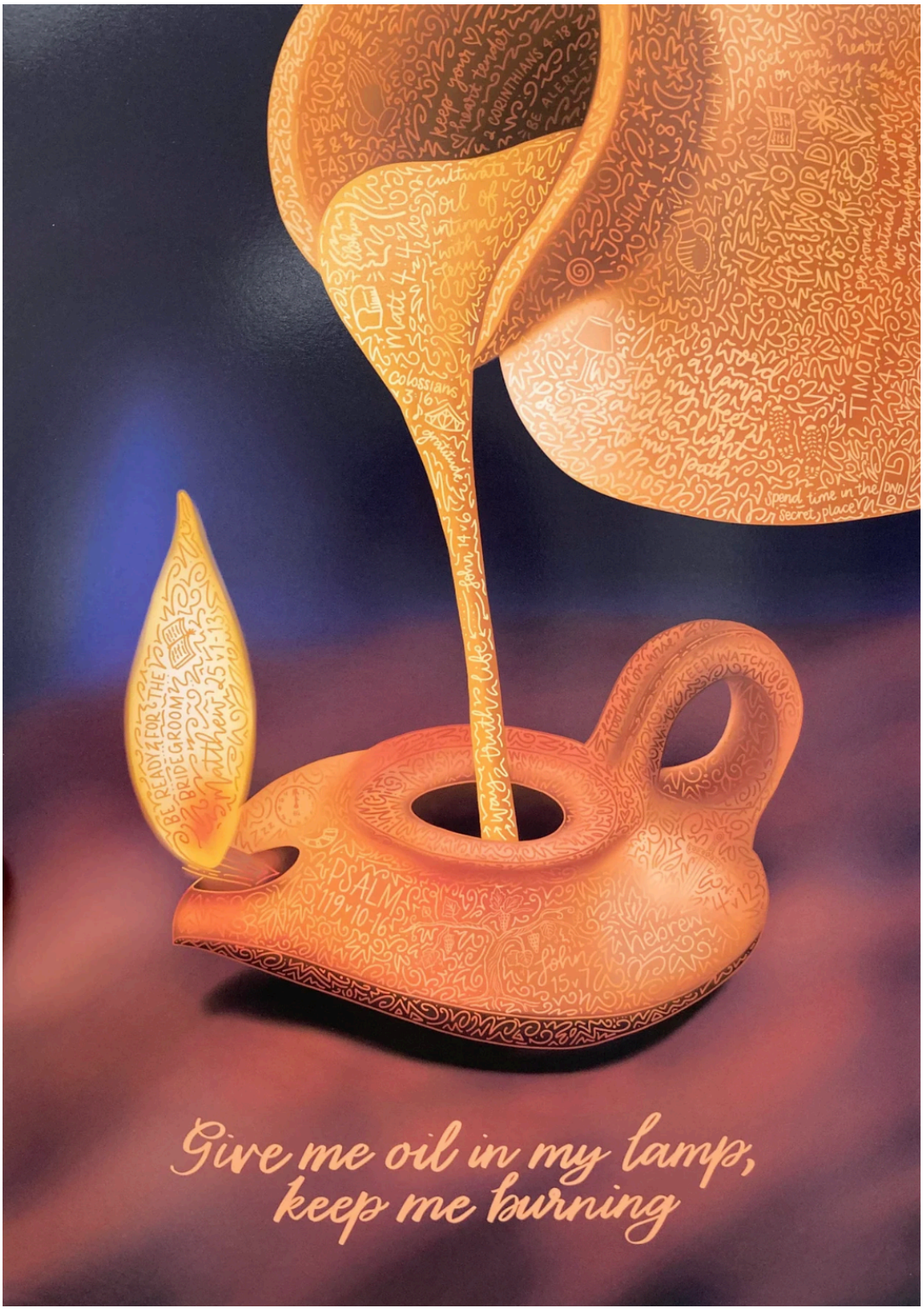
Messiah Lutheran Church

24th Sunday After Pentecost

November 8, 2026



The Gathering

*The assembly's parts are in **bold type**.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

