O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good:
for His mercy endures forever.
Psalm 107:1

Thanksgiving Eve

November 27, 2024 + 7:00 p.m.

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Thanksgiving Eve Vespers

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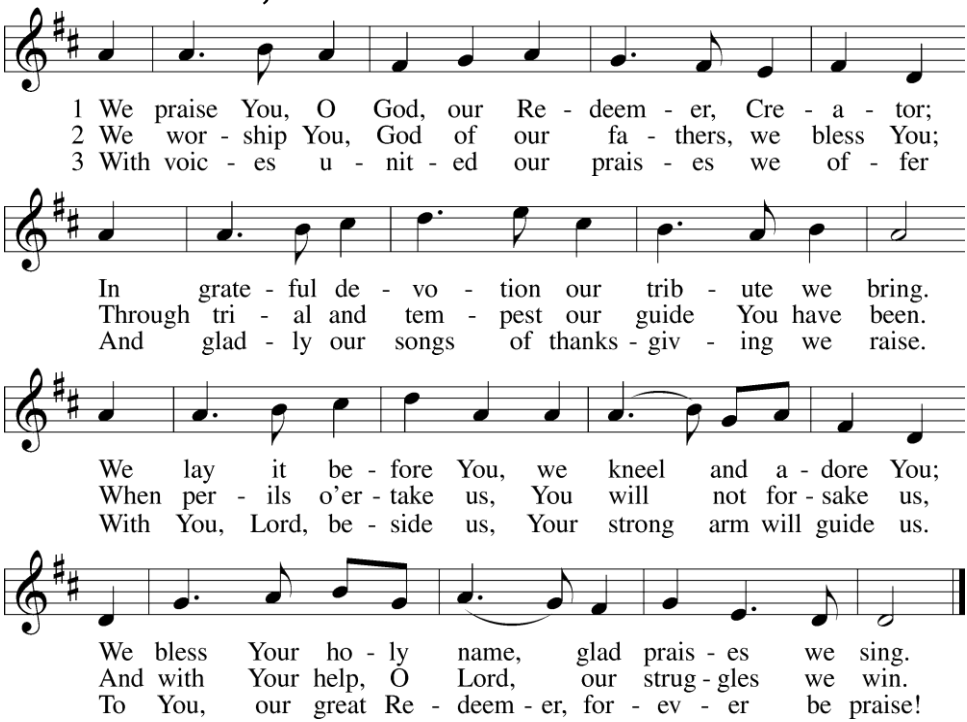
Pre-service music and silent prayer before worship

Stand

785 We Praise You, O God

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Common Versicles

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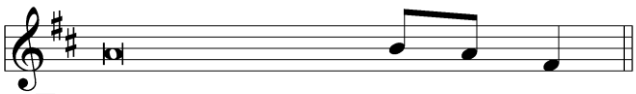
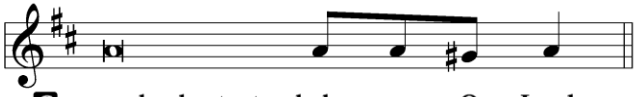
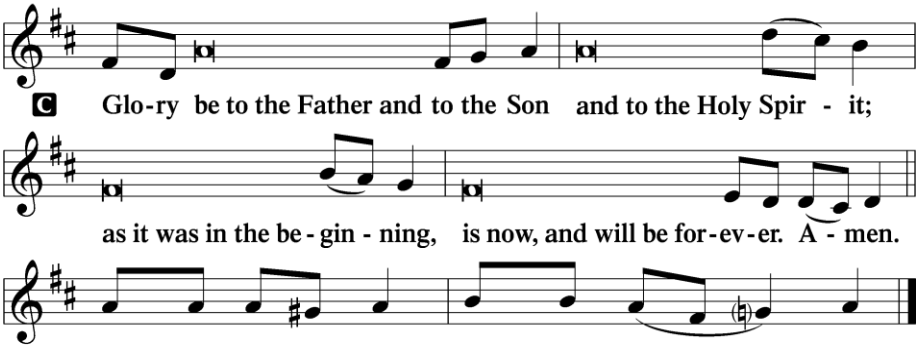
P O Lord, open my lips,



C **and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.**

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;



C **make haste to help me, O Lord.**

Psalm

Psalm 67

[1]May God be gracious to us and | bless us*
and make his face to shine up- | on us,
[2]that your way may be | known on earth,*
your saving power among all | nations.
[3]Let the peoples praise you, | O God;*
let all the peoples | praise you!

