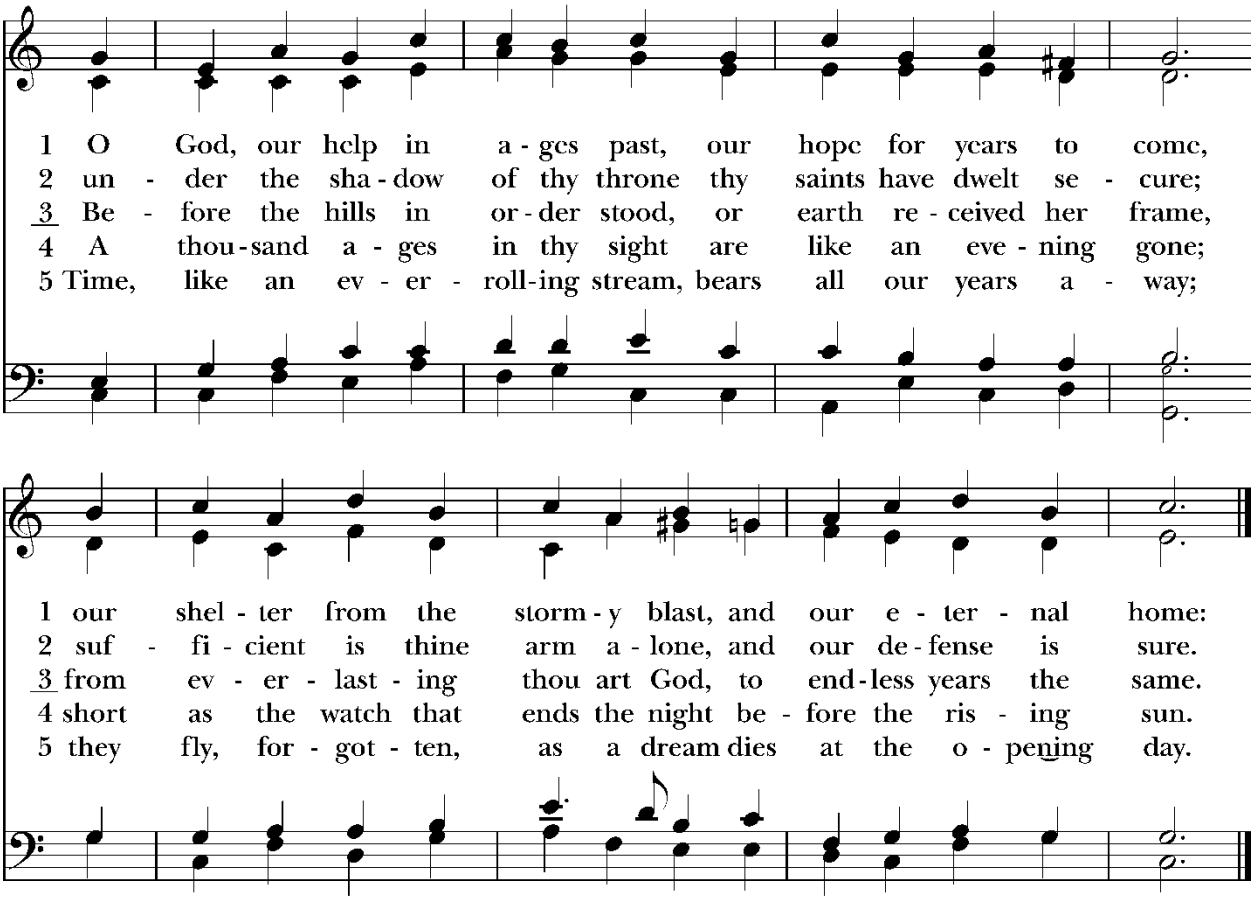
The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost Eucharist
St. Andrew's Church
November 15, 2026



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church is called to love God and to love one another through worship, fellowship, education, and outreach; and looks for opportunities to collaborate and serve throughout our community and the world.

All stand.

