Zoar Evangelical Lutheran Church
"Responding in Service to God's Love"

Christ the King / Last Sunday after Pentecost, Year C

November 20, 2022

Welcome/Announcements

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

Please stand, as you are able.

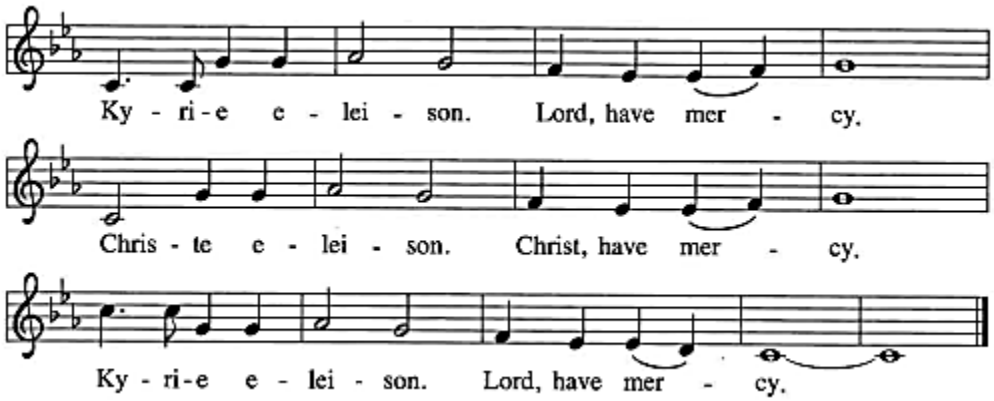
Gathering Hymn **"Crown Him with Many Crowns"** **ELW 855**

The Greeting

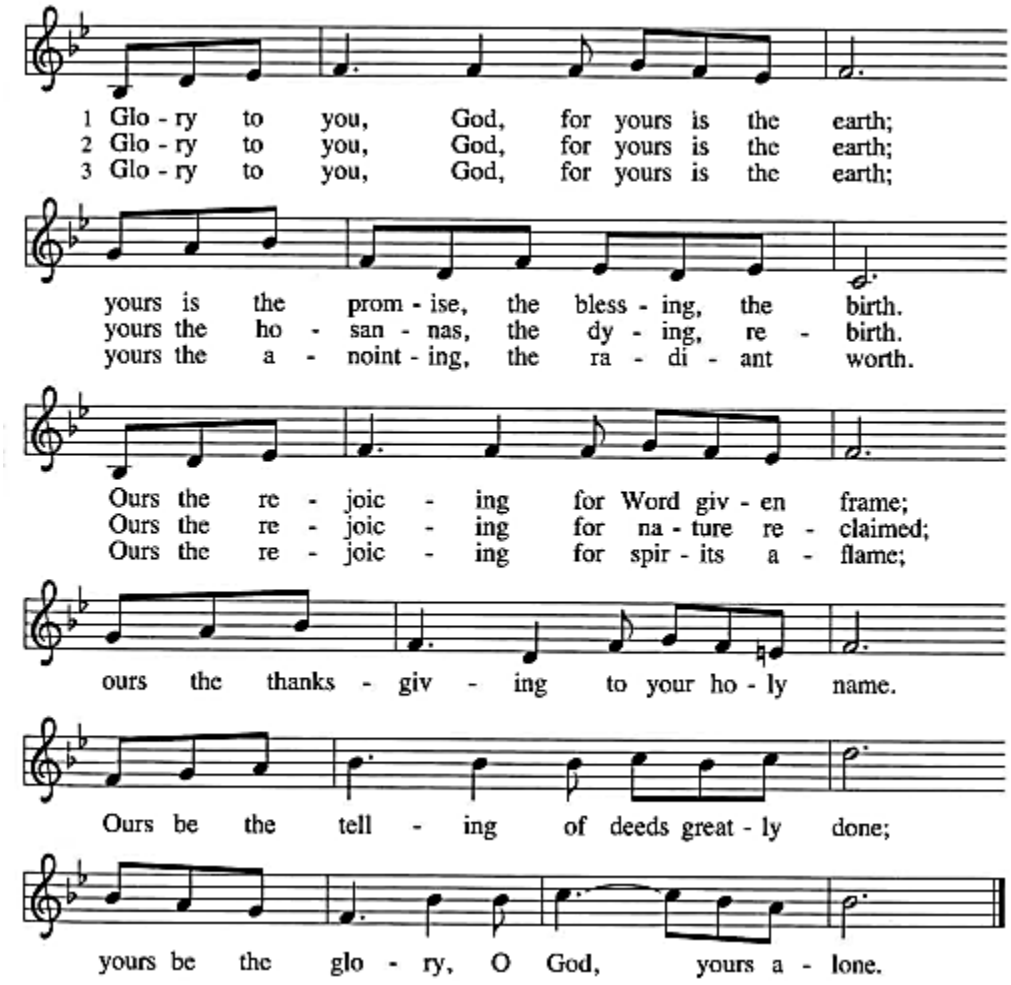
P: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie