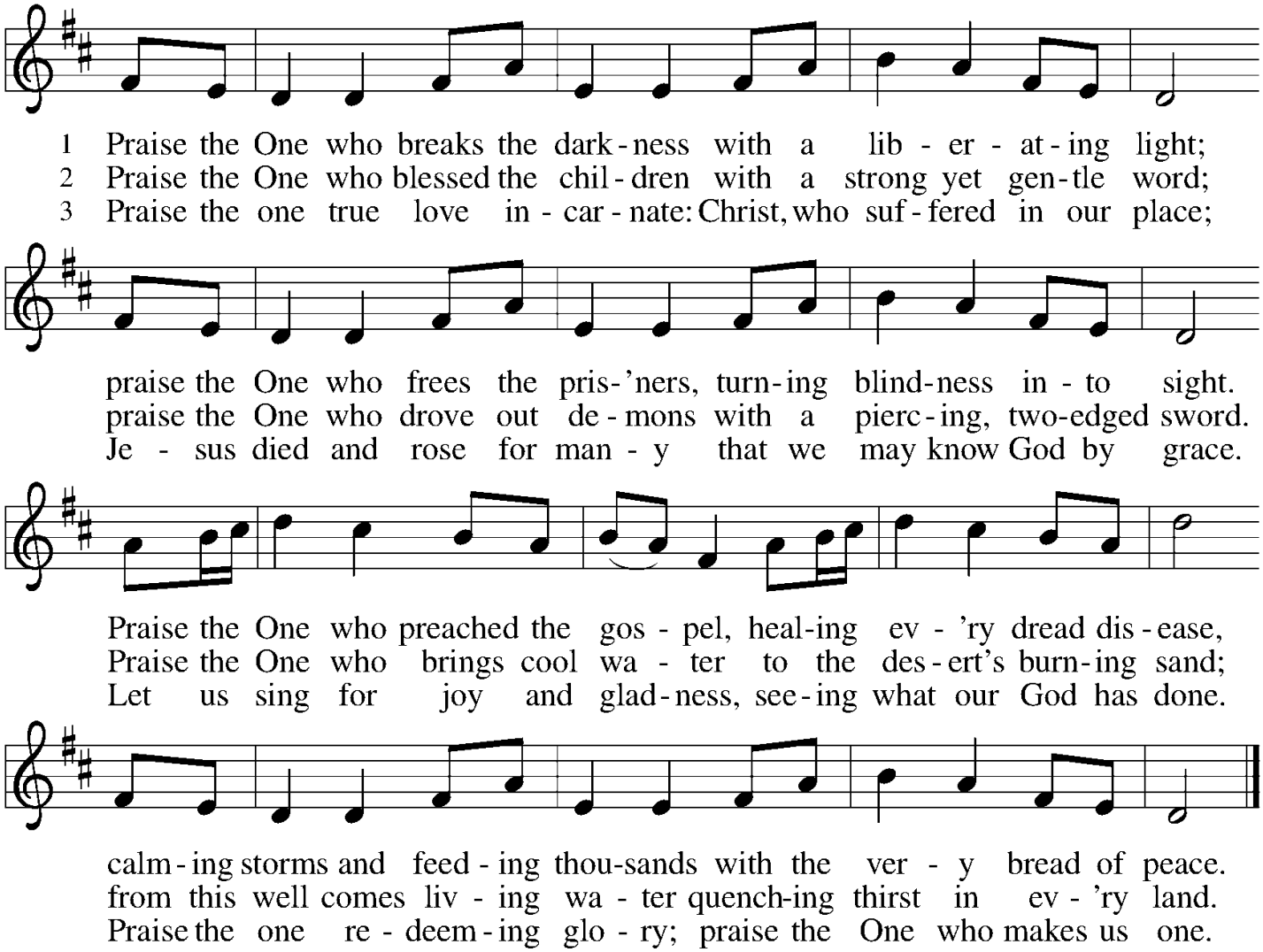
In the waiting and the wondering, Christ calls us to keep watch.

Help us tend the light of faith and hope.

Come, let us worship with lamps burning bright.

We gather in faith, ready to meet God among us.

GATHERING SONG Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness ELW 843



CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

As we gather in worship, let us take this moment to reflect on how we have fallen short this week. *(30 seconds of reflection)*

Most merciful God,

You created us in your image of love. We have fallen short of sharing that love toward you, each other, ourselves, and creation.
Forgive us and refocus our hearts toward your love.

Hear the good news! God delights in granting grace and mercy. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. **Amen!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Word

In this psalm, the psalmist prays to God, asking for deliverance from one's enemies.

