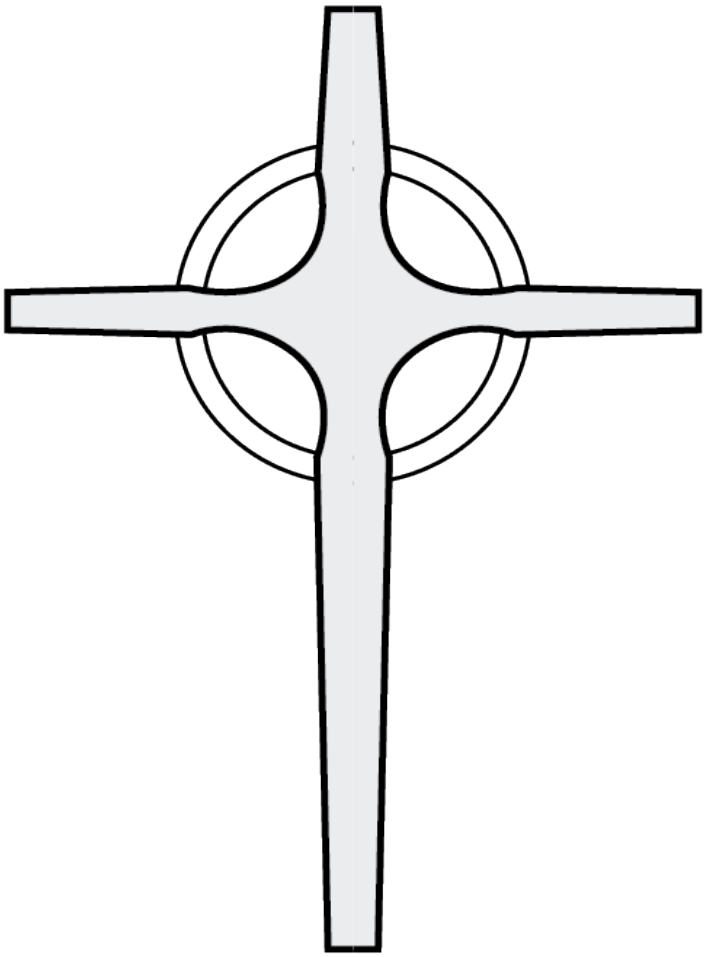
FULLY ALIVE WITH THE PASSION OF CHRIST



November 1, 2026 | 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost
All Saints' Sunday

South Highland Presbyterian Church

ALL ARE WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST!

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Preparing for Worship

Today we observe All Saints' Sunday, a day when Christians throughout the world give thanks to God for those who have gone before us in faith and are now part of the Church Triumphant, those who have finished their earthly pilgrimage and now rest in the presence of Christ awaiting the resurrection.

We also remember those who have shaped our own faith, showing us what it means to follow Jesus and encouraging us along the way. During worship today, we will remember by name members of our congregation who have died in the past year, giving thanks to God for their lives and witness.

The Apostles' Creed declares our belief in "the communion of saints." This reminds us that the church is not simply the people gathered in this sanctuary today. We belong to a great fellowship of believers across every time and place, united together in Jesus Christ. As Hebrews 12 reminds us, we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses who encourage us to run with perseverance the race set before us.

Above all, All Saints' Sunday is an occasion for Christian hope. We remember those who have died, as our funeral liturgy tells us, "in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life." Because Jesus Christ has conquered sin and death, we trust that death will not have the final word. In life and in death, we belong to Christ—and in Christ, we belong to one another.

CELEBRATION FOR THE LORD'S DAY

To all who are weary and need rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who fail and desire strength; to all who sin and need a Savior—
this church opens wide her doors with a welcome from Jesus Christ, the friend of sinners.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE: "Nocturne" ..... Felix Mendelssohn

Kenny Lewis, Organ

WELCOME ..... Rev. Abby Gatliff

***CALL TO WORSHIP** **please stand if able* ..... Psalm 40:1-4

I waited patiently for the Lord;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
He drew me up from the desolate pit,
out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.
He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear
and put their trust in the Lord.
Happy are those who make
the Lord their trust.