Hymn of Praise



Prayer of the Day

P: O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

1st Reading:

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Today's reading builds on the common, ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah's unjust rulers have caused their people, their "flock," to be scattered. Nevertheless, God will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.

[1]Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. [2]Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. [3]Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply.

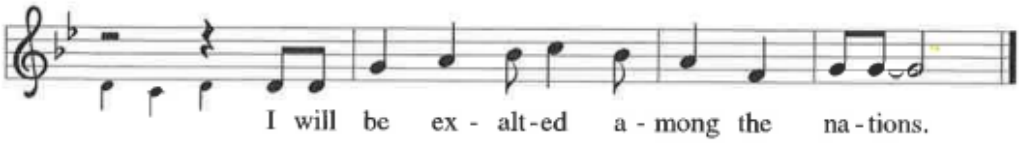
[4]I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. [5]The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. [6]In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm

Psalm 46; refrain, Ps. 46:10



God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.
[2]**Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,**
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;
[3]though its waters | rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.
[4]**There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,**
the holy habitation of | the Most High.
[5]God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;
God shall help it at the | break of day.
[6]**The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;**
God speaks, and the earth | melts away. **R**
[7]The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
[8]**Come now, regard the works | of the LORD,**
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;
[9]behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the | shields with fire.
[10]**"Be still, then, and know that | I am God;**
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted | in the earth."
[11]The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold. **R**

2nd Reading:

Colossians 1:11-20

An early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political, personal, and mystical Christ, the one who was present at creation and is eternally reigning with God.

[11]May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully [12]giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. [13]He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, [14]in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. [15]He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; [16]for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him.

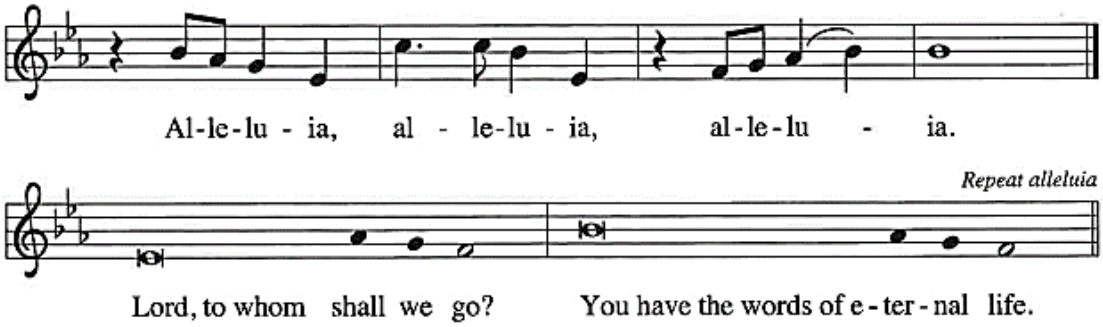
[17]He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. [18]He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. [19]For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, [20]and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Please stand, as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation



The Gospel Reading

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-third chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 23:33-43

Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.

[33]When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [34]⟦Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."⟧ And they cast lots to divide his clothing. [35]And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" [36]The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, [37]and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" [38]There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." [39]One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" [40]But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? [41]And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." [42]Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." [43]He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

P: The gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Children's Time

The Message *Pastor Michelle Manicke*

Please stand, as you are able.

Hymn of the Day **"Beautiful Savior"** **ELW 838**

The Prayers of the People

(*See "Celebrate" insert.*)

Sharing the Peace of Christ

P: On the count of 3, let's all say together, "The peace of Christ be with you always!..."

Please be seated.

