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24th Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2026
8:30 am

The Holy Spirit Empowers Us for Ministry in Daily Life

Gathered by God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit,
we invite and welcome all people to join us on our journey
to become more faithful ministers of Jesus Christ
in our homes, our communities, and the world.

We welcome all who worship with us today.
Visitors are invited to sign the guest register located in the lobby.
If you are interested in joining our family of faith,
please talk with one of our Pastors or call the church office.

Children are welcome and celebrated!
The "Children's Ministry" table and basket in the lobby
contains a variety of items for children's use during worship.
Stop by to borrow a book or pick up some coloring sheets and crayons.

Please silence all communication devices.

Our services are live streamed and recorded. In-person attendance implies consent to be included in the live streamed and recorded worship service.

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HOLY COMMUNION

All who believe in the presence of Jesus Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to receive the Sacrament. To facilitate flow, the ushers invite people to come forward starting with the back rows and working forward. You should come forward using the center aisle to receive the elements in a continuous style from pastor and worship assistant. Afterward you may choose to kneel or stand at the altar rail for a brief moment of prayer or return to your seat up the side aisle, depositing your empty cup in the receptacle on your way. Gluten free wafers are available. Our wine is grape juice so that all may freely receive. Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Communion kits are available at the usher stands for those who prefer to remain in their seats, and they will be communed along with our Zoom worshippers at the beginning of distribution.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Gathering Music Let Justice Roll like A River Haugen
Spirit of Praise

Welcome and Announcements

A Blessing for Veterans

We pray. Almighty and ever-living God, we give you thanks for the men and women who have served and defended our country and the values of freedom and justice we hold so dear. Help us be mindful of the sacrifices they made and the hardship endured by their families and friends, so that we never take for granted the privileges they have secured for us.
Amen

Please rise in body or spirit.
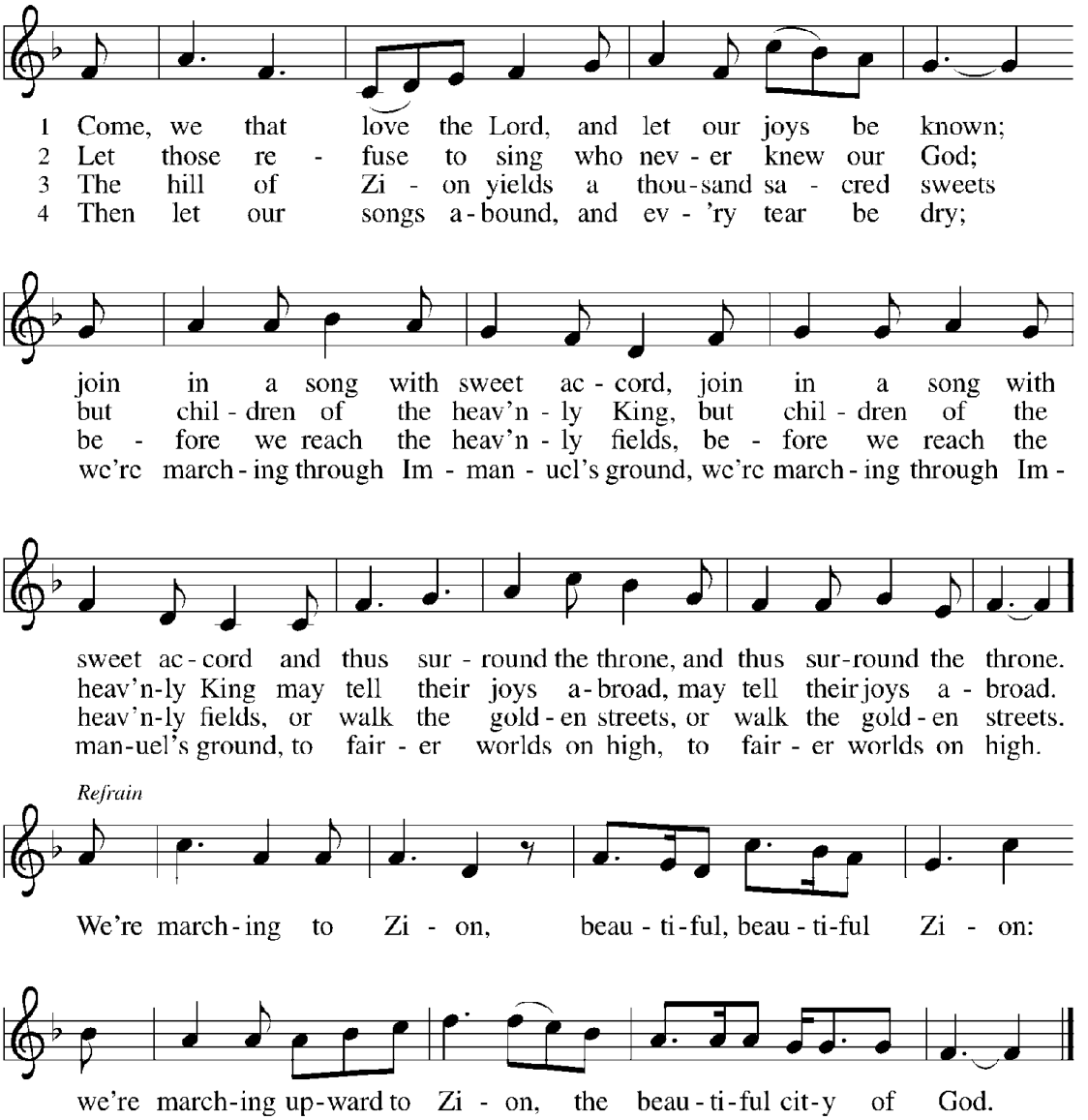
Confession and Forgiveness

