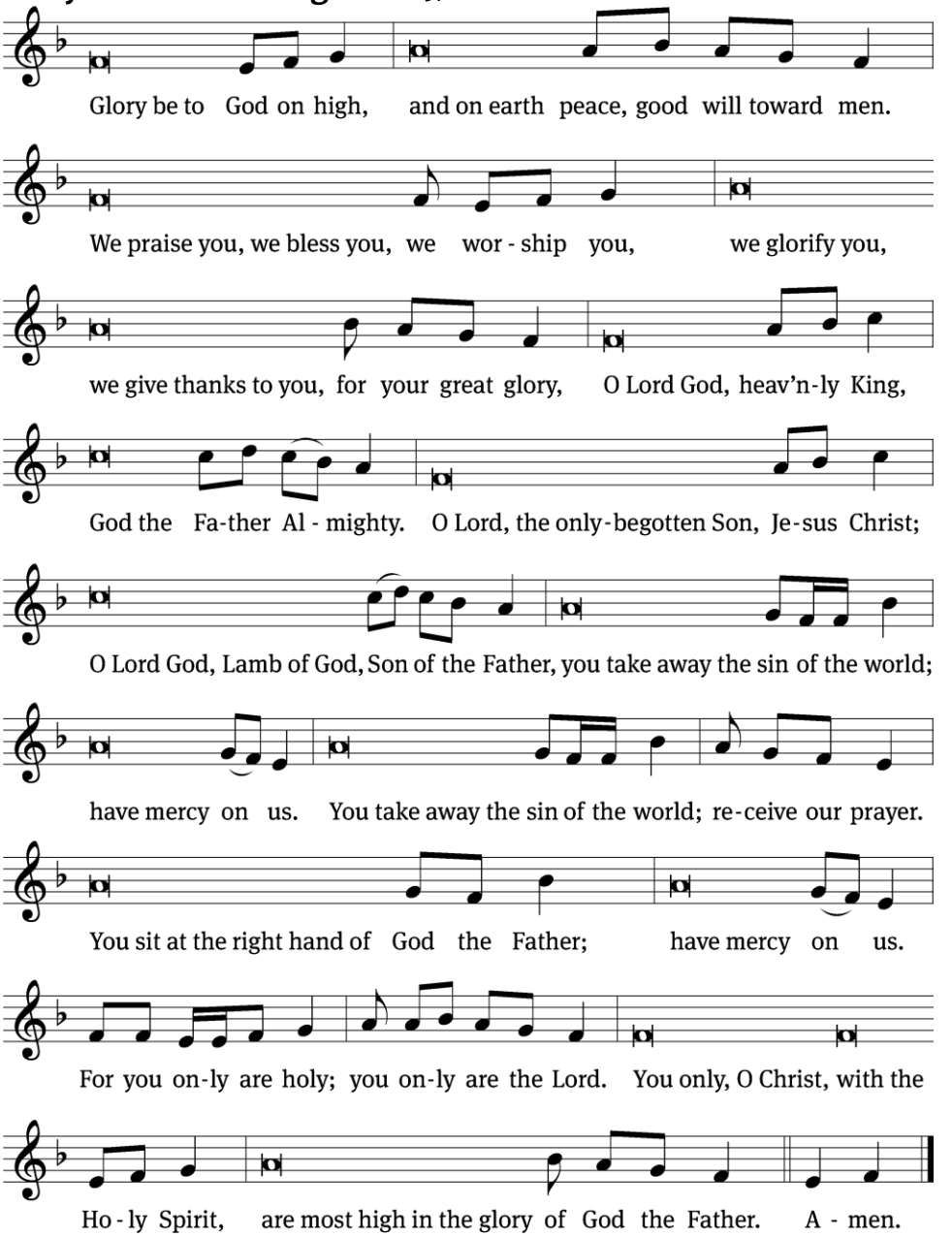
Glory Be to God on High *CW 157*



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

First Reading

Daniel 6:10–12,16–23

10 Now, when Daniel learned that the document had been signed, he went to his house. It
had windows on its upper story that opened toward Jerusalem. Three times each day he would
get on his knees and pray and offer praise before his God. He continued to do that, just as he
had been doing before this. 11 Then these men came as a group and found Daniel praying and
seeking favor from his God.
12 They then went and asked the king about the decree. "Your Majesty, did you not sign a
decree that anyone who prays to any god or person for thirty days except to you, Your Majesty,
would be thrown into the den of lions?"
The king answered, "Indeed I did. The order is established as a law of the Medes and the
Persians that cannot be revoked."
16 Then the king gave the order, and Daniel was brought and thrown into the lions' den. The
king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you." 17 A stone was
brought and placed over the mouth of the pit. The king sealed it with his signet ring and the
signet rings of his nobles so that nothing could be changed with regard to Daniel's situation.
18 Then the king went to his palace. He spent the night without food, and no entertainment was
brought before him. But he could not sleep.
19 At dawn the king arose as soon as it was light and hurried to the lions' den. 20 As he came
near the pit, he cried out in a fearful voice. The king said to Daniel, "Daniel, servant of the
living God, was your God, whom you serve continually, able to rescue you from the lions?"
21 Then Daniel spoke with the king. "Your Majesty, may you live forever! 22 My God sent his
angel and shut the mouth of the lions. They have not hurt me because he found me innocent
in his presence. Also before you, Your Majesty, I have committed no crime."
23 Then the king was very glad and said that Daniel should be brought up from the pit. So