A responsive reading of Psalm 70.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me. O Lord, make haste to help me!

Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confusion.
Let those who desire to hurt me be turned back and brought to dishonor.

Let those who say, "Aha, Aha!" turn back because of their shame.

Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you.
Let those who love your salvation say forever, "God is great!"

But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God!

You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

The gospel according to Matthew 25:1-13.

Glory to you, O Lord.
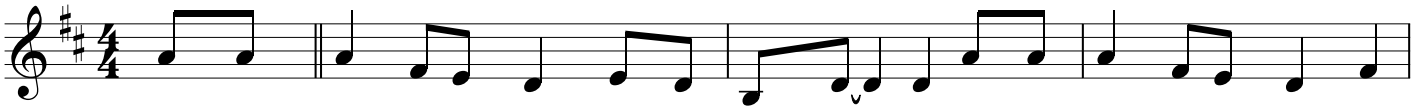
"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, 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."

This is the gospel of our Lord.
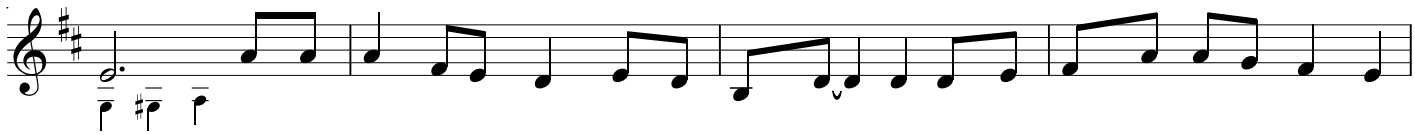
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON
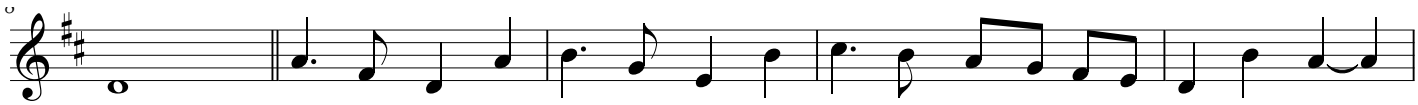
SONG OF THE DAY Give Me Oil In My Lamp
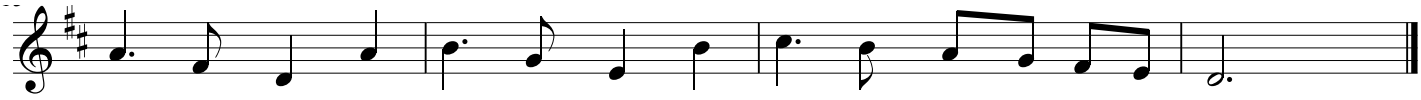


1. Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burn - ing;__ give me oil in my lamp, I
2. Give me joy in my heart, keep me prais - ing;__ give me joy in my heart, I
3. Give me peace in my heart, keep me rest - ing;__ give me peace in my heart, I
4. Give me love in my heart, keep me serv - ing;__ give me love in my heart, I



pray. Give me oil in my lamp, keep me buring; keep me burning till the break of
pray. Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising; keep me praising till the break of
pray. Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting; keep me resting till the break of
pray. Give me love in my heart, keep me serving; keep me serving till the break of



day. Sing ho-san -na, sing ho-san - na, sing ho - san - na to the King of Kings!



Sing ho - san - na, sing ho- san - na, sing ho - san - na to the King!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us turn our hearts to God as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

O God, you illumine the church with the hope of your new day. Prepare our hearts and minds for the inbreaking of your kingdom, that we might awaken to your transforming love at work all around us. God of grace,

You hear our prayers.

O God, you create and sustain the earth's natural rhythms so that all life might thrive. Show us the wisdom and wonder of nature's balance; make us careful stewards of our common home. God of grace,

You hear our prayers.

O God, you make justice roll down in all places and among all nations. Encourage all who protect vulnerable communities and help rebuild after conflict. Uphold veterans and those who care for them. God of grace,

You hear our prayers.

O God, you hasten to heal our wounds and make whole what is broken. Comfort individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing uncertain treatments. Be with those we now name out loud or silently in our hearts (*30 seconds of silence)*. God of grace,

You hear our prayers.