***HYMN:** #526 (blue)

"For All the Saints" ..... SINE NOMINE

Entrance of the Word and Light

***PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

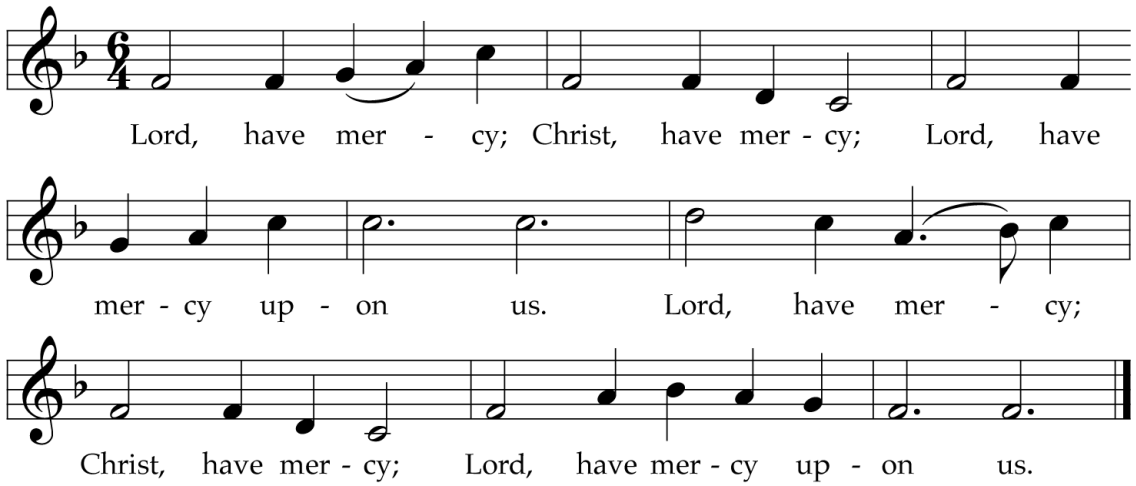
***CALL TO CONFESSION** ..... Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION



*CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE

*DECLARATION OF GRACE & FORGIVENESS ..... Adapted from Isaiah 25:8–9

He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces.
It will be said on that day,
"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the Lord; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
O Lord, open our lips,
and our mouths shall show forth your praise.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** ..... SINE NOMINE

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on His way.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

***PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following the Morning Announcements at 11:00, first graders and younger are invited to attend Enrichment. Parents, please walk your children to the Children's Hall. Second grade and older return to their parents; please have a Children's Worship Bag for this time.

OFFERING OURSELVES, OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Anthem: "A Jubilant Song" ..... Mary Lynn Lightfoot
(8:30) Jessica Maddox, soloist
(11:00) Chancel Choir

Cantate Domino Canticum Novum,
Sing to the Lord a new jubilant song!
Cantate Domino Canticum Novum, Omnis terra.
Sing to the Lord all the earth! Let the sea roar and the floods clap their hands!
Let the hills sing together joy!
Let the heavens and the earth all rejoice, for the Lord is greatly to be praised!
Proclaim God's salvation! Declare God's great glory!
Lift up a jubilant song and make joyful noise.

***DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION** ..... OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

RECEIVING HIS WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION ..... Melinda Harden (8:30)
Anne Stansell (11:00)

NEW TESTAMENT READING ..... Romans 8:18-30
NT pg. 192

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING ..... Genesis 8:1-19
OT pg. 8

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SERMON

"When God Makes You Wait" ..... Rev. Cort Gatliff

***HYMN OF RESPONSE:** "Be Still, My Soul" *(see inside back page)*

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

*THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

*Affirmation of Faith ..... Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q37-38: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death and at the resurrection?