The Offering

Please take a moment of silent prayer to consider the many needs and to give thanks for the blessings you've received from God. Ask God to guide you in discerning how you can share some of the gifts God has entrusted to you. (Perhaps you'll feel moved to call someone, to write a card, or to make an extra donation in support of ministries making a difference in our wider community, so that they can continue to bring light and life to our neighbors in need.)

Thankoffering

As we give our Thankofferings today, we share in a tradition that goes back at least to the 1800s, when Christian women formed "mite" or "cent" societies to support the mission of the church. When others said there was not enough money to carry out the church's work, the women believed otherwise and acted together. In these societies, each woman collected offerings at home. On occasion, they would gather as we do today to worship and make their offerings with thanks and praise. When Women of the ELCA was formed 30 years ago, we committed to continue this tradition of giving in gratitude for blessings. Each year, in thousands of congregations, Thankofferings are given to support the life-changing ministries of Women of the ELCA. Together, we do more than we could ever do apart. In gratitude for all God has given to us, and with hope for all that is to come, let us now give our Thankoffering. Today we have an opportunity to give a special "Thankoffering" to Zoar Lutheran Church Women (ZLCW) and their umbrella organization, Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (WELCA). Your offering supports our churchwide women's organization, which supports women in ministry and does important advocacy work in combating human trafficking.

Instructions for Thankoffering gifts: Please place your Thankoffering gifts in the baskets located on the communion tables as you receive communion.

The Offertory

Please stand, as you are able.

The Offering Hymn **"Jesus, Remember Me"** **ELW 616**

The Offering Prayer

A: Gracious God,
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,
and make us ready to share with all in need;
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

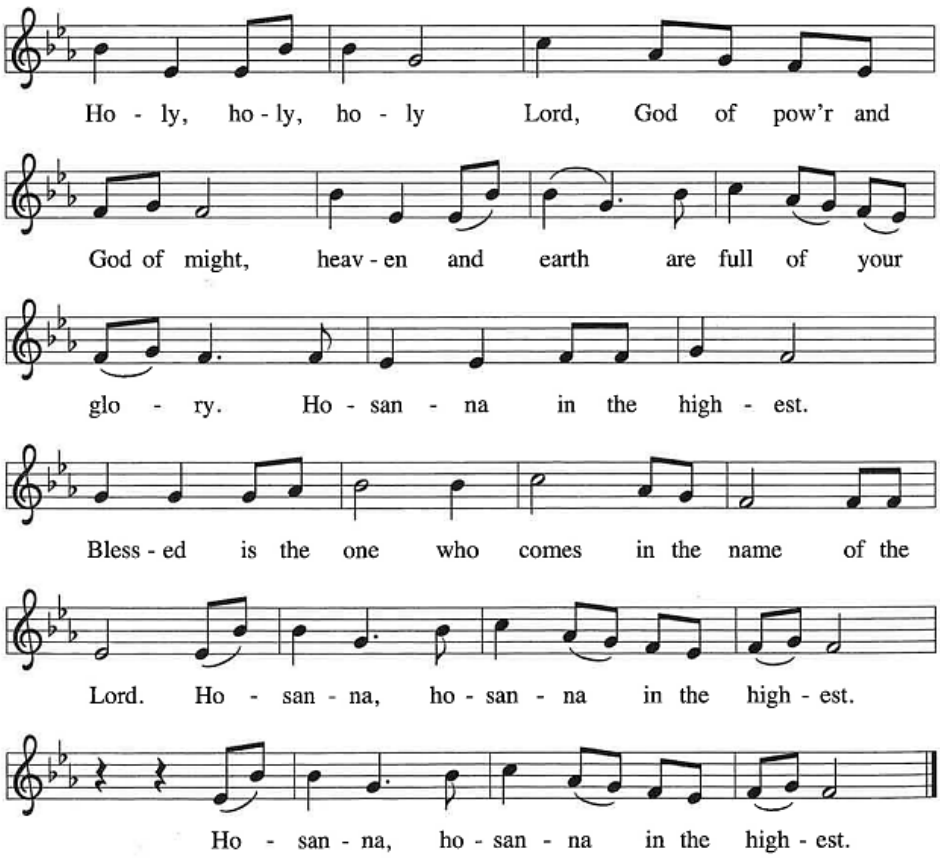
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Proper Preface

P: It is our duty and delight that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Christ our Lord; 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:

