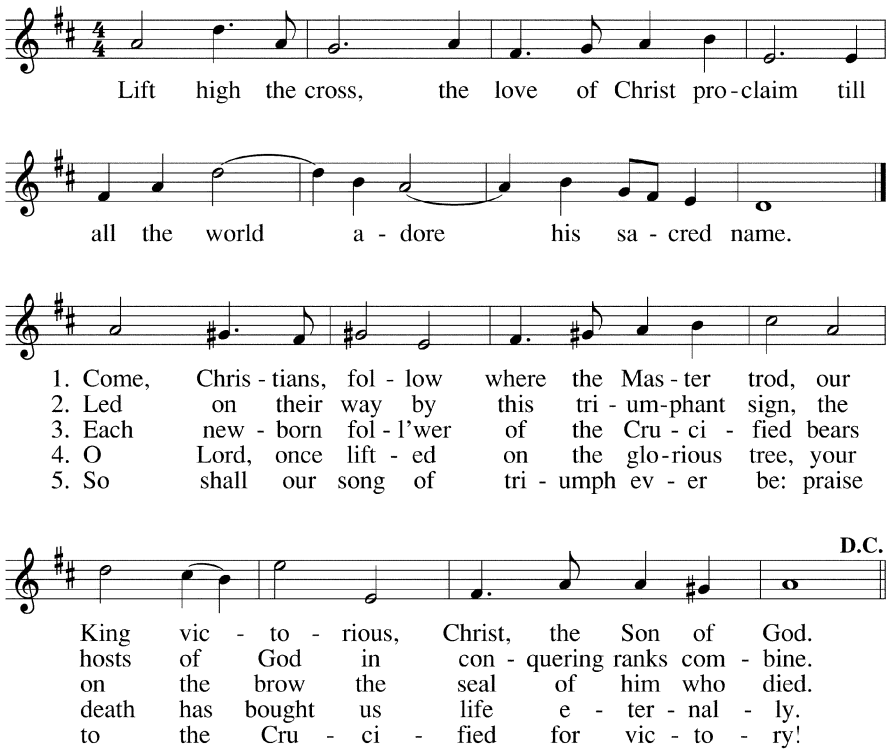


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INTRODUCTORY RITES

Gathering Song:

Lift High the Cross



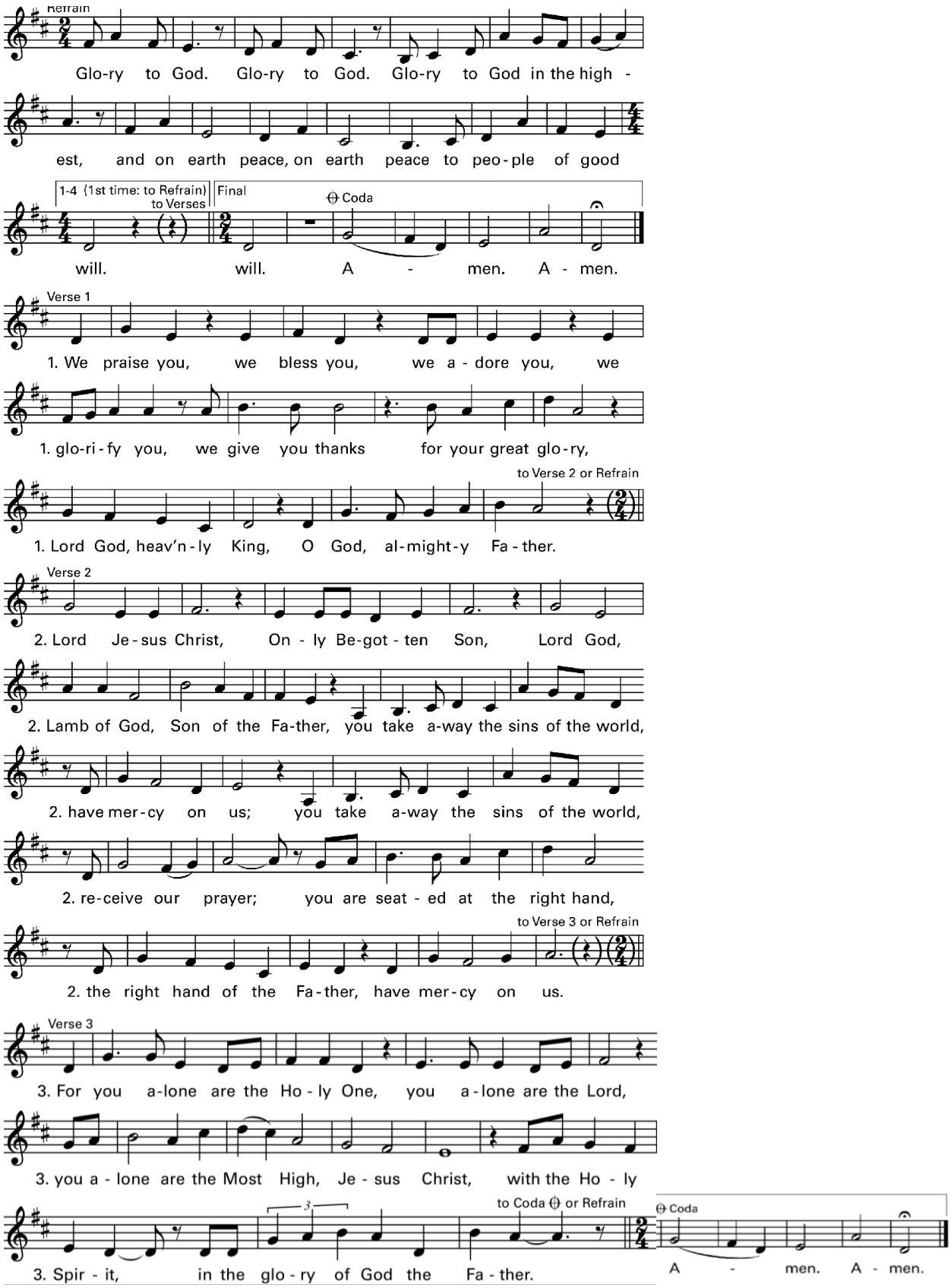
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Sign of the Cross