The souls of believers are at their death
made perfect in holiness,
and do immediately pass into glory;
and their bodies, being still united in Christ,
do rest in their graves, till the resurrection.

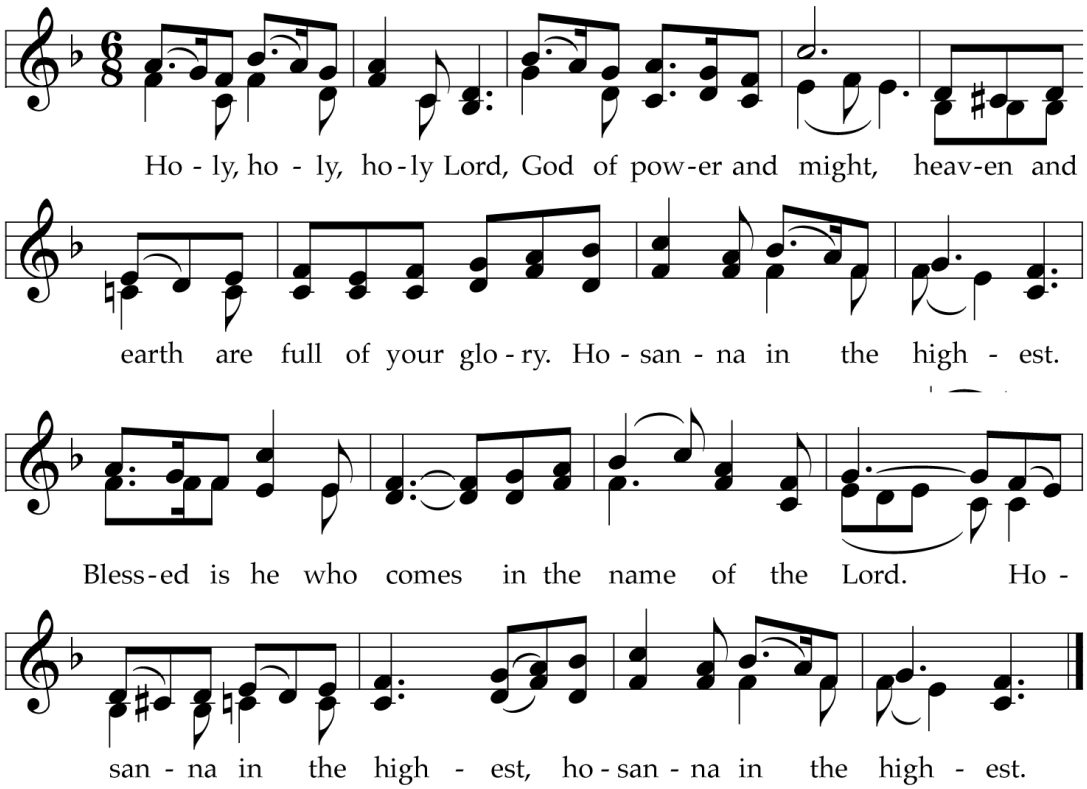
At the resurrection,
believers, being raised up in glory,
shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted
in the day of judgment,
and made perfectly blessed
in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

Great Thanksgiving

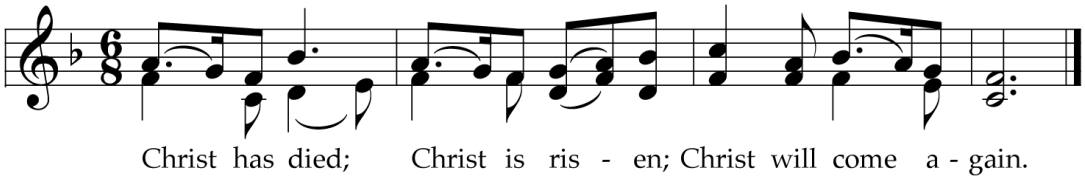
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Communion Prayer

"...who forever sing to the glory of your name."