Beloved, we are called to live in right relationship with God but we fall short.
So let us confess our sins together:

Loving God,
We confess we have sinned against you by not honoring you or loving one another. When we overlook injustice in the world, our worship risks losing its meaning. Give us your grace so we may be forgiven.
Amen

Siblings in Christ, God is mighty to save and comes to us
in peace to forgive, restore, and strengthen us. Because of this we give thanks.
Amen

Gathering Song Come, We that Love the Lord ELW 625



Greeting and Prayer of the Day

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

We pray. **Your community of love is all we seek, O God. Silence in us any voice but yours this day. Help us sort through the clutter and distractions in our lives, that we may be present, here, right now, and worship you in joy and peace. Amen**

The assembly is seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching and song.

1st Reading: Amos 5:18-24 Translation: NRSVue

A reading from the prophet Amos:

Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light,
as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.

Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God!

Please rise in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13 Translation: NRSVue

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.'But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."
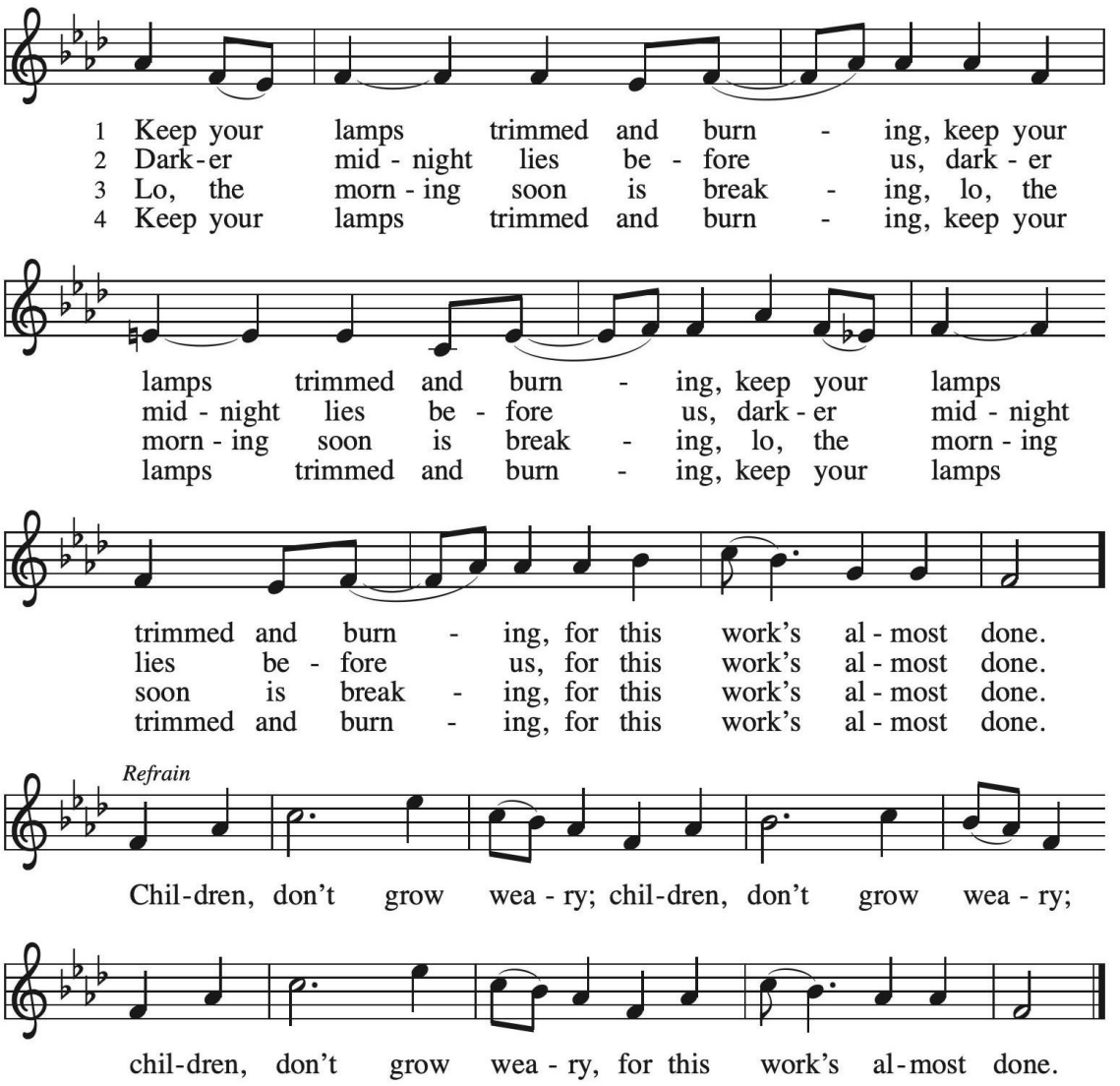
The gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

Sermon Pastor Shari Duminy

Please rise in body or spirit.

Word in Song Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning ACS 949



Prayers of the People

Invitation to prayer:

Let us offer our prayers to God, confident that the love of Christ continues to appear in our lives in surprising and unexpected ways.

After each petition:

O God, make speed to save us,
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Pastor's closing prayer:

We remember before you all who have died that they may know your peace. Bless each of us with a sure and certain hope of the resurrection, that we may know our risen Lord, as we share eternal life with you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace by saying, "Peace be with you."
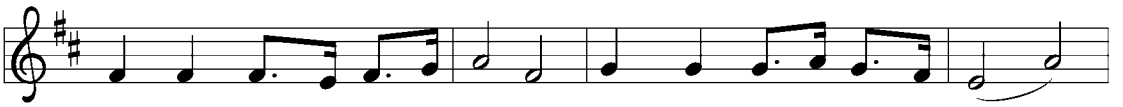
The assembly is seated.

MEAL
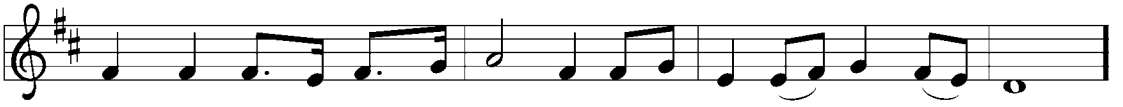
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

During the Offering Song, the gifts will be brought forward. You may remain seated. If you wish you may leave your offering in the additional offering plates located on the tables in the back of the sanctuary as you leave.