Holy



The Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

P: Holy God,
our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,
you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.
You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,
and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.
You sent your Son to eat with sinners
and to become food for the world.
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 life given for us
and his rising from the grave,
we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:
strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,
and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.
Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

C: Amen

The Lord's Prayer

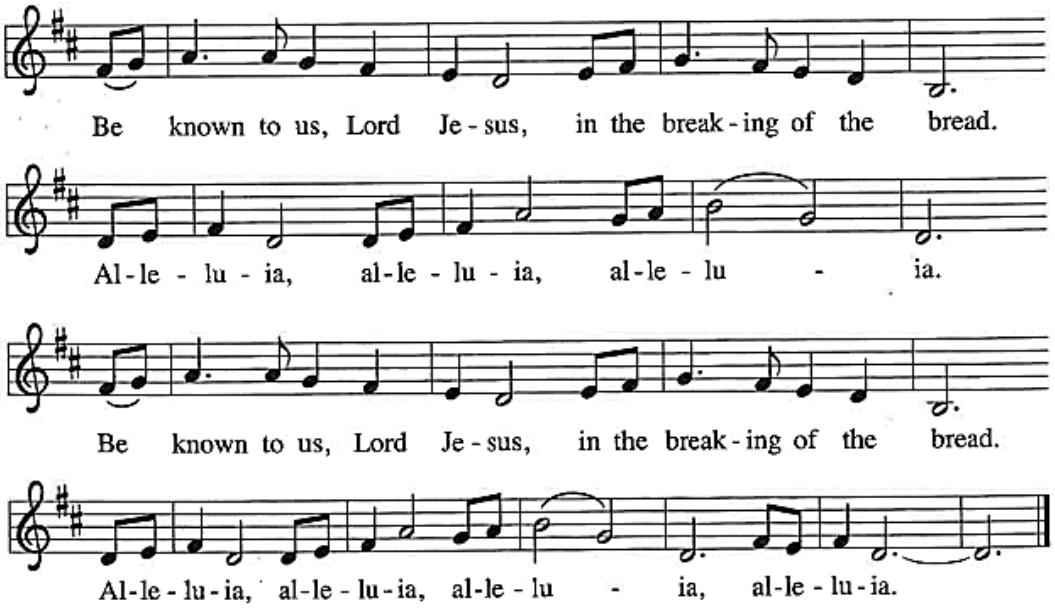
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

Invitation to Communion

P: Christ invites you to this table.
Come, taste and see.

Lamb of God



Communion Hymns **"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"** **ELW 857**
"Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!" **ELW 875**

The Distribution

Instructions for those communing online/in their homes:

1. *Please take a minute to wash your hands if you'll be touching the bread or cup and offering it to another person.*
2. *As you are offering bread to another, say these words: "The body of Christ, given for you."*
3. *As you are offering the wine or grape juice, say these words: "The blood of Christ, shed for you."*

Please stand, as you are able.

The Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen

Closing Prayer:

A: God of the abundant table,
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal
with bread for the journey.
Give us your grace on the road
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Sending Blessing

P: God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.
And may the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn **"Soon and Very Soon"** **ELW 439**

The Dismissal

P: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Thank you to our Worship Servers

Assisting Minister.....Jeanna Doversberger
Communion Assistant.....
Pianist.....Mel Kubik
Lay Reader.....Nathan Beil
Song Leader.....Donna Pottratz
Greeters.....Myron and Nancy Mohr
Altar Care.....Jerry & Marie Rothi
Sound.....John Manley
AV Technician.....Anne Manicke
Altar Flowers.....

Last Week's Stats & Goals

November 13, 2022	Attendance	Income	Goal	Over/Short
This Week to Date	56	$1,787	$4,600	-$2,813
This Month to Date	73	$9,908	$9,200	$708
This Year to Date	59	$180,360	$191,127	-$10,767

Restricted Building Fund	$393	Cumulative for 2022	$43,970

To Support our building fund---giving must be designated "Building Fund."

Thank you for your prayerfully considered gifts.