"...Great is the mystery of faith:"



The 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Communion Music: "Christ, Be Our Light"

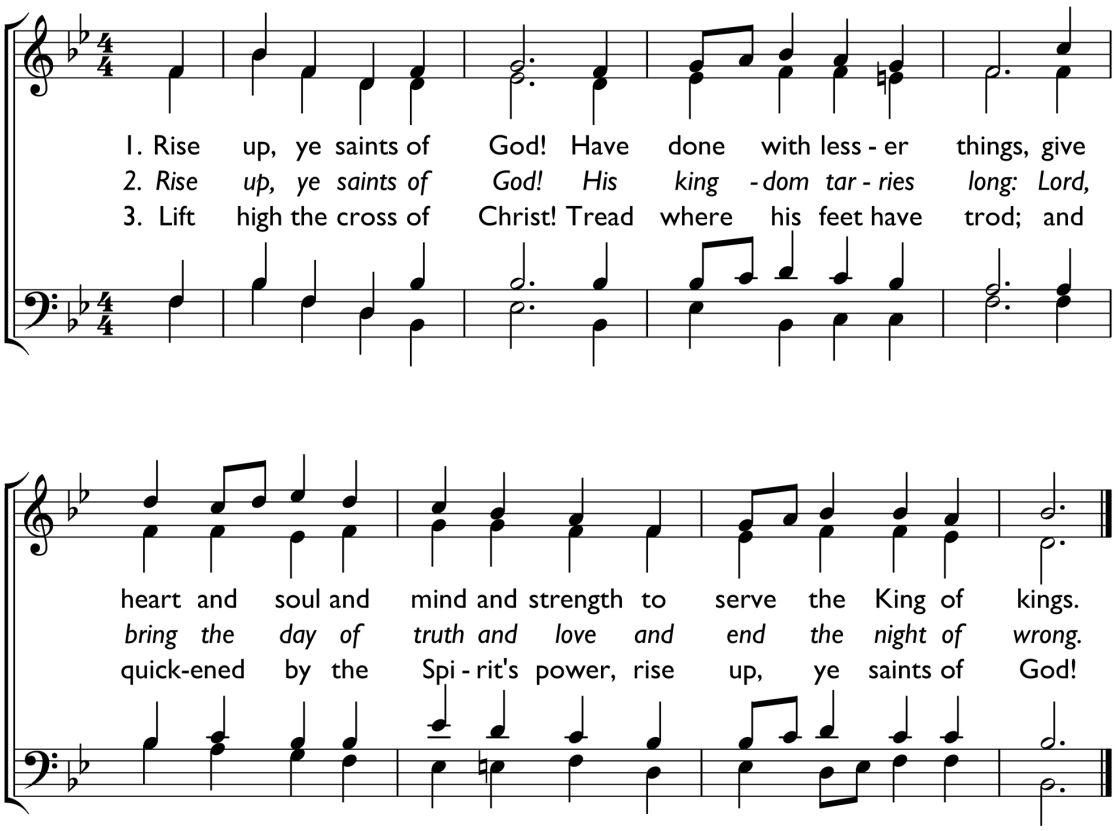
[Refrain} Christ, be our light
Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness
Christ, be our light
Shine in Your church gathered today

Prayer

***HYMN:** "Rise Up, Ye Saints of God!"

Recession of the Word and Light

Rise Up, Ye Saints of God



***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "Toccata in D minor" ..... J.S. Bach

WELCOME

On All Saints' Sunday, we give thanks for these SHPC members—brothers and sisters in Christ—to whom God has granted rest from their labors during the past year.