Greeting

Act of Penitence

Gloria: Glory to God: Mass of Christ the Savior



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Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Thus says the Lord GOD:
I myself will look after and tend my sheep.
As a shepherd tends his flock
when he finds himself among his scattered sheep,
so will I tend my sheep.
I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered
when it was cloudy and dark.
I myself will pasture my sheep;
I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD.
The lost I will seek out,
the strayed I will bring back,
the injured I will bind up,
the sick I will heal,
but the sleek and the strong I will destroy,
shepherding them rightly.

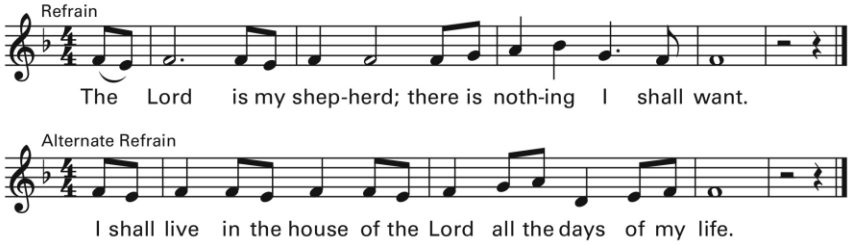
As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD,
I will judge between one sheep and another,
between rams and goats.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

PSALM 23: THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD/
I SHALL LIVE IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD

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1. The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.

2. He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side
with your rod and your staff
that give me courage.

3. You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

4. Only goodness and kindness
follow me all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for years to come.

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Reading 2

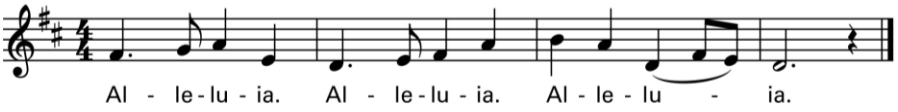
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Brothers and sisters:
Christ has been raised from the dead,
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since death came through man,
the resurrection of the dead came also through man.
For just as in Adam all die,
so too in Christ shall all be brought to life,
but each one in proper order:
Christ the firstfruits;
then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ;
then comes the end,
when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father,
when he has destroyed every sovereignty
and every authority and power.
For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