Offering Song Shall We Gather at the River (vs. 1) ELW 423
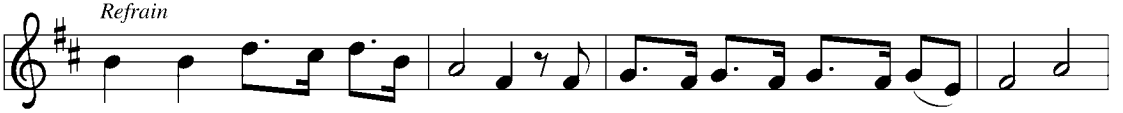


1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv - er, soon our pil-grim-age will cease;
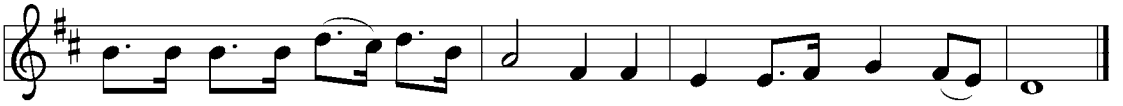


with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow-ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro-vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti-ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Offering Prayer

We pray. Great and loving God, we give you thanks that you have given your faithful people a love for justice and the gift of generosity. Bless these gifts and with them reveal your righteousness as we await the coming of your peace.
Amen

Please rise in body or spirit.

Great Thanksgiving

The God of justice be with you.
And also with you.
Keep your lamps lit.
Hearts ablaze with the love of God!
Shine with God's light!
With lives kindled, we are called to serve.

Words of Institution

Word in Meal

Send your Holy Spirit
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.
Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.
Amen

Lord's Prayer

We pray together the prayer Jesus taught us:

