Thanksgiving Eve
Wednesday, 7:30pm, November 25, 2026



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INTRODUCTION

Every gathering for worship has elements of thanksgiving. When we are nourished with God's bounty in holy communion, when we partake of Jesus' word that gives life to the world, and even when two or three of us simply join our hearts in prayer to make our requests known to God, we do so "with thanksgiving." Let us give thanks to God, who is good and whose mercy endures forever.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. 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.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

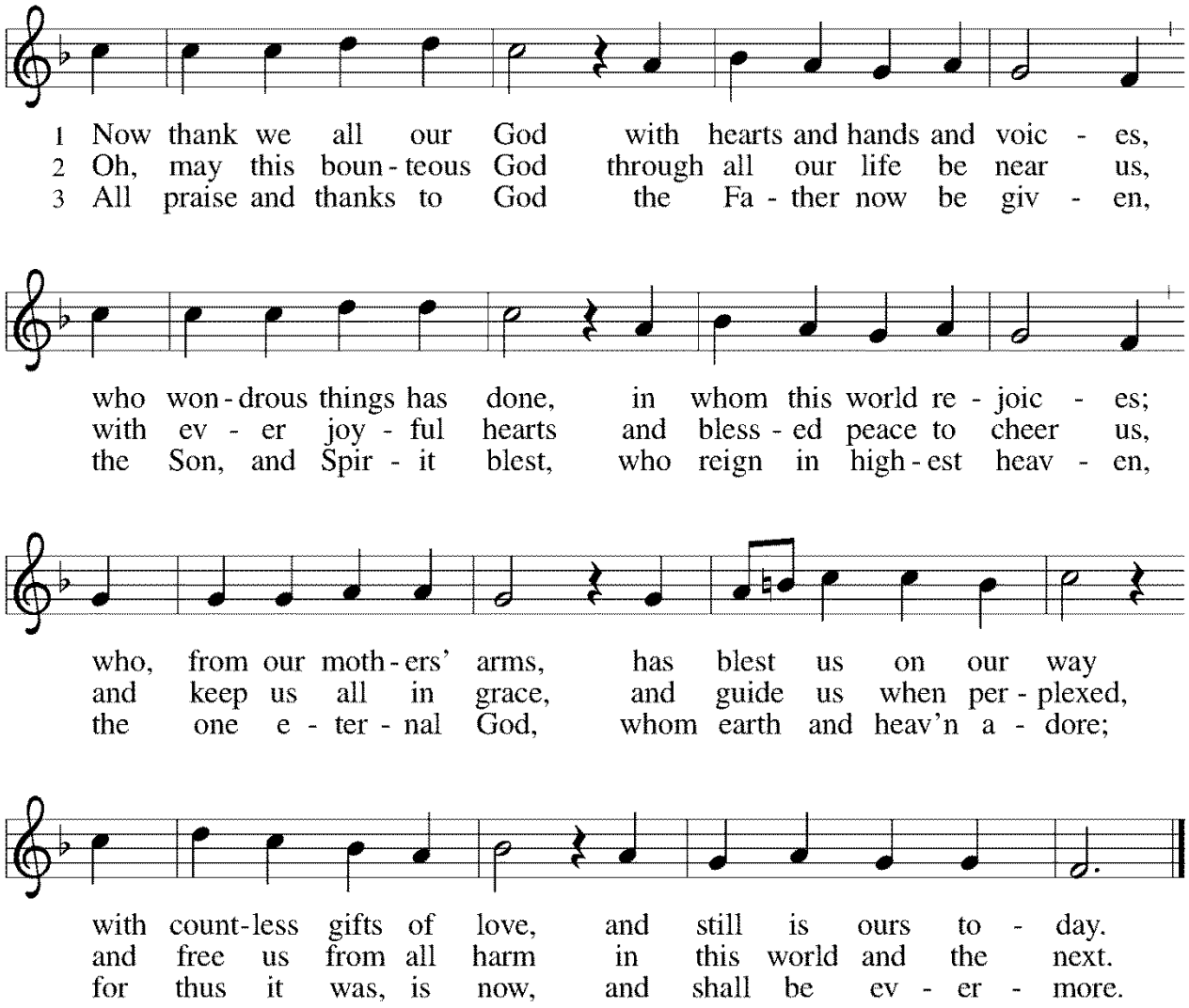
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do.

Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

HYMN 840 *"Now Thank We All Our God"*



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Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together:

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Times of abundance tempt us to forget God and rely on our own power and resources. But God is the one who took Israel out of Egypt, led and fed them in the wilderness, brought them into the land, and gave them power to be productive. To thank this God is to remember and proclaim God's deeds.

A Reading from Deuteronomy

7 "The Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing
streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, 8 a
land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of
olive oil and honey, 9 a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where
you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you
may mine copper. 10 You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the
good land that he has given you.

11 "Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God by failing to keep his
commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes that I am commanding you
today. 12 When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in
them 13 and when your herds and flocks have multiplied and your silver and gold
is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, 14 then do not exalt yourself,
forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of

the house of slavery, 15 who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock. 16 He fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you and in the end to do you good. 17 Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.' 18 But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today."

Lector/. Word of God. Word of Life. **Congregation/. Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM ***"The Goodness of God"*** C.P.E. Bach
Sung by Lisa Pecchio

Gospel Reading: Luke 17:11-19
A Samaritan leper becomes a model for thanksgiving. He does not take for granted the kindness shown to him but takes time to thank Jesus and to glorify God.

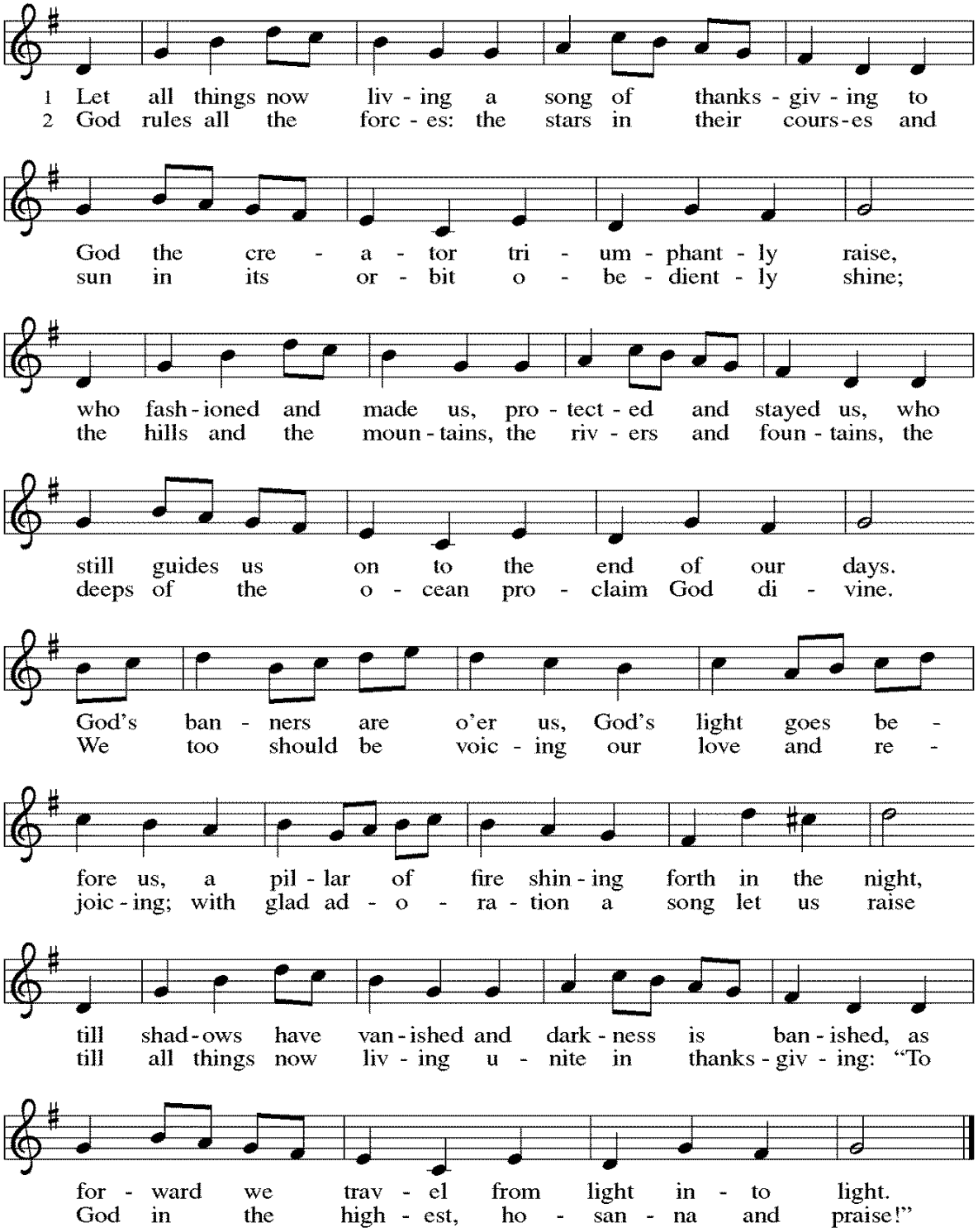
The Holy Gospel according to Luke
Glory to You, O Lord