The last enemy to be destroyed is death.
When everything is subjected to him,
then the Son himself will also be subjected
to the one who subjected everything to him,
so that God may be all in all.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Mass of Christ the Savior



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Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

Priest or Deacon: The Lord be with you

All Respond: And with your spirit

Priest or Deacon: A reading from the Holy Gospel According to: Matthew

All Respond: (signing the cross on their forehead, lips and heart)
Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel ***Matthew 25:31-46***

Jesus said to his disciples:
"When the Son of Man comes in his glory,
and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne,
and all the nations will be assembled before him.
And he will separate them one from another,
as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.
He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.
Then the king will say to those on his right,
'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom
prepared for you from the foundation of the world.
For I was hungry and you gave me food,

I was thirsty and you gave me drink,
a stranger and you welcomed me,
naked and you clothed me,
ill and you cared for me,
in prison and you visited me.'
Then the righteous will answer him and say,
'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you,
or thirsty and give you drink?
When did we see you a stranger and welcome you,
or naked and clothe you?
When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?'
And the king will say to them in reply,
'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did
for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.'
Then he will say to those on his left,
'Depart from me, you accursed,
into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.
For I was hungry and you gave me no food,
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,
a stranger and you gave me no welcome,
naked and you gave me no clothing,
ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.'
Then they will answer and say,
'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty
or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison,
and not minister to your needs?'
He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you,
what you did not do for one of these least ones,
you did not do for me.'
And these will go off to eternal punishment,
but the righteous to eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord.

All respond: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated
at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful)

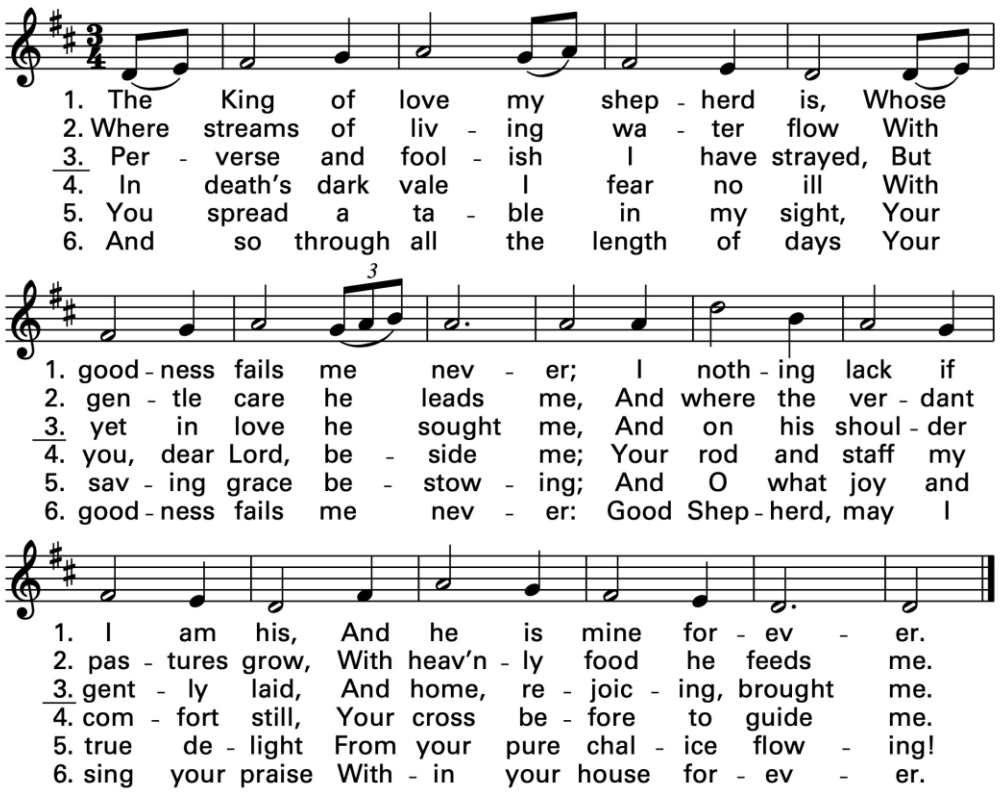
Please respond: Lord hear our prayer

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation Song:

THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

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Text: 87 87; based on Psalm 23; Matthew 18; John 10; Henry Williams Baker, 1821–1877, alt. Music: Trad. Irish Melody.