Daniel was brought up from the pit, and he was unharmed because he trusted in his God.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ***"From Age to Age the Same"***

God is our refuge and strength, our help in times of trouble.
We shall not fear for God is near, though the earth should be removed.
Though the waters roar and foam, though the mountains fall into the sea,
God is our refuge and our strength, from age to age the same!

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of our God,
a holy place of the Most High God.
God is in her midst; it shall not be moved. Though the nations rage,
And the kingdoms fall, God evermore shall reign!

Second Reading

Romans 3:19–28

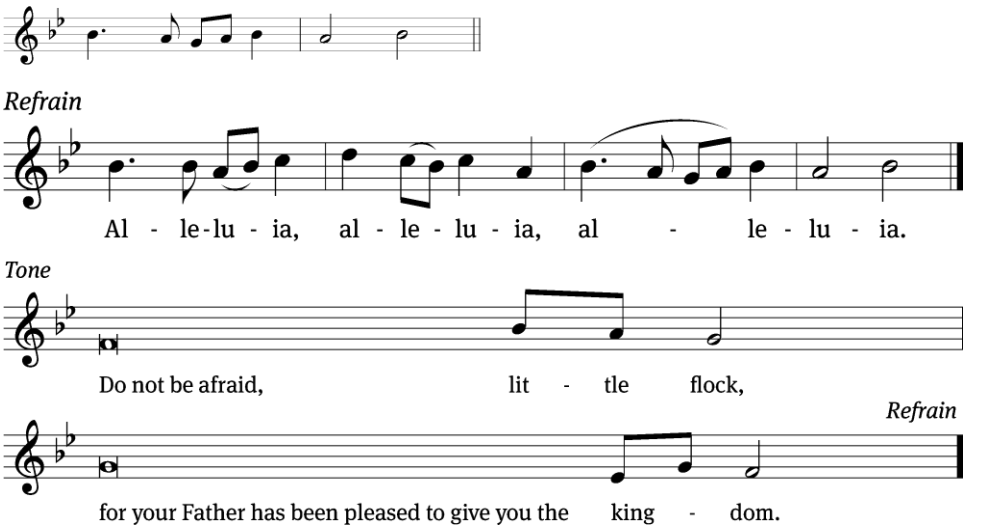
19 Now we know that whatever the law says is addressed to those who are under the law, so
that every mouth will be silenced and the whole world will be subject to God's judgment. 20 For
this reason, no one will be declared righteous in his sight by works of the law, for through the
law we become aware of sin.
21 But now, completely apart from the law, a righteousness from God has been made known.
The Law and the Prophets testify to it. 22 This righteousness from God comes through faith in
Jesus Christ to all and over all who believe.
In fact, there is no difference, 23 because all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God
24 and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom
God publicly displayed as the atonement seat through faith in his blood. God did this to
demonstrate his justice, since, in his divine restraint, he had left the sins that were committed
earlier unpunished. 26 He did this to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so that he
would be both just and the one who justifies the person who has faith in Jesus.
27 What happens to boasting then? It has been eliminated. By what principle—by the
principle of works? No, but by the principle of faith. 28 For we conclude that a person is
justified by faith without the works of the law.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand if you are able