Larry Clark	Marjorie Perkins
Carol Craig	Jean Pierce
Linda David	Jackie Presley
Jean Ivey	Jackie Vincent
Greg Jones	Mary Uthlaut

Getting Connected at SHPC | To find out more about who we are and how you can become part of our church community, contact Assistant Minister Emily Knight at eknight@southhighland.org.

The Flowers in Worship Today are given for the glory of God and in loving memory of Ken Lewis and Tommy Huett, by the Lewis and Workman families.

Heartfelt Prayers and Sympathy are extended to Turner Shaw following the death of his grandfather, Ron McGuffie, on Wednesday morning, October 28.

Events and Happenings:

- **Good Samaritan Sunday** | Today following worship, look for collection baskets at the doors where you can donate funds for SHPC's Good Samaritan assistance fund, which helps members and others with utility bills and other expenses. More info at southhighland.org.
- **Men's Retreat Signup** | Guys, now is the time to sign up for the Men's Retreat happening next weekend! Register today and find more info online at bit.ly/guy-stuff-2026.
- **Midweek Vespers Wednesday** | Gather with your SHPC family this Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. for a delicious supper, then join us in the Chapel for a midweek Vespers service at 6:00. RSVP for supper at bit.ly/shpc-meals, in the SHPC mobile app, or call Jeannie Jones at 205-933-0790.
- **Been Visiting SHPC?** | Folks who have been visiting South Highland are invited to an informal gathering at the home of our pastors, Cort and Abby Gatliff, on **Sunday, November 8** from 5:30-7:00 p.m. It will be a chance to chat up some SHPC members and get a feel for what it's like to be part of this community. Please let us know you're coming by signing up at bit.ly/new-to-shpc.
- **Chili Cook-off Nov. 11** | Chili cooks, get your pots simmering! It's time to get out your favorite chili recipe for the annual Chili Cook-off and Fall Festival, happening Wednesday, November 11 from 5–7 p.m. **The more chilis the better,** so let us know if you can bring some: email Fran Morris (redden0219@yahoo.com) or call Jeannie Jones in the office. Stay after supper for our football-themed Fall Festival (so be sure to wear your team colors) with activities including bounce houses and games for the kids.

- **Matthew 25 Ambassadors** | People interested in fulfilling Christ's teaching about caring for the poor and needy should come to a meeting of SHPC's Matthew 25 Ambassadors on Tuesday, November 17 in the Parlor.
- **Habitat Fall Build** | We had a great crew yesterday for the kickoff of our fall 2026 Habitat for Humanity build. Now, with most of the project still before us, we need volunteers! Join us most Thursdays, Fridays, or Saturdays to keep the momentum rolling. Please reach out to Bill Stribling if you can volunteer, especially for the women's build day on November 21 or for Thanksgiving Saturday. Indicate you interest by completing the form at bit.ly/shpc-habitat.
- **Mission Trip Opportunity** | The Global Witness team is seeking people to go on a special mission trip in January to Lesotho in southern Africa. You'll be visiting our longtime partner Nancy Dimmock with Ministry of Hope. SHPC Global Witness has reserved funds to assist South Highlanders with the approximately $3,000 cost. Tickets will be purchased soon, so if you might be interested, please contact Marty Keller at lkeller3823@gmail.com or 205-873-1475.
- **Living River Elementary Retreat** | Parents, sign up now for the upcoming Elementary Retreat at Living River **November 13-15!** Your camper(s) will spend their time unplugged, doing all the fun camp things from making bracelets to gaga ball to fishing! Registration deadline is November 6. For more info, reach out to Ann Roth.
- **SJBC: Homeless Youth** | The next book selection for the Social Justice Book Club is *If You See Them: Young, Unhoused, and Alone in America* by Vicki Sokolik. Too many youth have run away from home seeking safety from parental abandonment, abuse, or worse. The book explores the many facets of youth homelessness in America. We'll meet on **Sunday, January 24**. For more info, please reach out to Anne Stansell.