[4]Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,*
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations up- | on earth.
[5]Let the peoples praise you, | O God;*
let all the peoples | praise you!

[6]The earth has yielded its | increase;*
God, our God, shall | bless us.
[7]God shall | bless us;*
let all the ends of the earth | fear him!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen

Sit

Readings

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 8:1–10

[1]"The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. [2]And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. [3]And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by

every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. 4Your clothing did not wear
out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. 5Know then in your
heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. 6So
you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways
and by fearing him. 7For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a
land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and
hills, 8a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land
of olive trees and honey, 9a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in
which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills
you can dig copper. 10And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD
your God for the good land he has given you."

P O Lord, have mercy on us.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Timothy 2:1–4

1First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and
thanksgivings be made for all people, 2for kings and all who are in high positions,
that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.
3This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, 4who desires all
people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

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Holy Gospel

Luke 17:11–19

11On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and
Galilee. 12And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a
distance 13and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us."
14When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests."
And as they went they were cleansed. 15Then one of them, when he saw that he
was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; 16and he fell on his face
at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. 17Then Jesus
answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? 18Was no one found to
return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" 19And he said to him, "Rise
and go your way; your faith has made you well."

P O Lord, have mercy on us.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory

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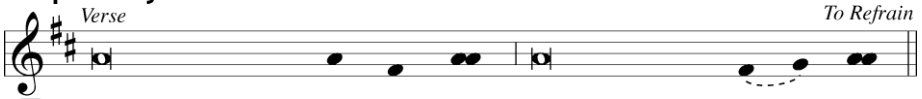
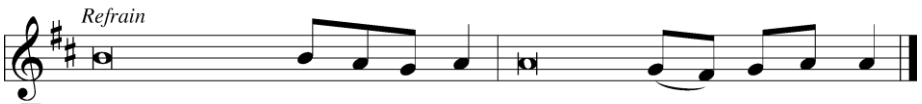
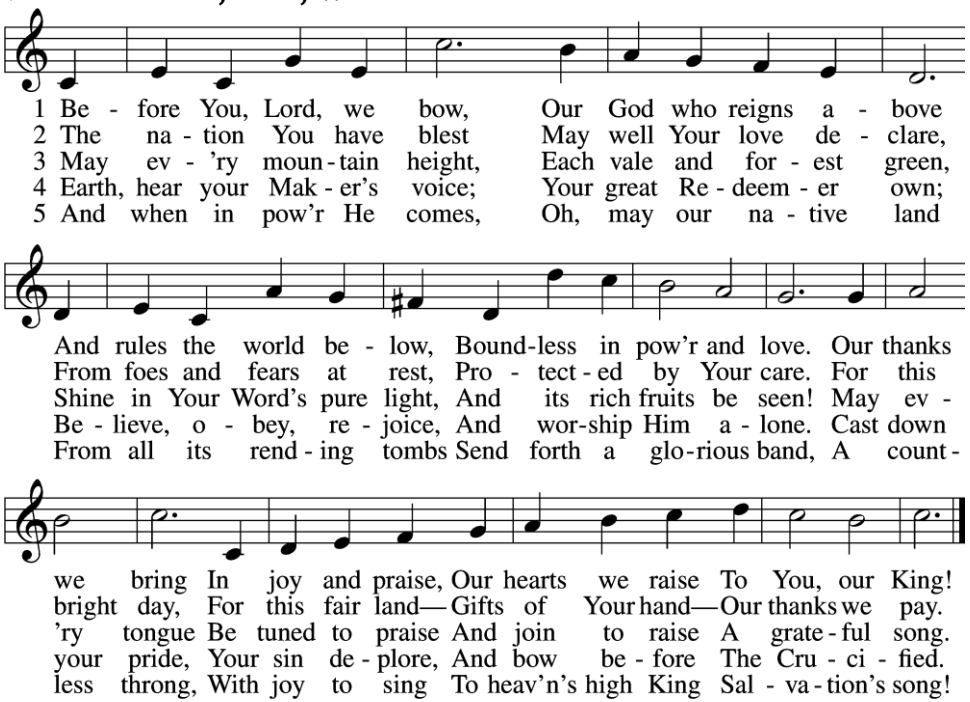


L 1 Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.
2 Unite my heart to fear Your name that I may walk in Your truth.
3 Glory be to the
Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.

C Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

966 Before You, Lord, We Bow

1 Be - fore You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns a - bove
2 The na - tion You have blest May well Your love de - clare,
3 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, Each vale and for - est green,
4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er own;
5 And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our na - tive land

And rules the world be - low, Bound - less in pow'r and love. Our thanks
From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For this
Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev -
Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor - ship Him a - lone. Cast down
From all its rend - ing tombs Send forth a glo - rious band, A count -

we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!
bright day, For this fair land— Gifts of Your hand— Our thanks we pay.
'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grate - ful song.
your pride, Your sin de - plore, And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied.
less throng, With joy to sing To heav'n's high King Sal - va - tion's song!

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Sit

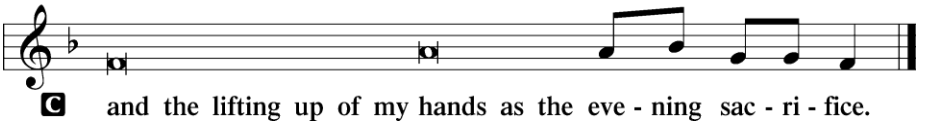
Sermon - "Thankful for This Nation"

1 Timothy 2:1-4

Canticle

Stand

P Let my prayer rise before You as incense,



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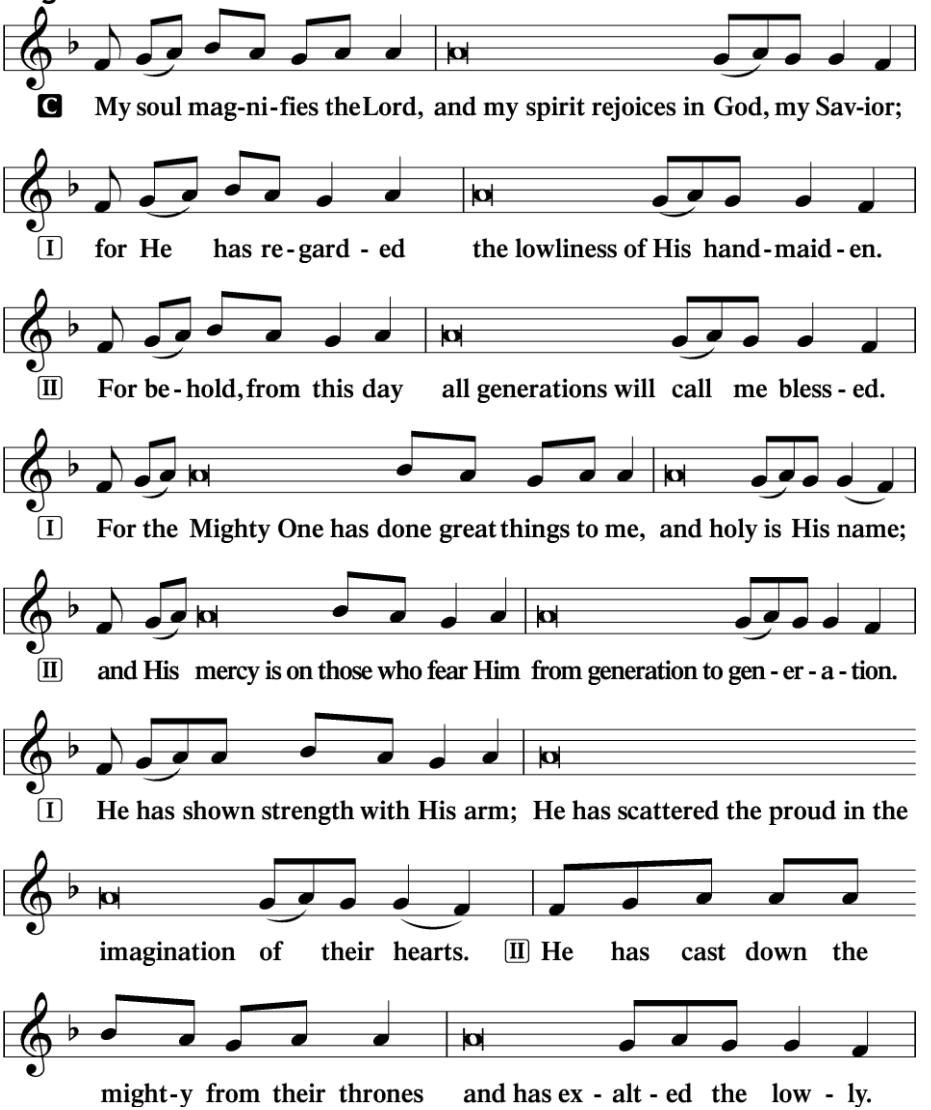
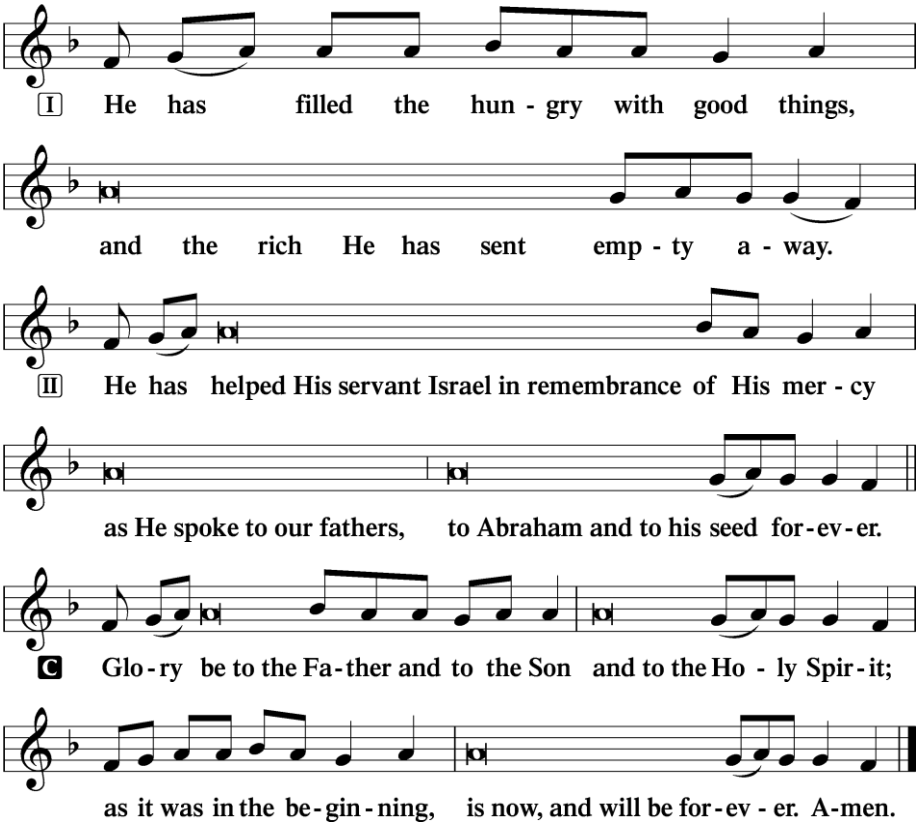

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Prayers

Kneel/Stand

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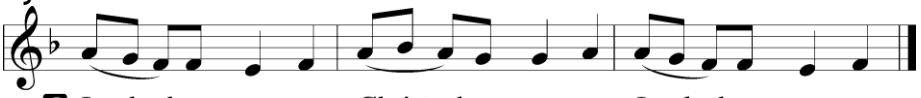
Lord's Prayer

C **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.

Thanksgiving Litany

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, from Your hand we receive all good gifts, especially the gift of salvation through our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit so that we remember to offer you our thanks and praise for your abundant mercy.

For the tender love You show Your whole creation: O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C: ***and His mercy endures forever***.

P: For our nation, and all its people, for good government, and for the freedoms we enjoy, especially for the freedom to worship You in peace: O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

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P: For the food we eat, the clothes we wear and the homes we live in: O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
and His mercy endures forever.