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 12:32



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Gospel

Matthew 10:16–23

16 "Look, I am sending you out as sheep among wolves. So be as shrewd as snakes and as
innocent as doves. 17 Be on guard against people. They will hand you over to councils, and they
will whip you in their synagogues. 18 You will be brought into the presence of governors and
kings for my sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. 19 Whenever they hand you over,
do not be worried about how you will respond or what you will say, because what you say will
be given to you in that hour. 20 In fact you will not be the ones speaking, but the Spirit of your
Father will be speaking through you.

21 "Brother will hand over his brother to death, and a father will do the same with his child.
Children will rise up against parents and have them put to death. 22 You will be hated by all
people because of my name, but whoever endures to the end will be saved. 23 And when they
persecute you in one town, flee to the next. Amen I tell you: You will not finish going through
the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

863 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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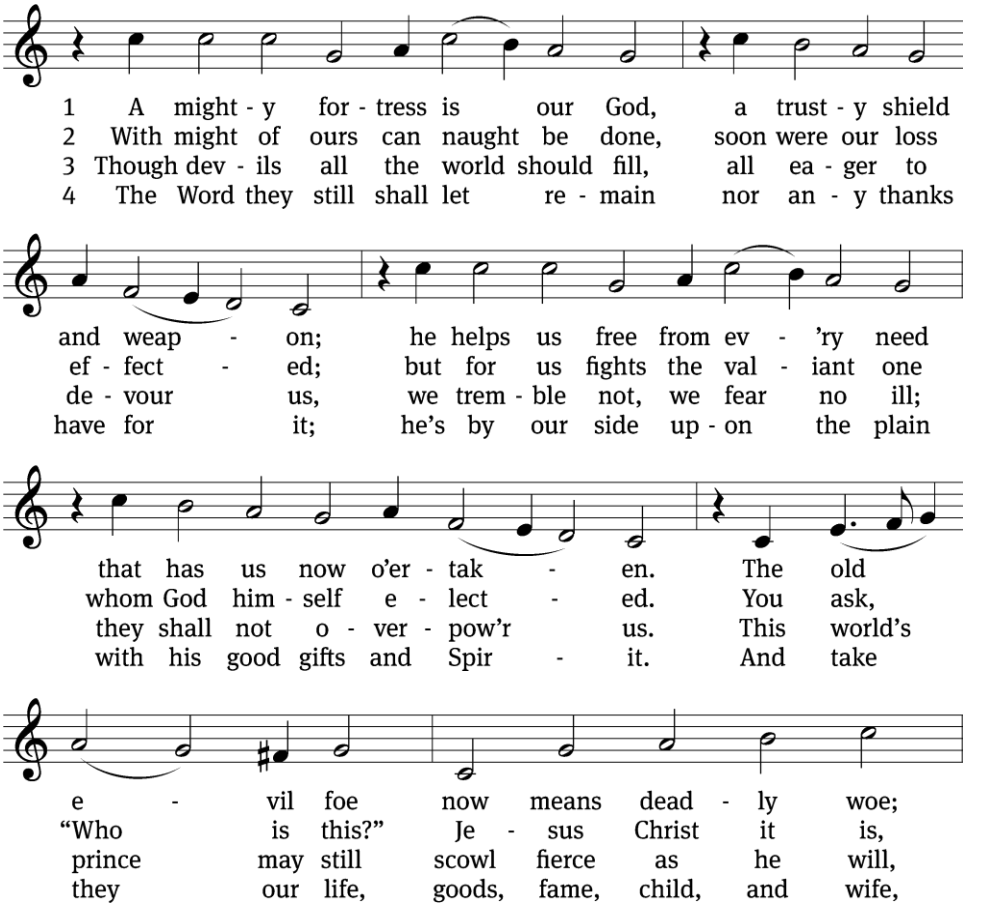