Opening Hymn #680 — *O God, our help*



6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.
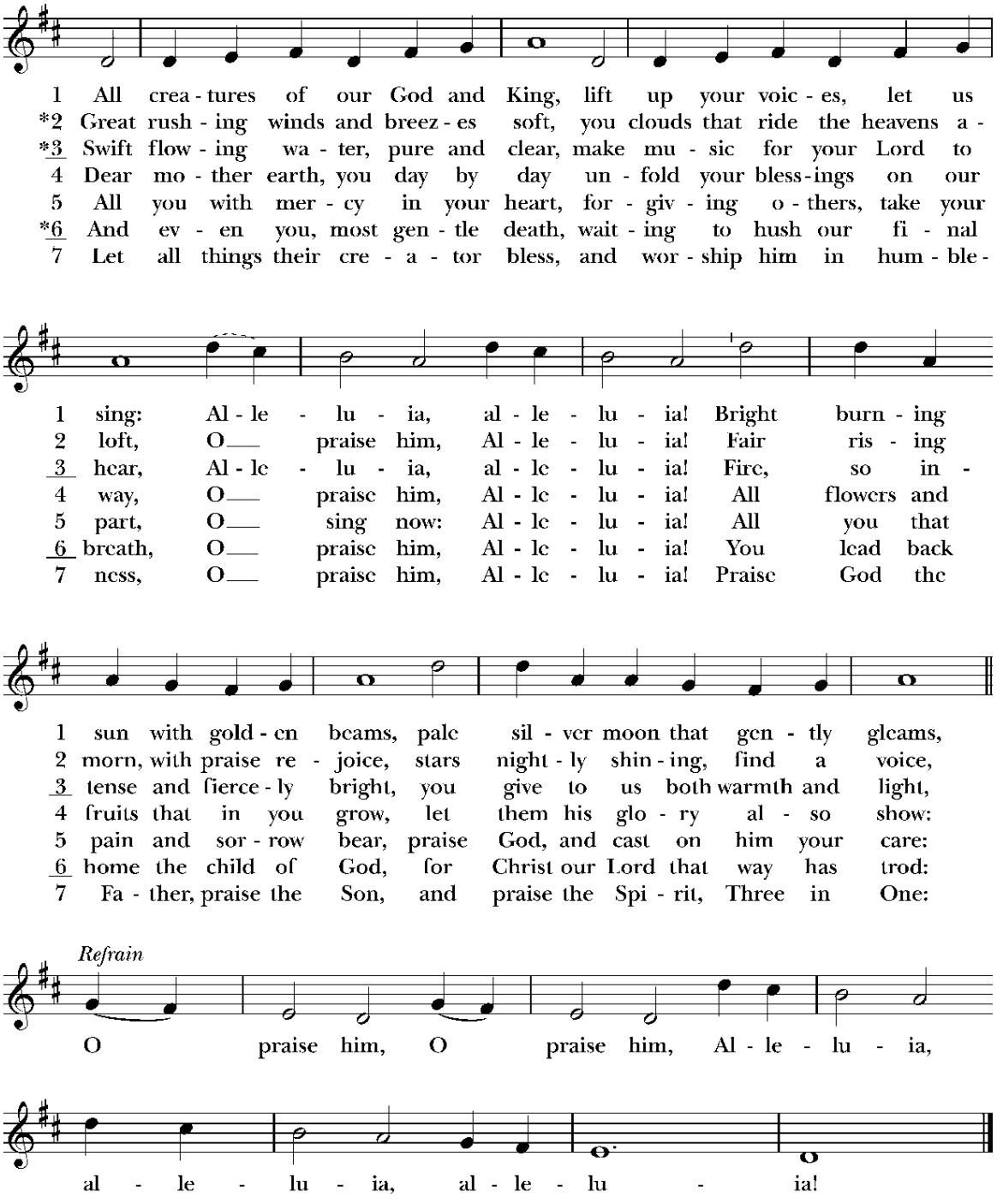
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Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of Life.
***All*:** **And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.**

Song of Praise **Hymn #400** ***All creatures of our God and King***

This week we will sing verse 3 only



The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

Words: St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt. Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistiche Kirchengeseng*, 123; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

LECTOR

A Reading from the First Letter to the Thessalonians 1 Thessalonians 5:8-11

But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

LECTOR

Psalm of the Day Psalm 123

read responsively, by half verse.

1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.

2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *
until he show us his mercy.

4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

The Holy Gospel **Matthew 25:14-30**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
All: **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Celebrant: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

Profession of Faith (South Indian)

Please stand and face the cross.

We believe in God, who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.
We believe in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water.
We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,
the malnourished one, the climate refugee,
who loves and cares for this world
and who suffers with it.
And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,
who came to reconcile and renew this world
and everything in it.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
who moves with God
and who moves among and with us today.
We believe in everlasting life in God.
And we believe in the hope that one day
God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.

LEM

The Prayers of the People

Remain standing. The people are encouraged to add their own petitions.

LEM: Eternal God: We thank you for the beauty of the World: for the teeming life of the seas, the flight of birds, and the diversity of animal life. Grant us grace to treat Creation with respect and care; to protect endangered species, to preserve the variety of habitats, and to honor the delicate balance of nature.

All: **God of life, hear our prayer.**

LEM: We thank you for the wealth of blessings from land and sea; for the power of wind, and the warmth of sun. We pray for the nations of the earth, give us the will to cherish this planet and to use its resources sustainably for the welfare of all.

All: **God of justice, hear our prayer.**

LEM: We pray for this nation; for the President of the United States, the Governor of New York, and all in authority. Grant them wisdom and strength to know and to do your will, and fill them with the love of truth and righteousness. Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes.