Looking Ahead

Upcoming Events at Zoar Lutheran Church

Today—November 20th

9:30 am	Sunday School, in person and online
10:30 am	Worship
12:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
1:30pm	Ordinary Men (men's ensemble)

Monday, November 21, 2022

2:00 pm-3:00 pm	Knotty Loopers (Knitting & Crochet Group)

Tuesday, November 22, 2022

7:00 - 8:00 pm	Executive Council Mtg., Zoom

Wednesday, November 23, 2022

9:30 am-12:30 pm	Sewing Circle will not be meeting

Thursday, November 24, 2022

Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 25, 2022 Office will be closed

Saturday, November 26, 2022

Sunday, November 27, 2022

No Sunday School

12:30 pm Showing the movie, "Mission: Joy"

Sunday, December 4, 2022

Zoar will be welcoming new members through baptism and affirmation of baptism. If you would like to become a member of Zoar, please speak to Pastor Michelle or make a note on a worship card and place it in the offering plate at the time of the offering.

Note from Zoar Preschool: Please help us decorate the church for the Advent Season and your own home by purchasing poinsettias sold by Zoar's preschool. Forms can be found outside the office window or one can be emailed to you by calling the church office.

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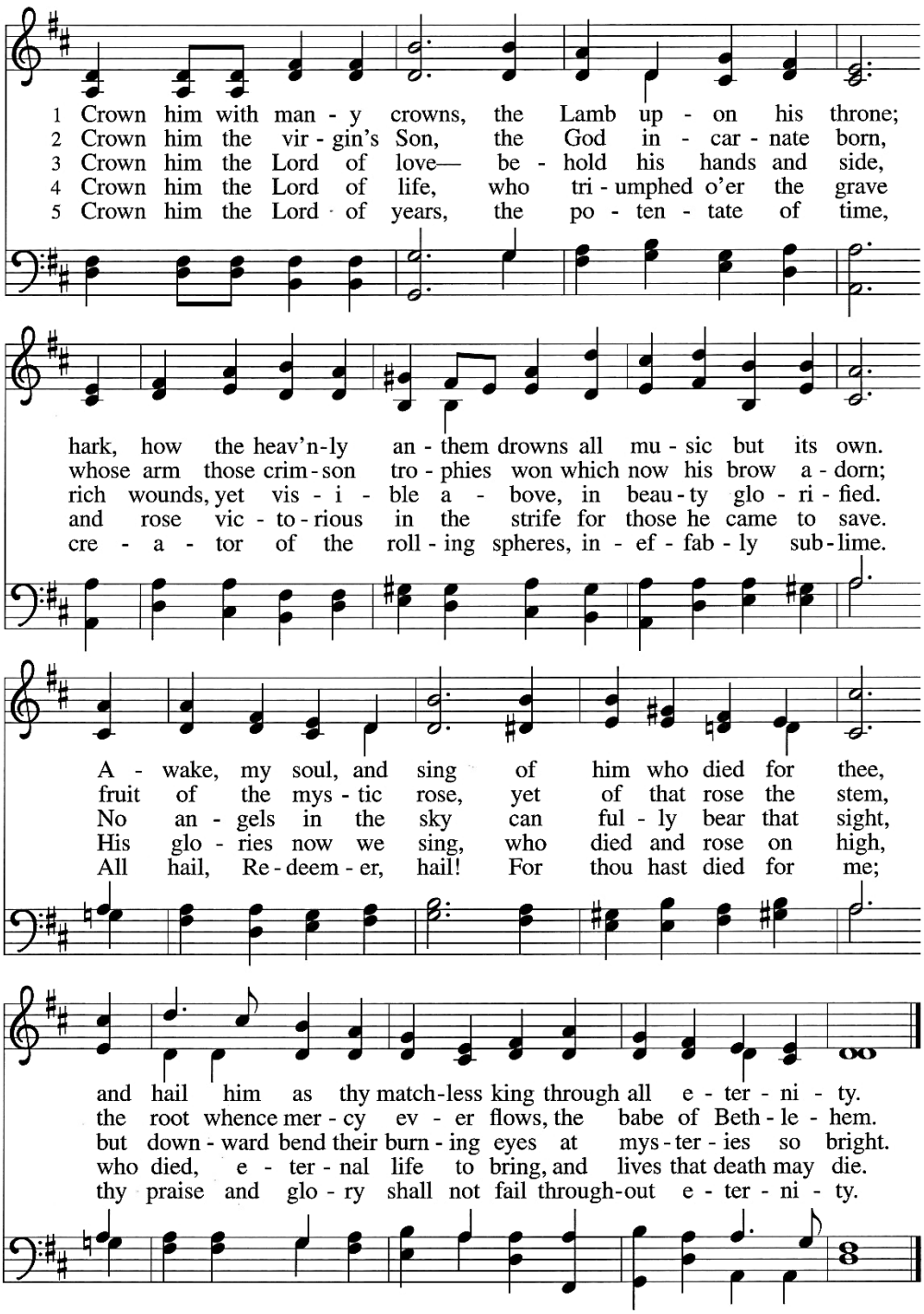