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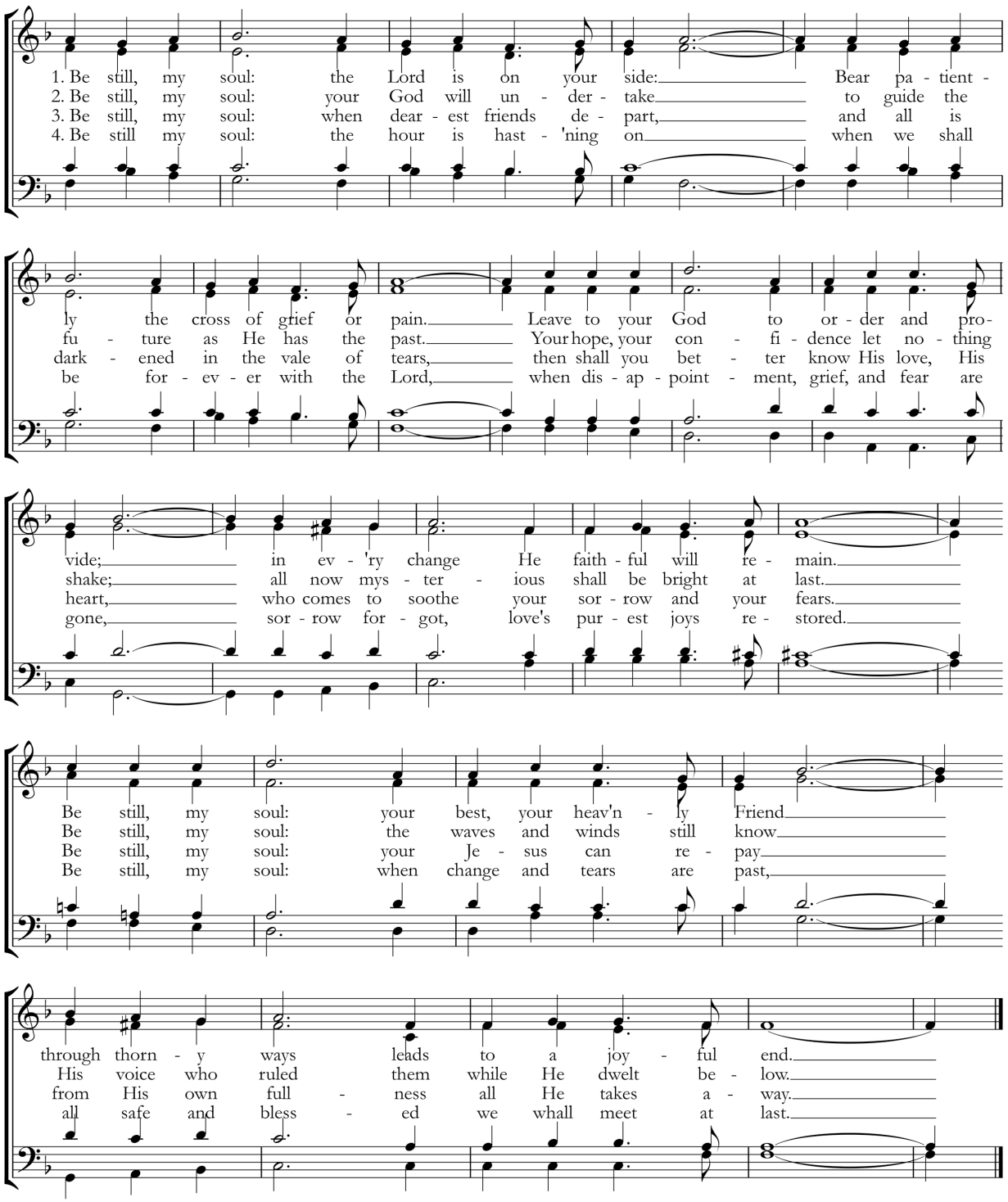
Be Still, My Soul



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Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr.

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