11 On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. 12 As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, 13 they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" 14 When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. 15 Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. 16 He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. 17 Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? 18 Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" 19 Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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

REFLECTION — Pr. Schoepflin

HYMN 881 *"Let All Things Now Living"*



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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (response: “hear our prayer.”)

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation, responding “hear our prayer.”

A brief silence.

We give thanks for the communion of the church. Bless relationships among differing religions and faiths as signs of unity and hope. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for abundant harvests and the many gifts of your good creation. Make us faithful caretakers of land, water, soil, and air, that all life might flourish. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for your tender care. Accompany all who travel; comfort all for whom this is a lonely season, and assure all weary hearts and bodies of your healing love. We pray especially for those on our prayer list, and those we name before you, aloud or in our hearts *pause for names*. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for ministries working to end food and housing insecurity. Open our hearts to your abundance and our minds to new ways of sharing that abundance for the good of all. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

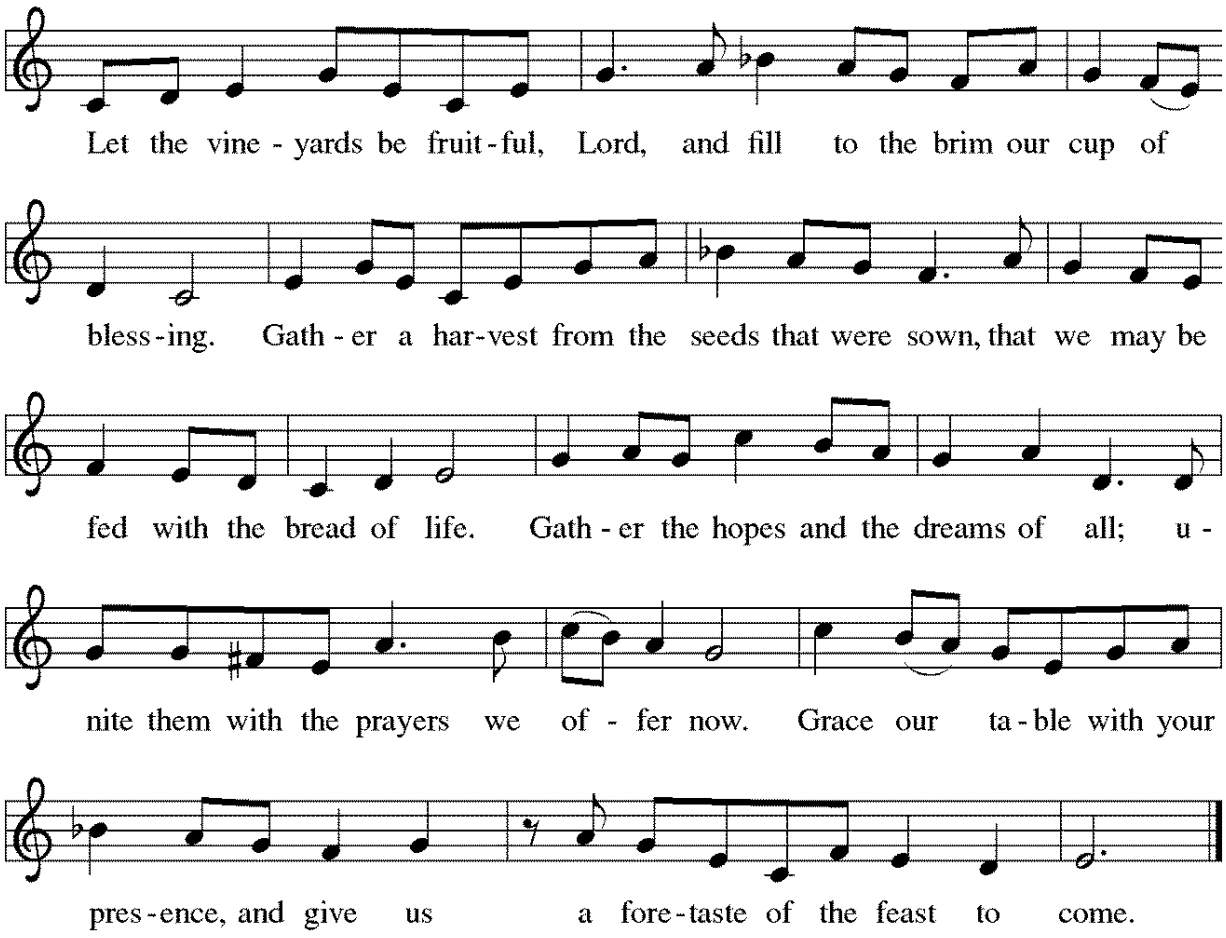
We give thanks for the witness of all the faithful departed. Empower us, by their example, to serve you with courage, hope, and joy in the promises of the gospel. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

HYMN 182 *"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"*



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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray: Holy God,
**the earth is yours and everything in it,
yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures.
Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine,
and strengthen us to be your body for the world
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
+Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

THE OUR FATHER
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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION
P: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Happy are those who are called to come to his Supper.
C: O Lord, we are not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and we shall be healed.

THE DISTRIBUTION

All who believe that along with the bread and wine we receive the true Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ are invited to the Lord's table to receive the Sacrament. The Sacrament will be distributed in one or two continuous lines at the main aisle.
The bread is received in the hand and the communicant then proceeds to a gold chalice for intinction or to a crystal chalice to drink from the common cup, or if so desired, the communicant may receive only the bread.
Please let your Communion Minister know if you wish to receive a gluten free wafer. Please follow the guidance of the ushers.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