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Music: George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

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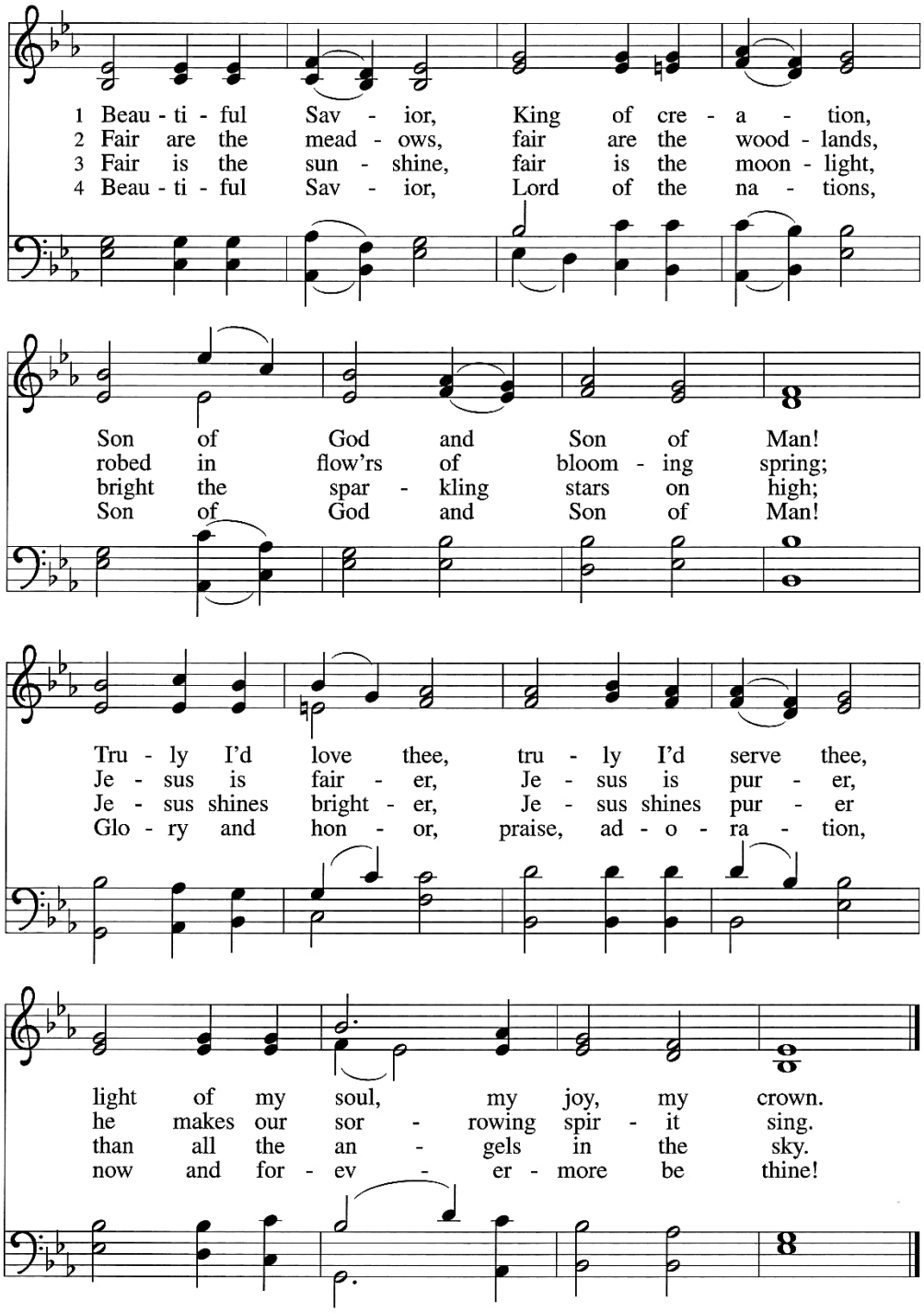

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
Music: Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