Invitation to Pray

Pray my brothers and sisters ...

Response: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name, for our good
and the good of all his holy Church.

Preface Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

Response: And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

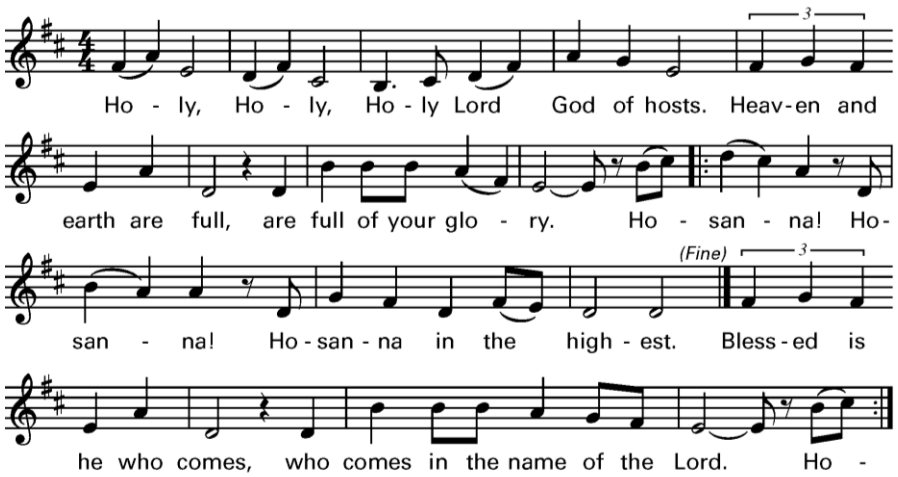
Response: We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

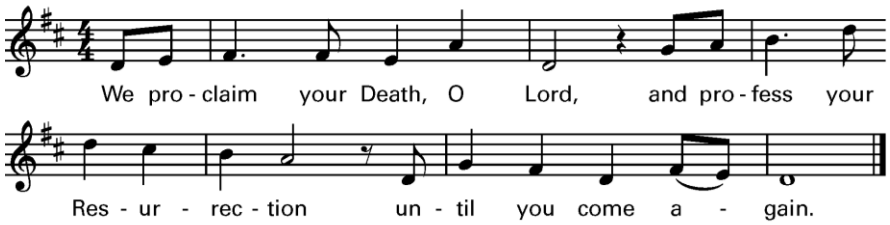
Response: It is right and just.

Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of Christ the Savior

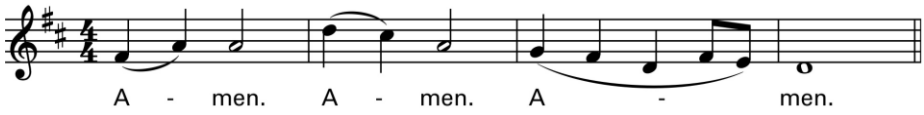
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Memorial Acclamation



Amen



Communion Rite

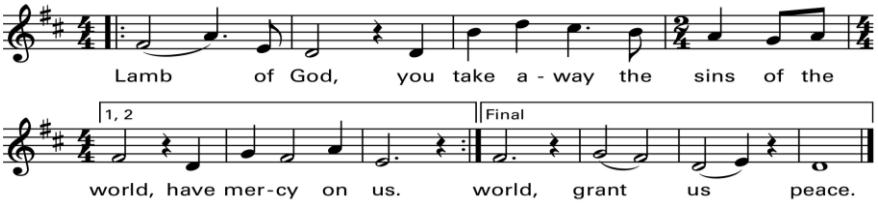
The Lord’s Prayer

Sign of Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Response: And with your Spirit

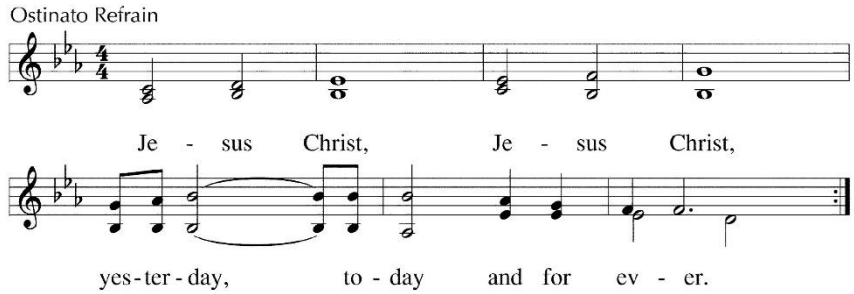
Breaking of the Bread



Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God,
Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
Response: Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Song:



Text: Suzanne Toolan, SM, b.1927
Tune: Suzanne Toolan, SM, b.1927
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O Radiant Light, O Sun Divine, of our God's deathless face, yesterday, today and for ever.