C: For our families, for husbands and wives, and especially children with their joy and their trust, for grandparents and

P: grandchildren, for aunts and uncles: O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

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P: For the fields and their harvest, for farmers and their labors, for the good earth and all its bounty: O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

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P: For the sufferings that come upon us and for the reminder they bring of the one thing needful: O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

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P: Above all for the incarnation of our Lord, for His suffering and death, for His glorious resurrection and ascension and for the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter: O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C: ***and His mercy endures forever.***

P: For the holy Church, for the divine waters of Baptism, for the comfort of Holy Absolution, and for the life-giving Sacrament of the Altar: O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C: ***and His mercy endures forever.***

P: For the Sacred Scriptures, for the holy Law that shows us our sin, and for the holy Gospel that reveals the righteousness of Christ as Your gift to us: O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C: ***and His mercy endures forever.***

P: For these and all Your mercies, mercies beyond number and measure: O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C: ***and His mercy endures forever.***

P: You are indeed blessed and holy and worthy of all honor and praise, O Father Almighty, O only-begotten Son, O Spirit of Holiness. To You alone do we give all glory now and forever!

C: ***Amen!***

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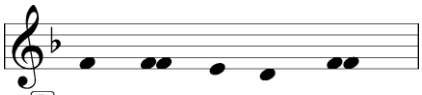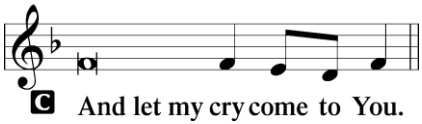
Collect of the Day

P Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Stand

Benedicamus

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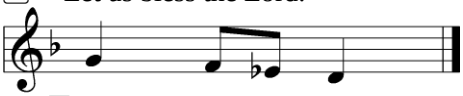
L Let us bless the Lord.



C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

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

C **Amen.**

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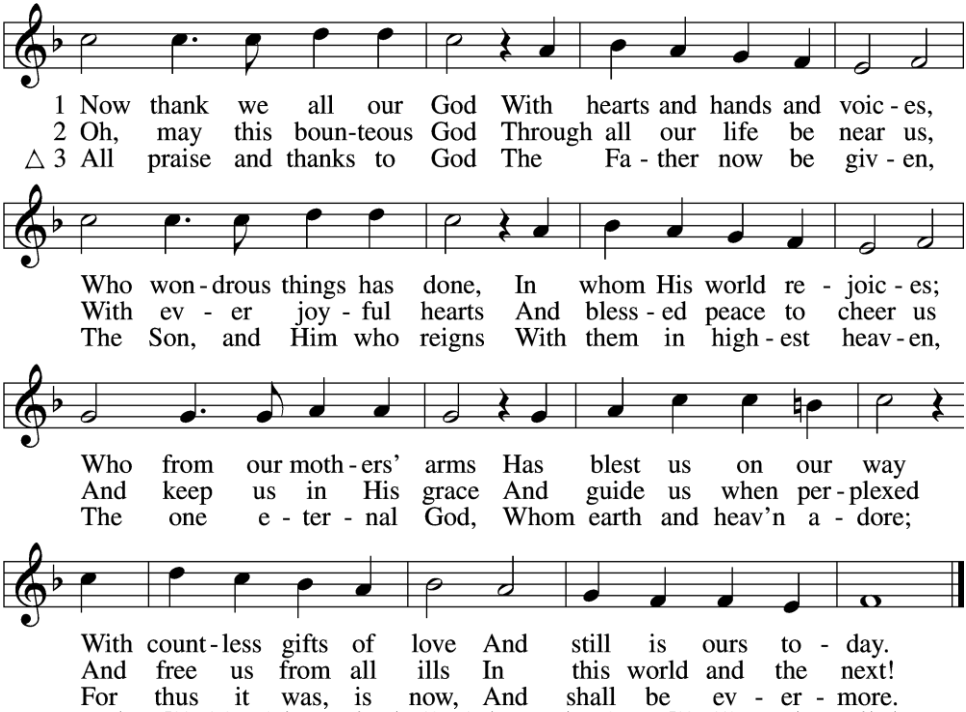
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