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 forever. Amen

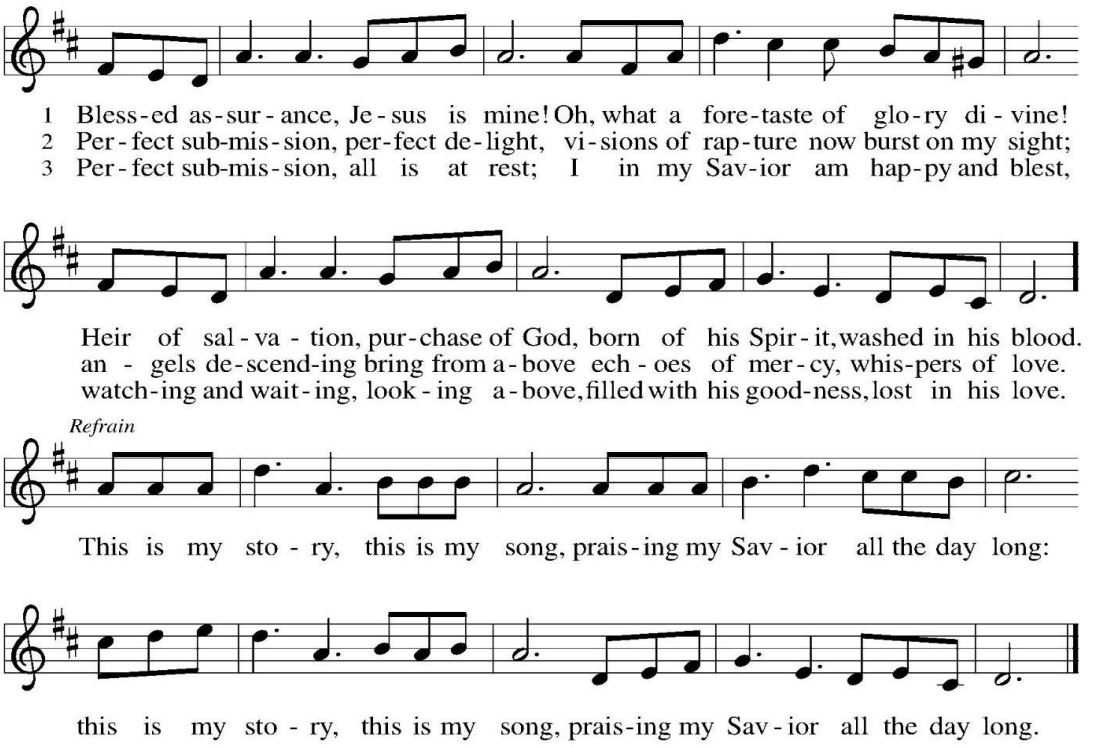
Invitation to the Table