You are Alpha and Omega, you are Savior and Friend; yesterday, today and for ever.

Image of Light Sublime that fills the heavenly dwelling place; yesterday, today and for ever.

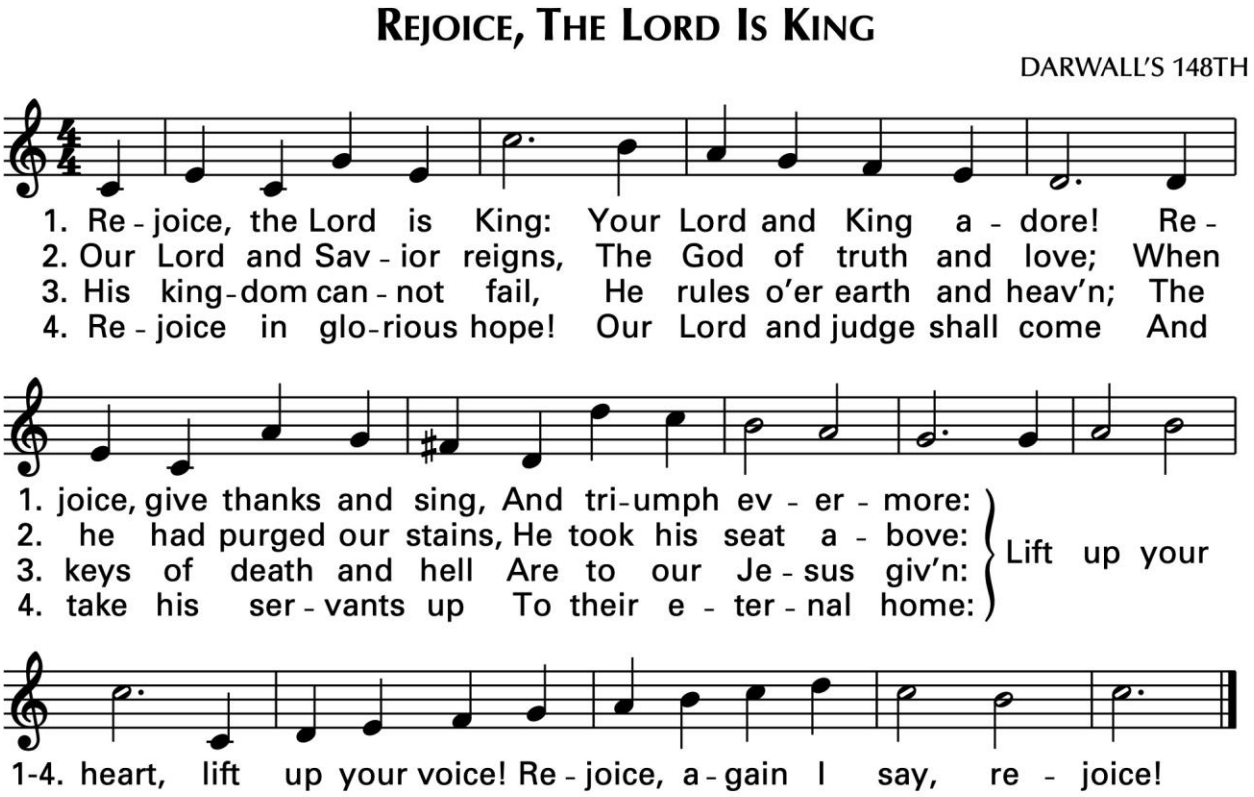
Prayer After Communion

Announements

Final Blessing

Dismissal

Sending Song



Text: 66 66 44 44; *Hymns For Our Lord's Resurrection*, 1746; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788.
Music: John Darwall, 1731–1789.

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