O God, you give rest to weary hearts and bodies. As the days grow shorter in the north, help us to move more slowly and intentionally through our days, honoring the need for quiet and stillness. God of grace,

You hear our prayers.

O God, You welcome those who have come before us in faith into the joys of heaven. Sustain us by your grace and guide us into the promise of everlasting life. God of grace,

You hear our prayers.

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Meal

OFFERTORY

OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, thank you for the gifts you give and the privilege and honor of bringing our gifts of time, talent, and treasure into your kingdom. Multiply our gifts to meet our neighbors' needs. Amen.

INVITATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

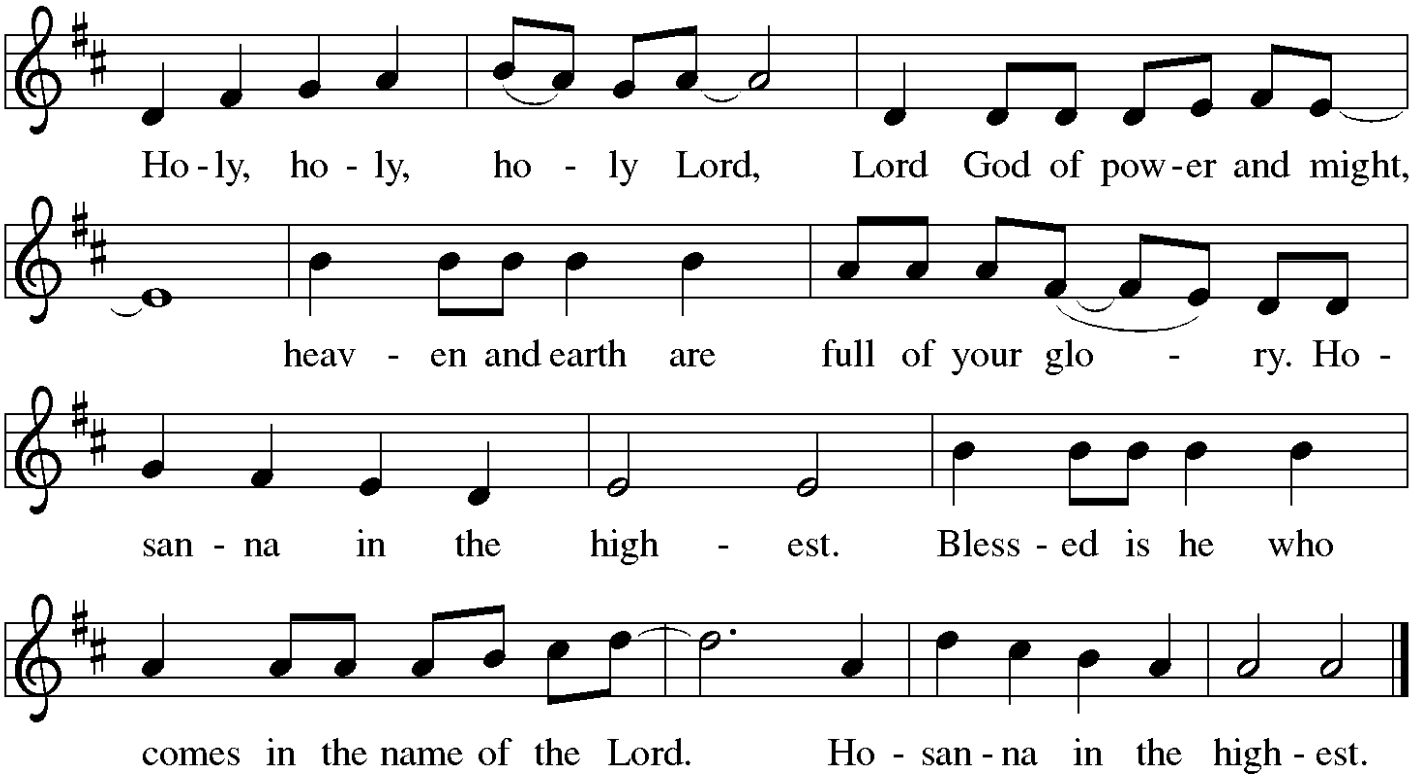
Lift up your hearts.

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



On 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.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal, and make us one in this community of faith and with your people worldwide. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 THE TABLE

Come and receive Jesus, who welcomes all to his table.