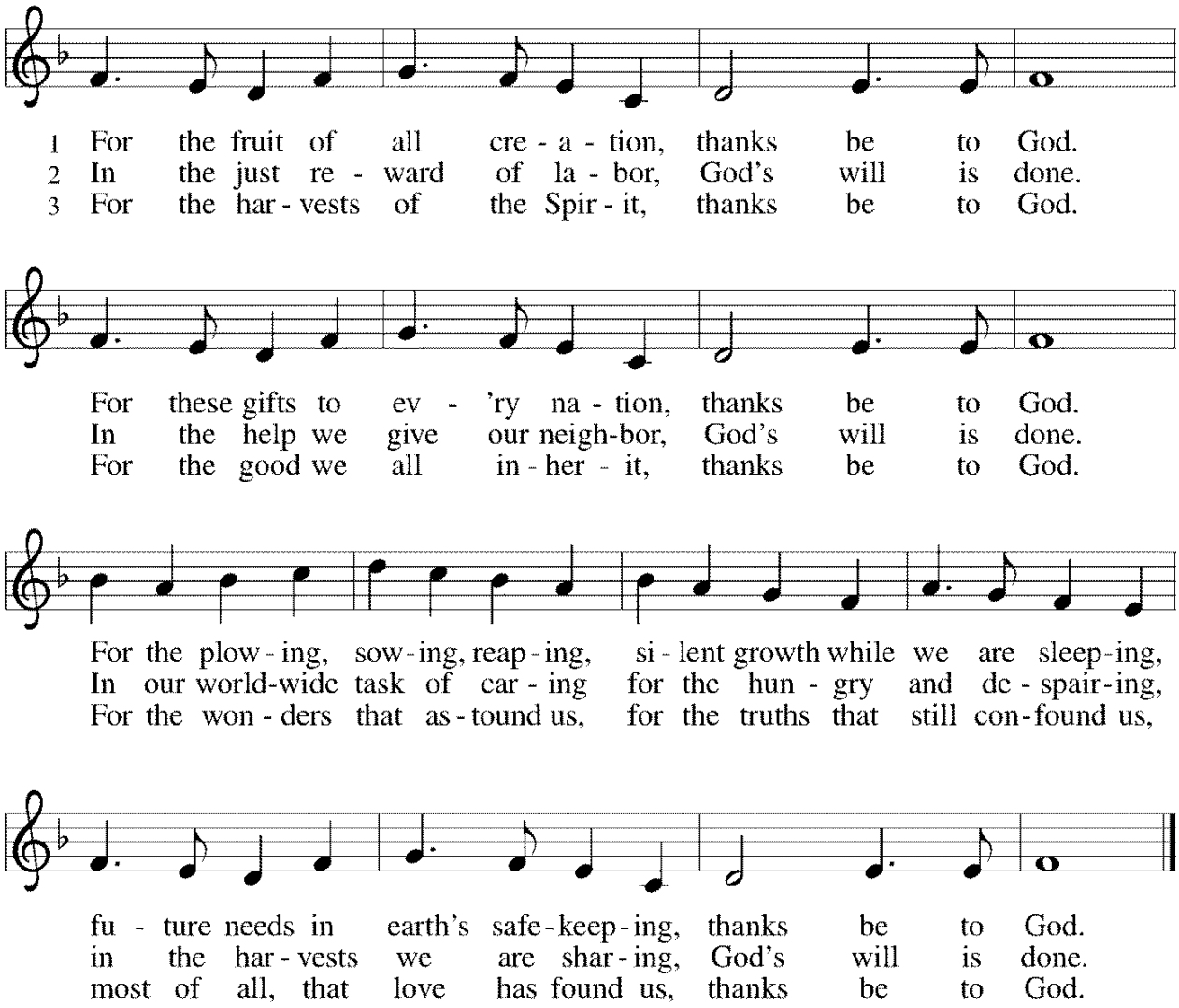
Let us pray: Blessed Jesus,
at this table, you have been for us both host and meal.
Now send us forth to extend our tables
and to share your gifts
until that day when all feast together
at your heavenly banquet. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor, and give you his peace,
In the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

HYMN 679 *"For the Fruit of All Creation"*



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SENDING

A: Gathered by Christ, Growing in Faith, Sent to Serve.

C: All are welcome!

A: Go in peace. The Lord is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *"Nun Danket Alle Gott"* Setting by John A. Behnke

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