All: **God of wisdom, hear our prayer.**

LEM: We pray for the faithful witness of the Church, called to reconcile and heal: For this parish and our vestry as we move through a process of transition. For Allison our Priest-in-Charge, for Matt and Allen our Bishops, for the diocesan ministry team, for Sean our Presiding Bishop and for Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury.

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

LEM: We pray for the human family. As every human being is known and loved by you, may we care for one another with love and respect. We pray especially for those commended to our care: ***Charles, Edna, Sheila, Lisa, Mary, Gabriel, Joan, Gwenn, Nancy, Patricia, Ola, Joe, Janet, Charles, Martha, Elizabeth, James, Linda, Christine, Jen, Jacob, Gisela, Miles, Rodger, Jennifer, Ann, Laura, Terrell, Davette, Sally, Charlene, all facing exclusion or harm,*** and those we now name*.[Pause]*. God of compassion,

All: **hear our prayer.**

LEM: We pray for those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries, especially those we now name*. [Pause]*. God of delight,

All: **hear our prayer.**

LEM: We pray for those who have died, especially those we now name. *[Pause]* and for all who mourn.

All: **God of peace: hear our prayer.**

LEM: Creating God, your name is written in every leaf, every bird, every river, every stone, every living being. Thank you for calling us by name. Thank you for your continued creating power in water, rivers, forests and oceans. Make us attentive to the wounds of the earth and willing to work for the healing of all creation, that our children may enjoy its abundance, and a long life on your beloved earth. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Let us pray for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence

All: **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Remain standing.