Invited to a feast not of our own making,
where there is room for all.
Come to the table.
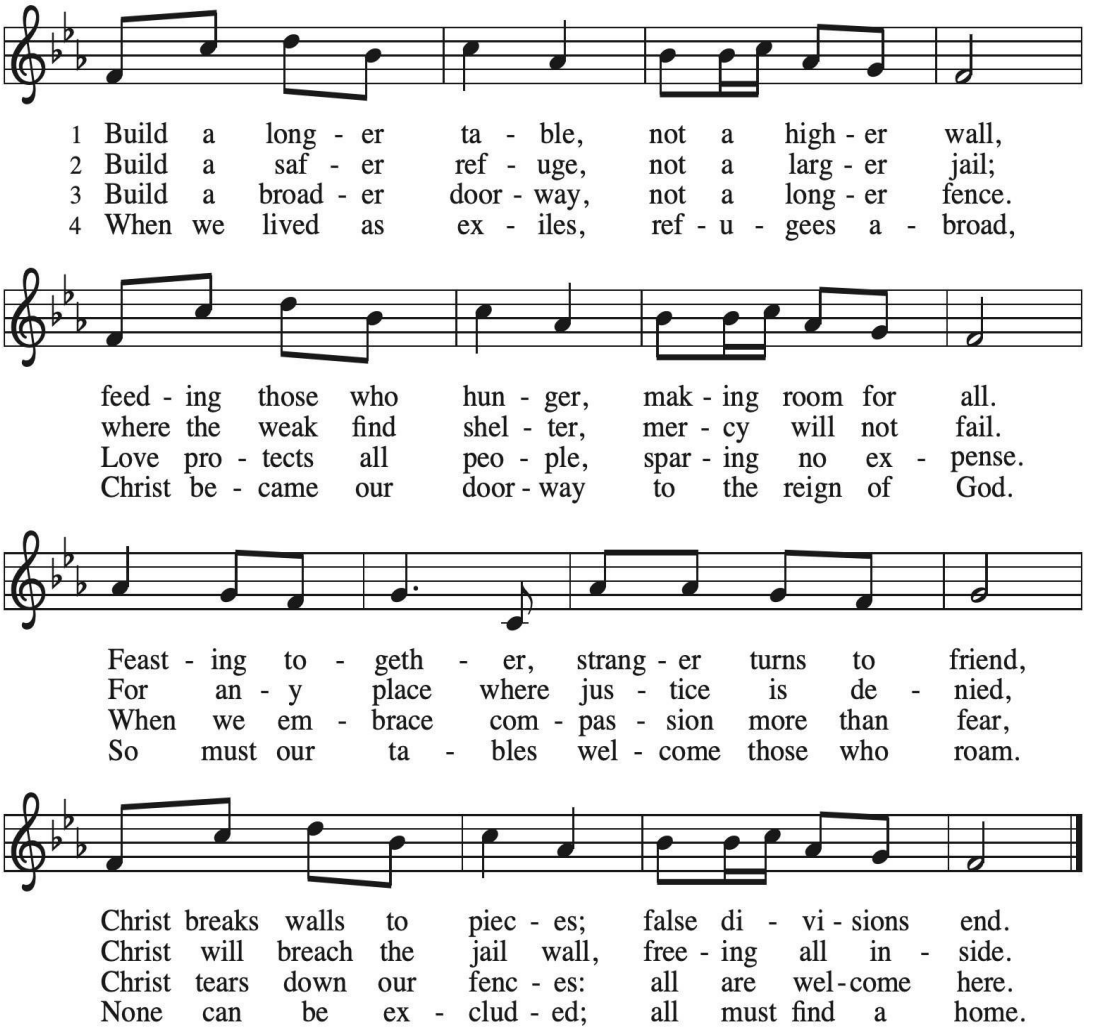
The assembly is seated.