COMMUNION MEDITATION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER
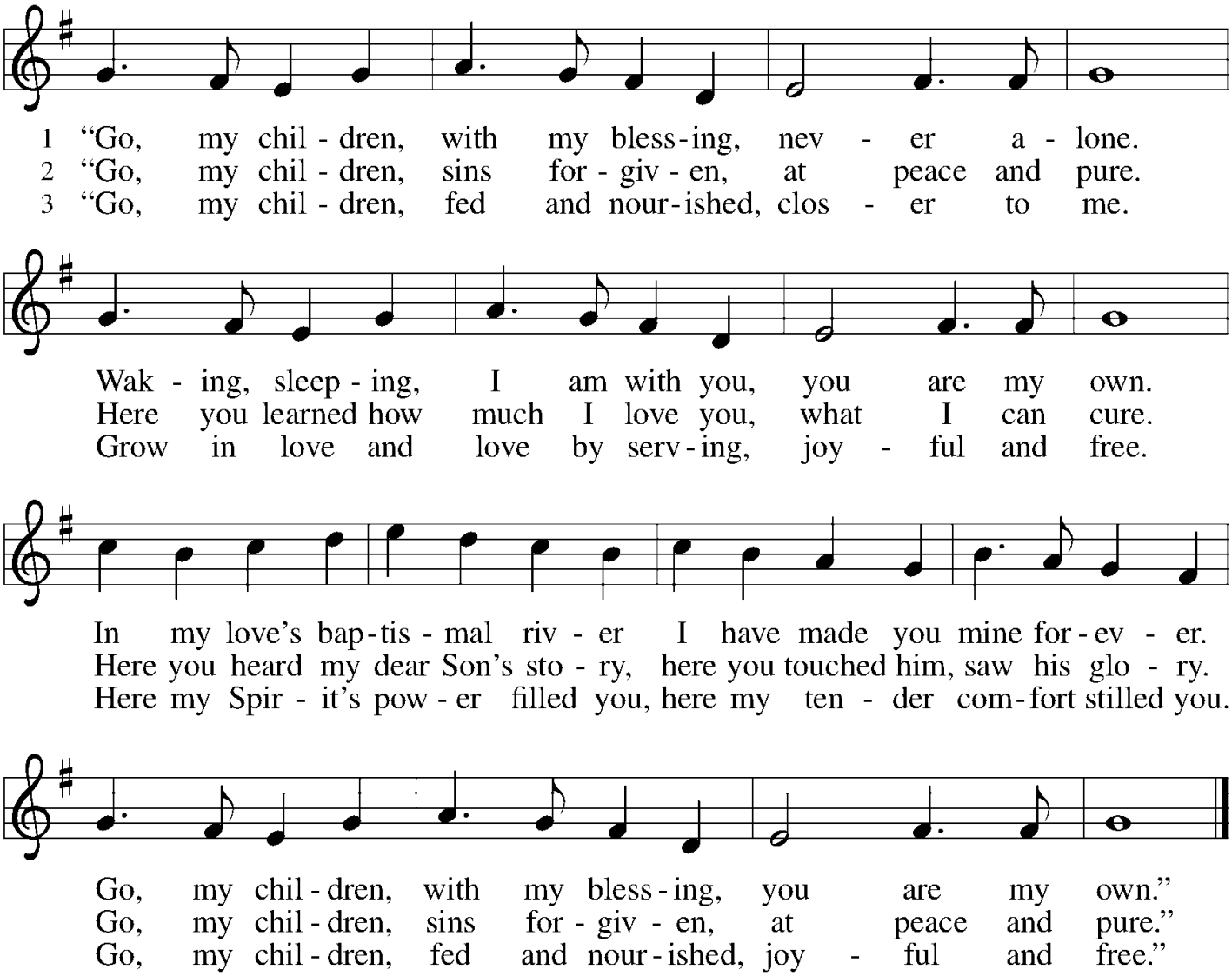
Gracious God, thank you for feeding us at Christ's table. Strengthen us by your grace to live as your faithful people, sharing your love with all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Sending

BLESSING

And as you go, may the blessing of God, ☩ the love of Jesus Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit surround you and sustain you this day and always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG Go, My Children, With My Blessing ELW 543



DISMISSAL

Go in peace.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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