Celebrant: Peace with yourself.
Peace with Creation.
Peace with one another.
The peace of Christ be always with you.
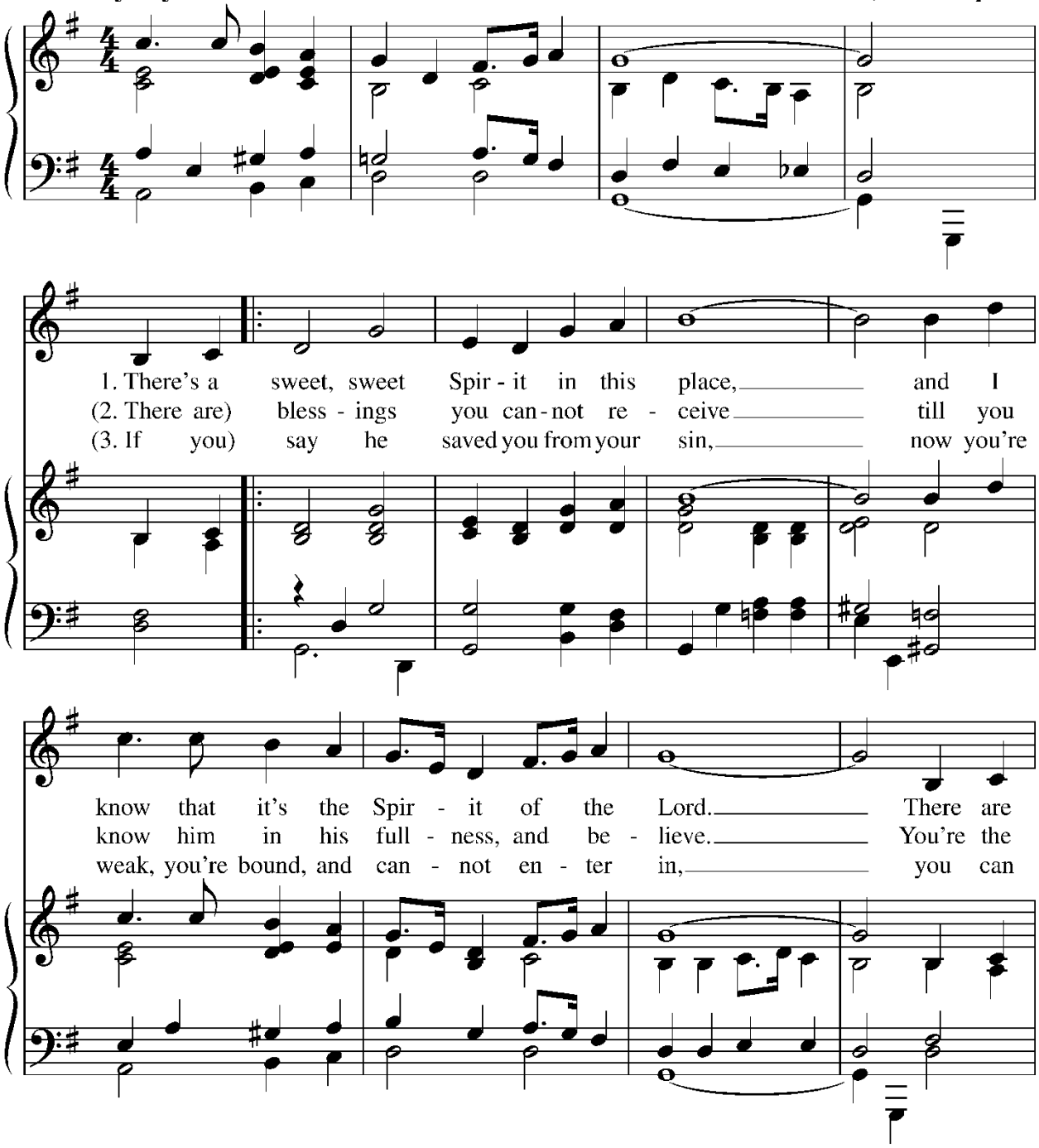
All: **And also with you.**
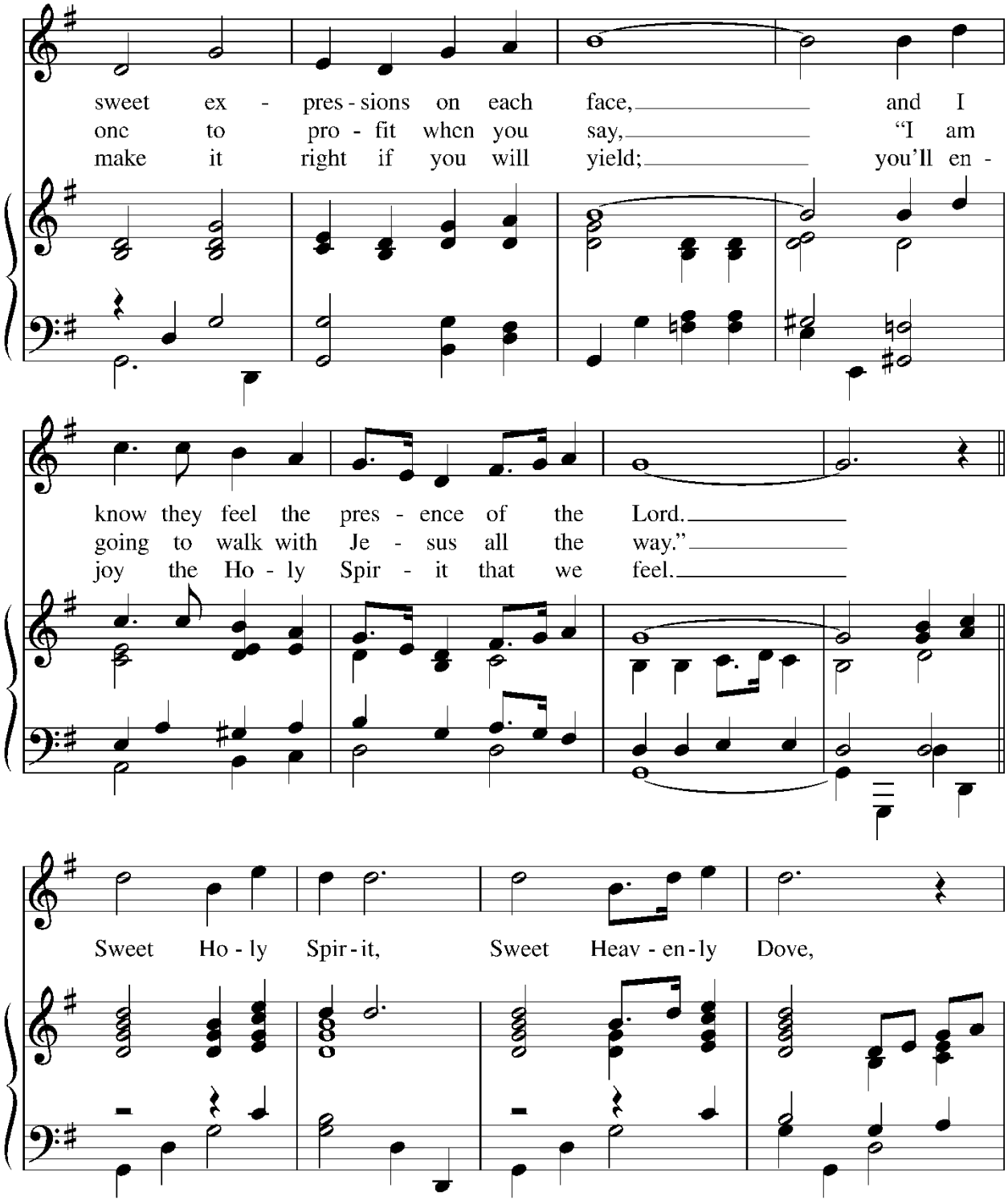
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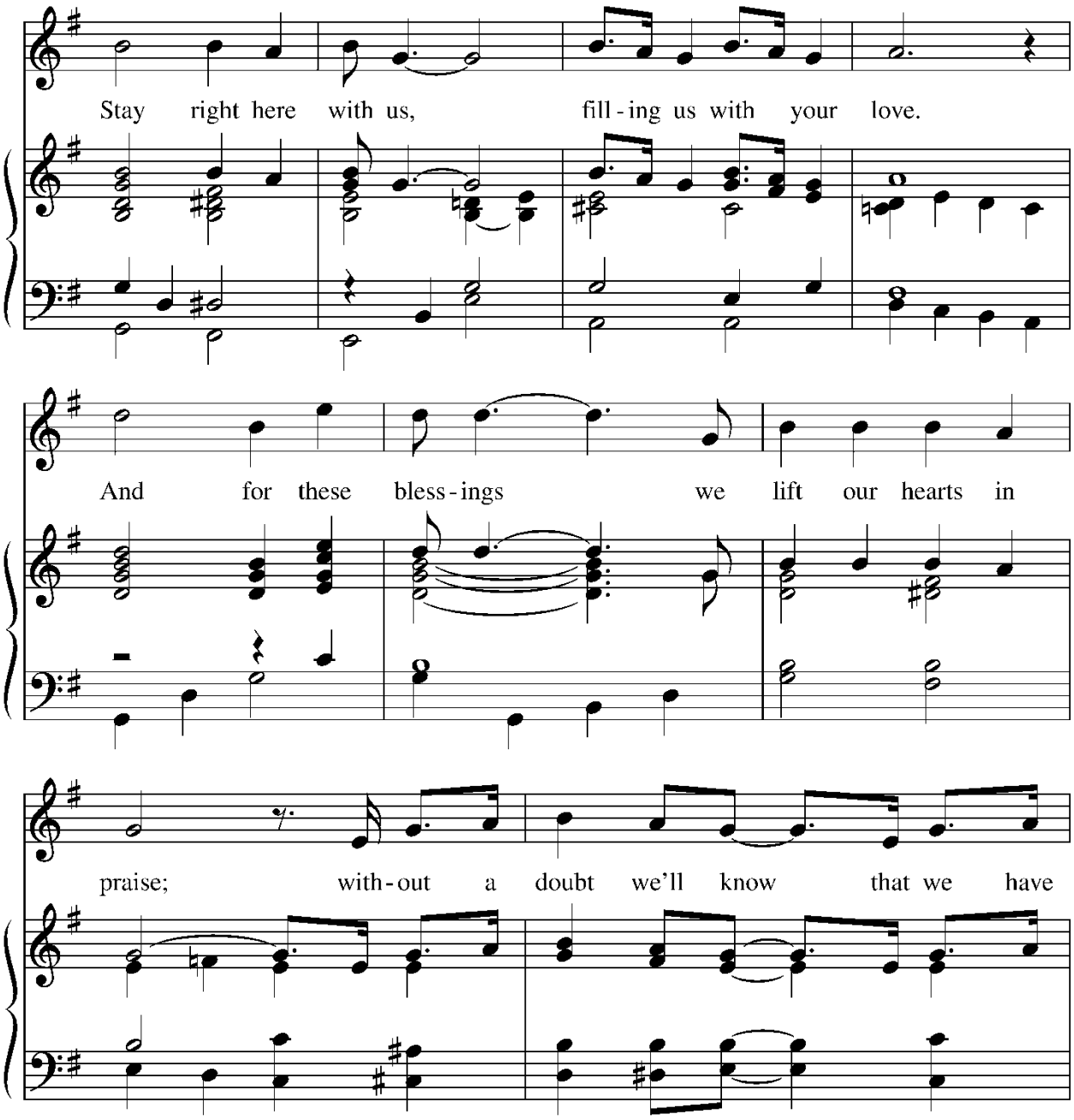