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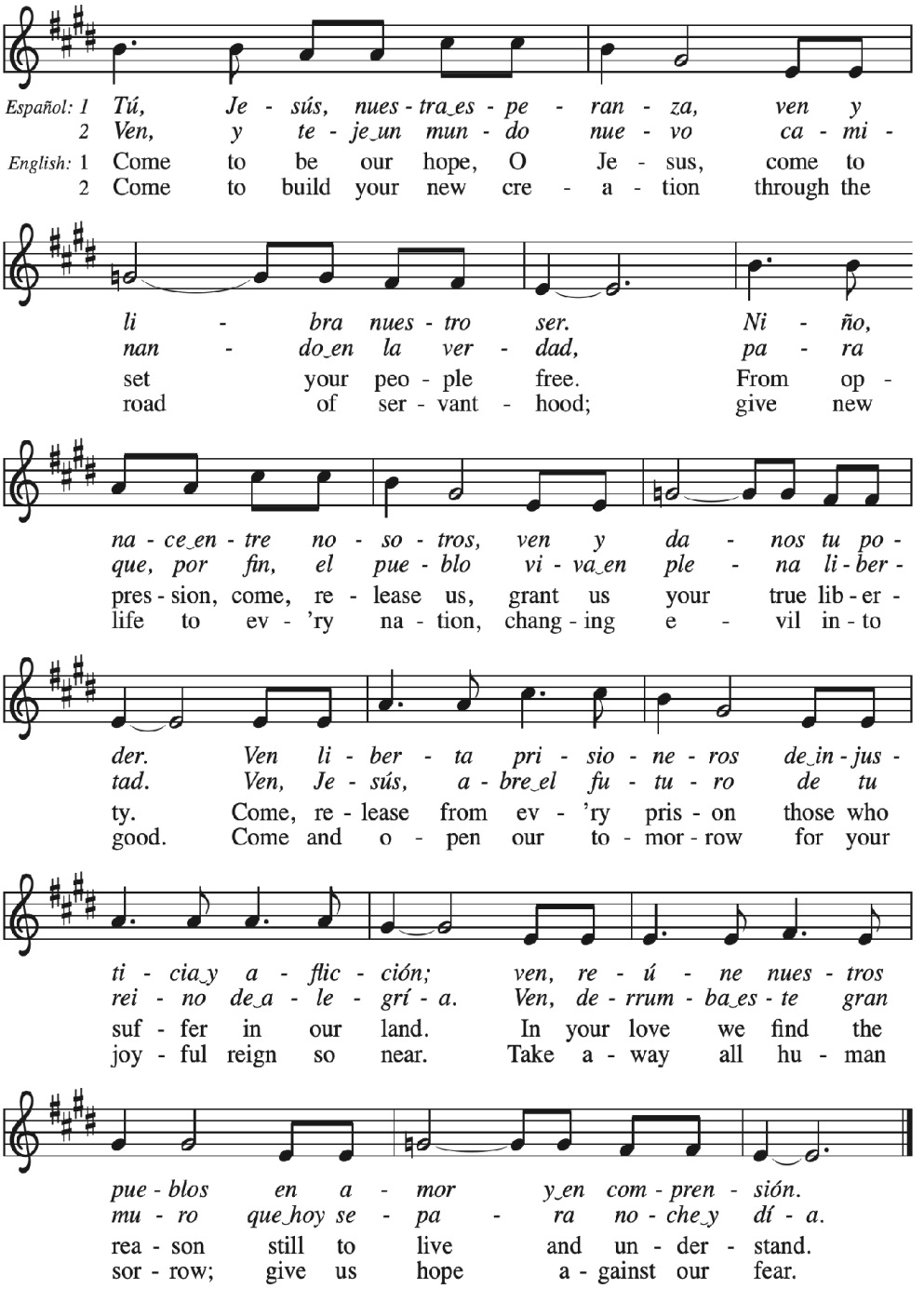
Communion Song Blessed Assurance ELW 638



Communion Song Build A Longer Table ACS 1062



Communion Song Come to Be Our Hope, Lord Jesus ACS 904



Please rise in body or spirit.