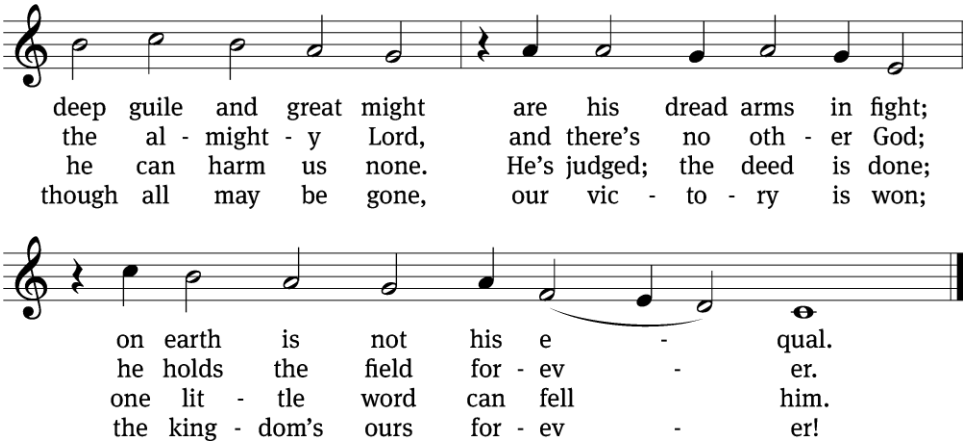

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SERMON

1 Thessalonians 1:1–5

[1]Paul, Silas, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians, which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
[2]We always give thanks to God for all of you as we make mention of you in our prayers,
[3]because we constantly remember before God our Father your work produced by faith, your labor produced by love, and your patient endurance produced by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.
[4]Dear brothers, loved by God, we know that God has chosen you, [5]because our gospel did not come to you with mere words, but with power, with the Holy Spirit, and with deep conviction.

THEME: Marvel at the Grace of God!
I. God chose us from eternity
II. God preserves us in our faith
III. God accepts our works of service

HANDBELL CHOIR ***"The Church's One Foundation"***
Arr. by Kevin McChesney

Please stand, if you are able

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

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

810 The First Song of Isaiah

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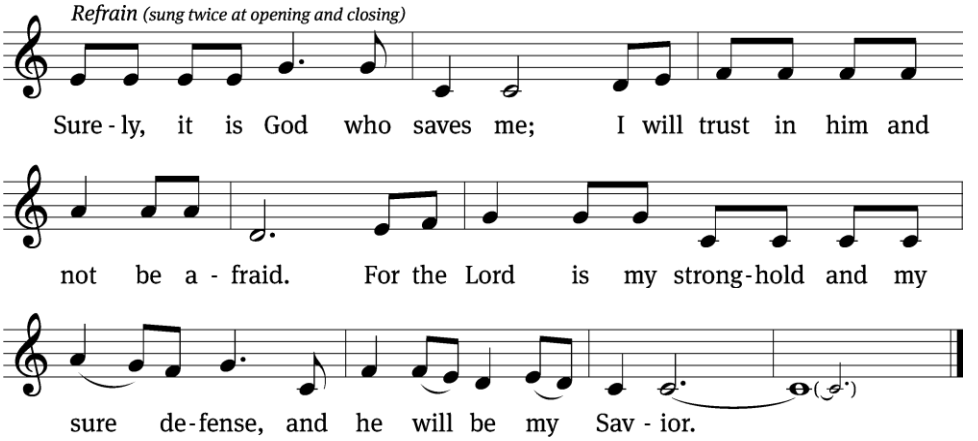