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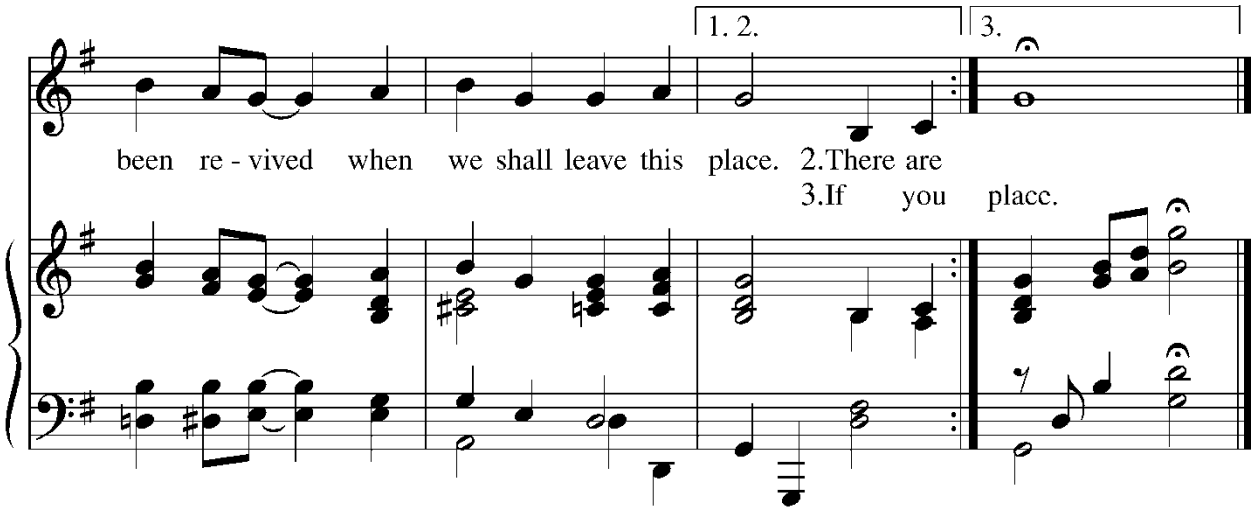
Celebrant: All that we are and all that we have are yours, O God, and you are all this. We offer ourselves to you for your glory and the well-being of all creation.