Prayer after Communion

We pray. Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
Now send us out,
awake to your presence,
now and forever.
Amen

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

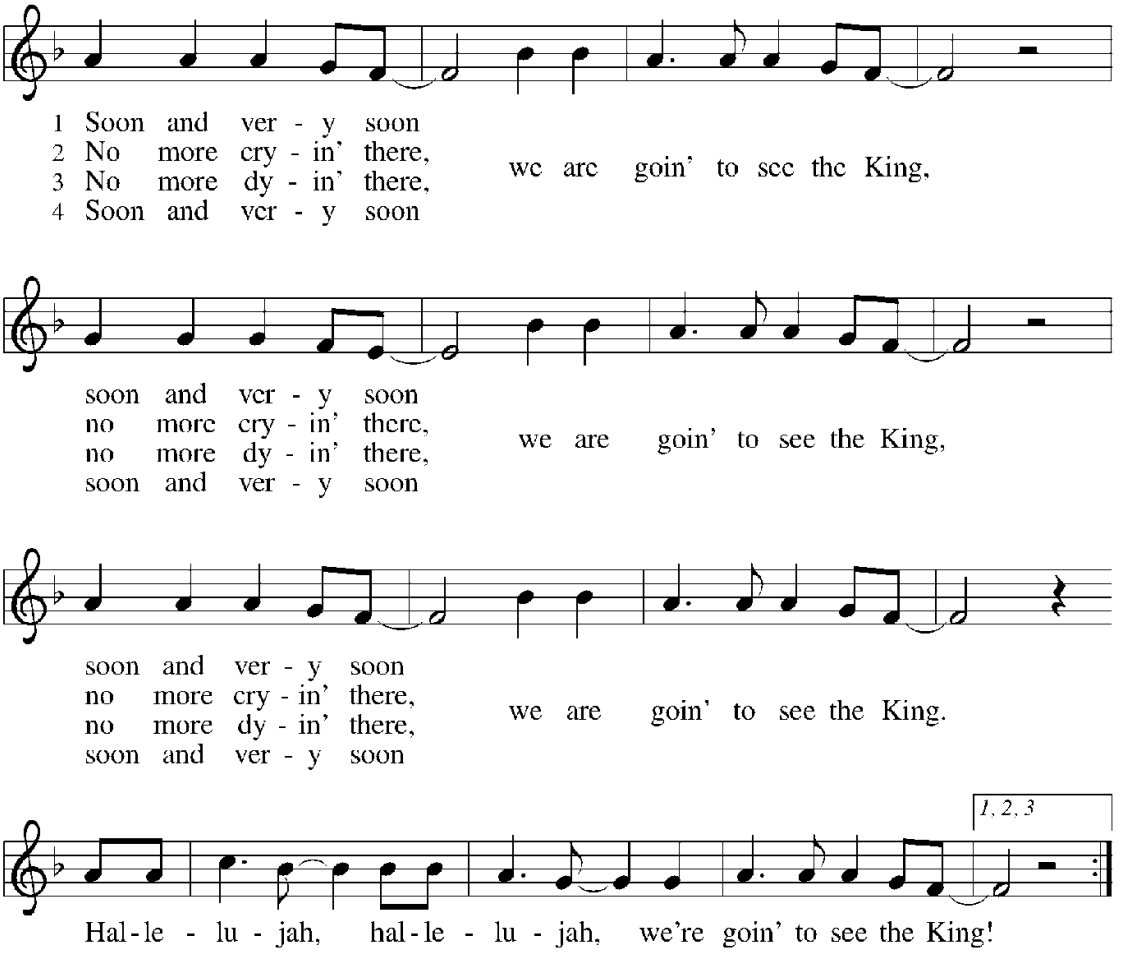
May God, who creates, redeems, and sustains,
keep us fervent in faith, cheerful in hope,
brimming in justice, and overflowing in love.
And may the blessing of the Triune God + remain with us always.
Amen

Sending Song *Please see next page.*

Dismissal

Go out, sharing the good news of God's justice.
Thanks be to God.

Sending Song: Soon and Very Soon ELW 439



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- Mail your offering check to the church;
- Text your offering to 610-981-1312;
- Download our mobile app for recurring or one-time gifts;
- Establish automatic contributions to the church using your bank's bill pay service.

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