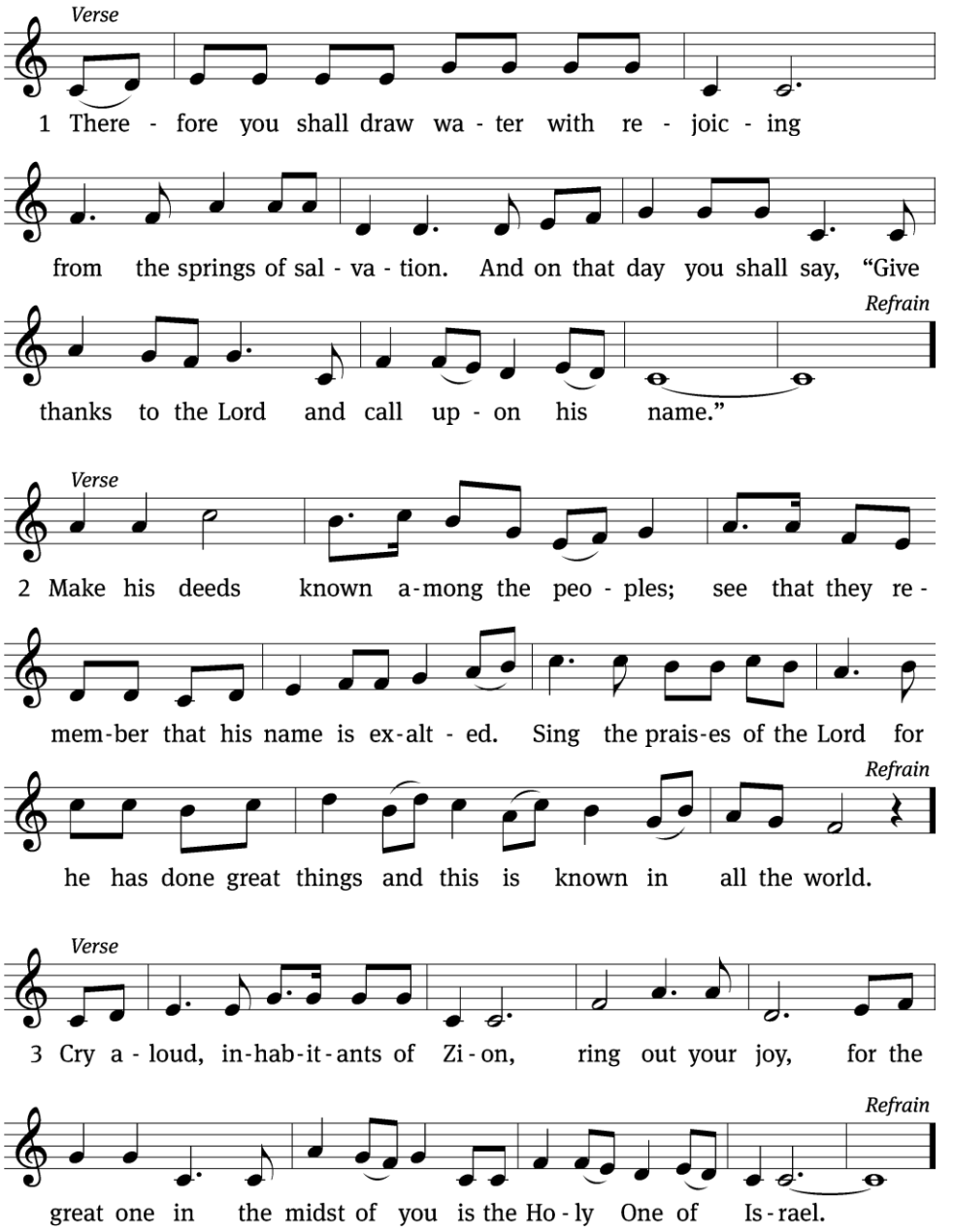

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Please stand, if you are able