Offertory Hymn WLP #752 ***There's a sweet, sweet spirit***




sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I
onc to pro - fit whcn you say, "I am
make it right if you will yield; you'll en -
know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
going to walk with Je - sus all the way."
joy the Ho - ly Spir - it that we feel.
Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, Sweet Heav - en - ly Dove,


Stay right here with us, fill - ing us with your love.
And for these bless - ings we lift our hearts in
praise; with - out a doubt we'll know that we have



Words and Music: Doris Akers (1922-1995).

Eucharistic Prayer with Creation II

Celebrant: May God be with you.
***All*:** **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
***All*:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God.
***All*:** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right in all times and in all places to thank and praise you Creator of all. We praise you here between the Shawangunk Ridge and the Hudson River, Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean. We praise you at a time when the body of earth is broken again and again.

All: **We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation.**
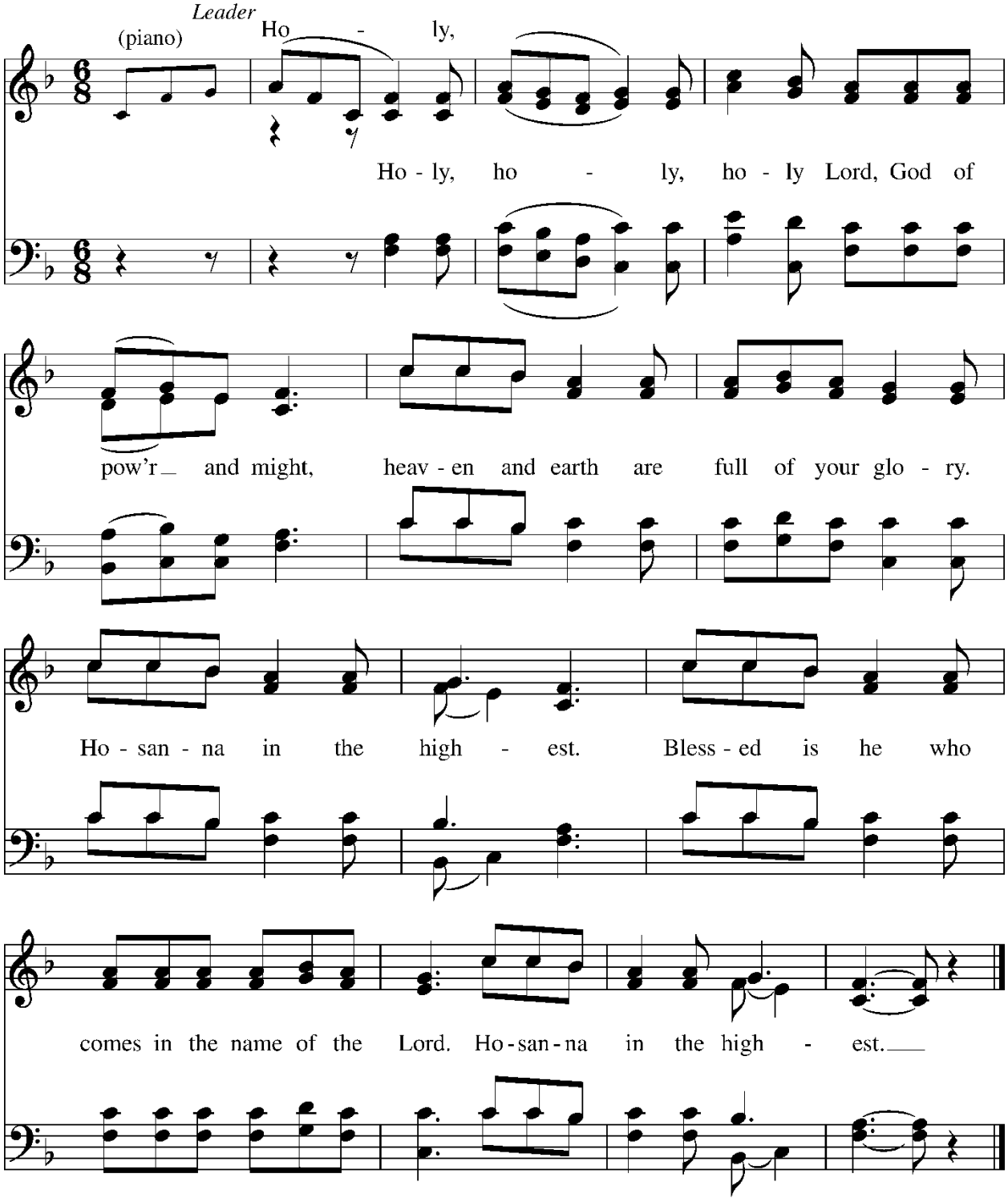
Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration.