Prayer

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

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

Please remain standing for the closing hymn

His Robes for Mine

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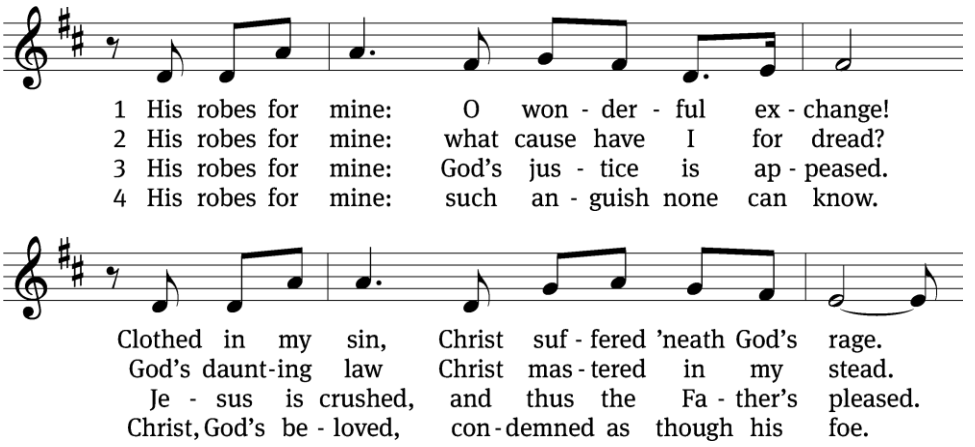

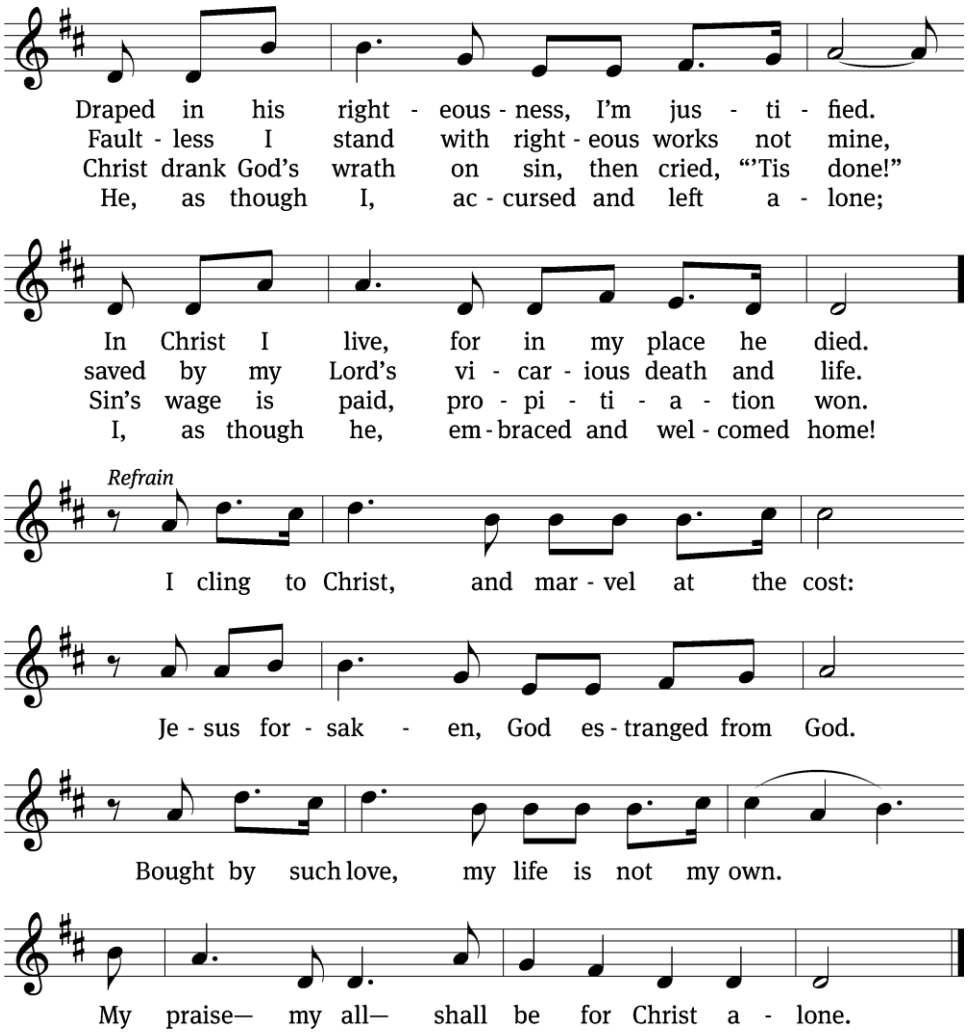

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