They depended on the land, were displaced from the land and displaced others from their lands.

They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells, in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who spoke of cedars and listened to ravens.

Celebrant: Together with angels and ancestors, bluebirds and beavers, roses and sugar maples, we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honor song:

Sanctus ***LEVAS #256*** ***Holy, holy, holy***



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Celebrant: We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough. He was baptized in the Jordan, tested in the wilderness, he traveled in fishing boats and told parables of famers and seeds, labor and wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth, he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me.

Again after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you do this, do it in memory of me.

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup.

Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts so that we know Jesus in them and are gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal of justice and community.

All: **Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of creation.**

Celebrant: Bring us with St Andrew and all your saints to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and beggar which is both now and yet to come.

All honor and glory are yours, Creator, Christ, and Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Lord's Prayer

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 for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Creator God, you fed us from the beginning.
***All*:** **You invite all to the Supper of Creation. Alleluia!**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.
All: **May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.**

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Loving God,**
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
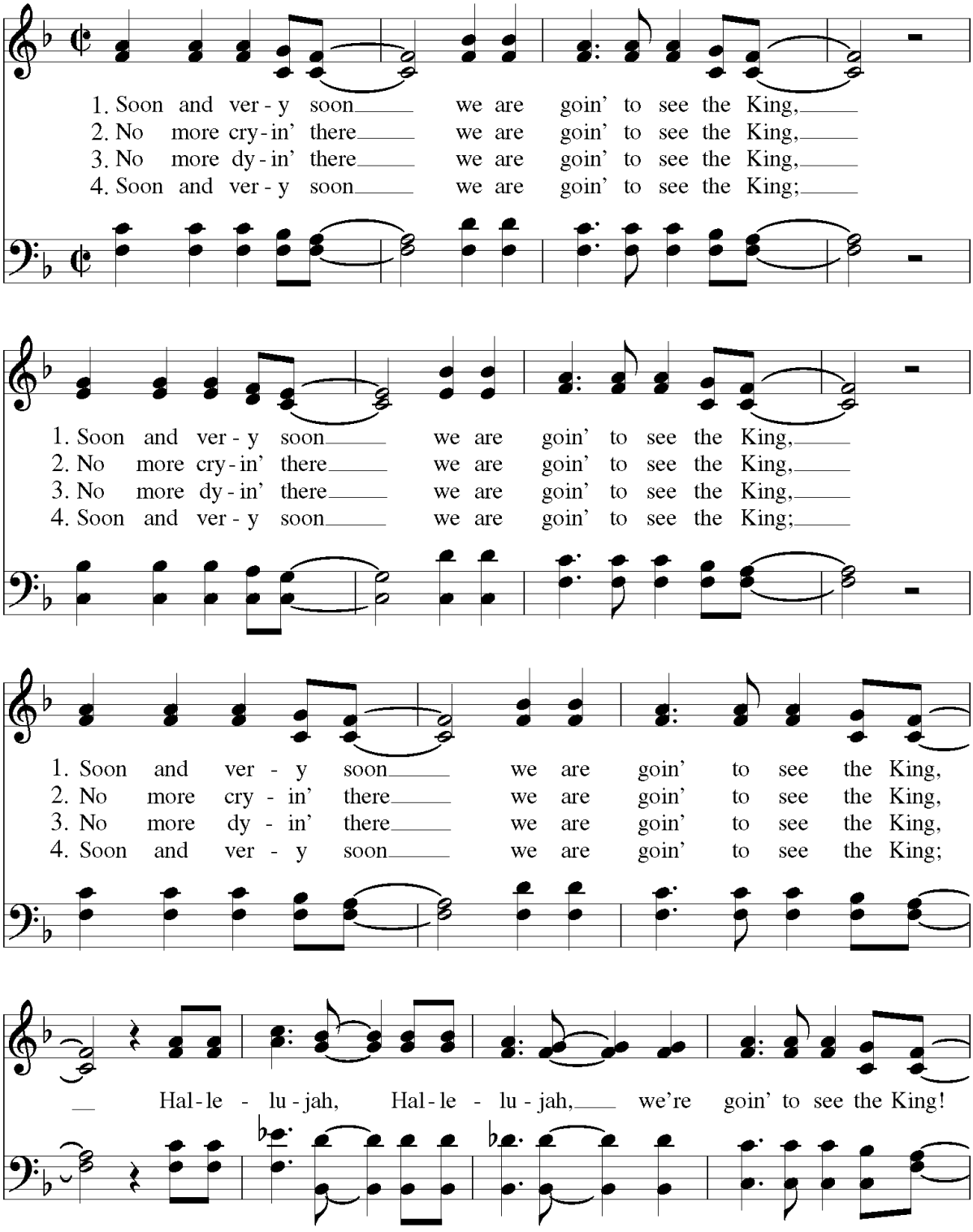
Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God,
that the gifts of your Spirit may work
in us and renew the face of the earth.
May we be one with you
so that our work is yours
and your work is ours.
Lead us to transform our lives
to reflect your glory in Creation;
through Jesus Christ our Savior
who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever. Amen.

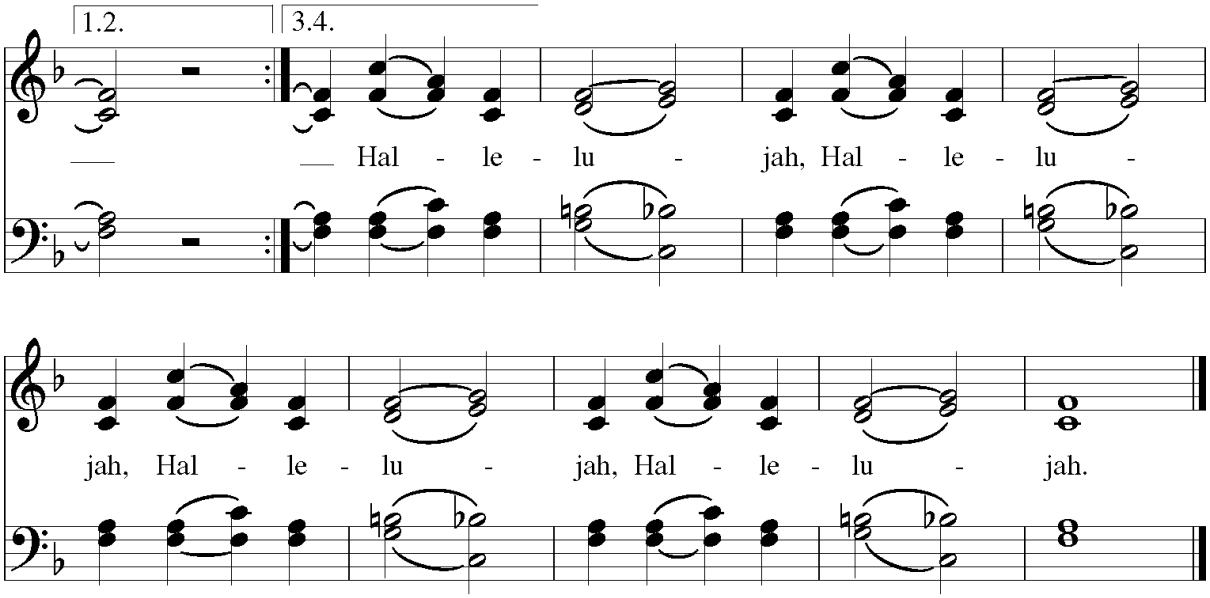
The Blessing

Celebrant: May God who established the dance of creation,
Who marveled at the lilies of the field,
Who transforms chaos to order,
Lead us to transform our lives and the Church
To listen to the voice of all creatures
That reflect God's glory in creation. **Amen.**

Announcements

Closing Hymn LEVAS #14 *Soon and very soon*





The Dismissal

Celebrant: Tend the earth,
care for God's good Creation;
as you have received freely,
so give freely.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR TODAY

Celebrant:	Rev. Allison Moore
LEM:	Rae Slingerland
Lector:	Annette Johnson
Usher:	David Slingerland
Altar Guild:	Valerie McAllister
Organist:	Janet Frommer
Coffee Hour:	Simons Family
Live Stream Tech:	Jane Conger

Sources of Worship:
Episcopal Church Creation Care Website
https://newcreationliturgies.org/seasonofcreation/#_idTextAnchor019
St. Stephen's, Pittsfield, MA https://www.ststephenspittsfield.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Creation-Season-Booklet-2025.pdf
Book of Common Prayer

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