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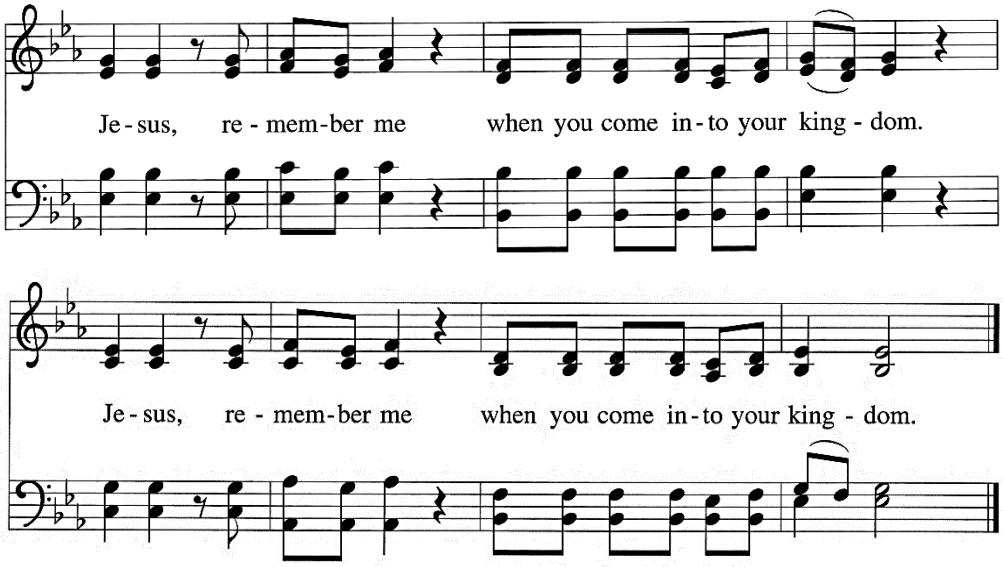

Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community
Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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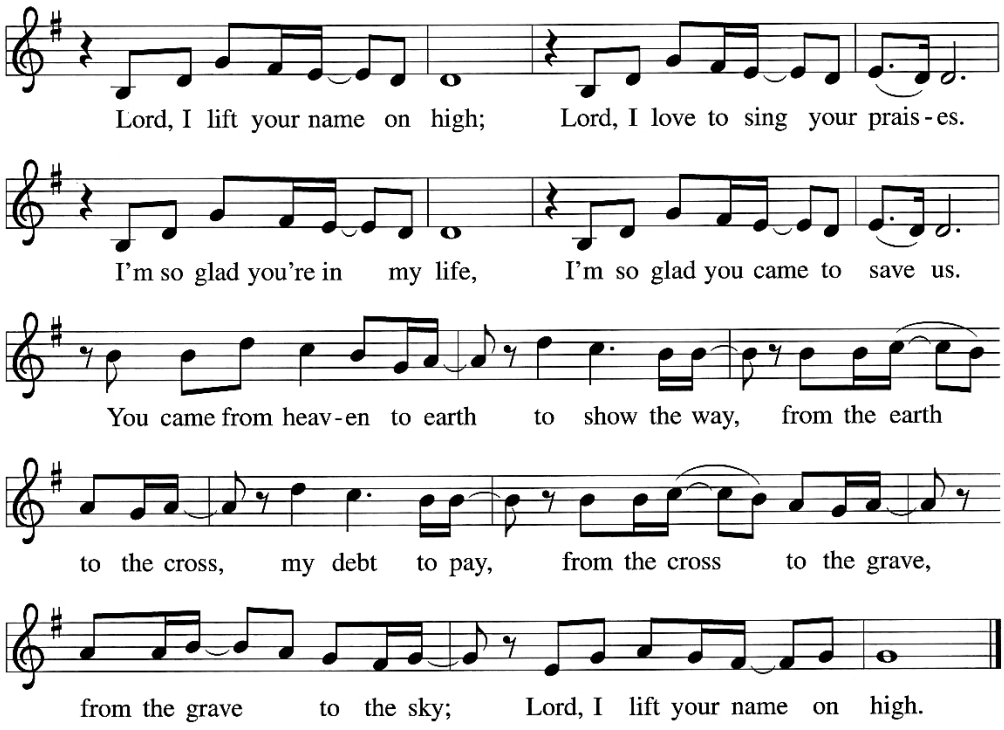

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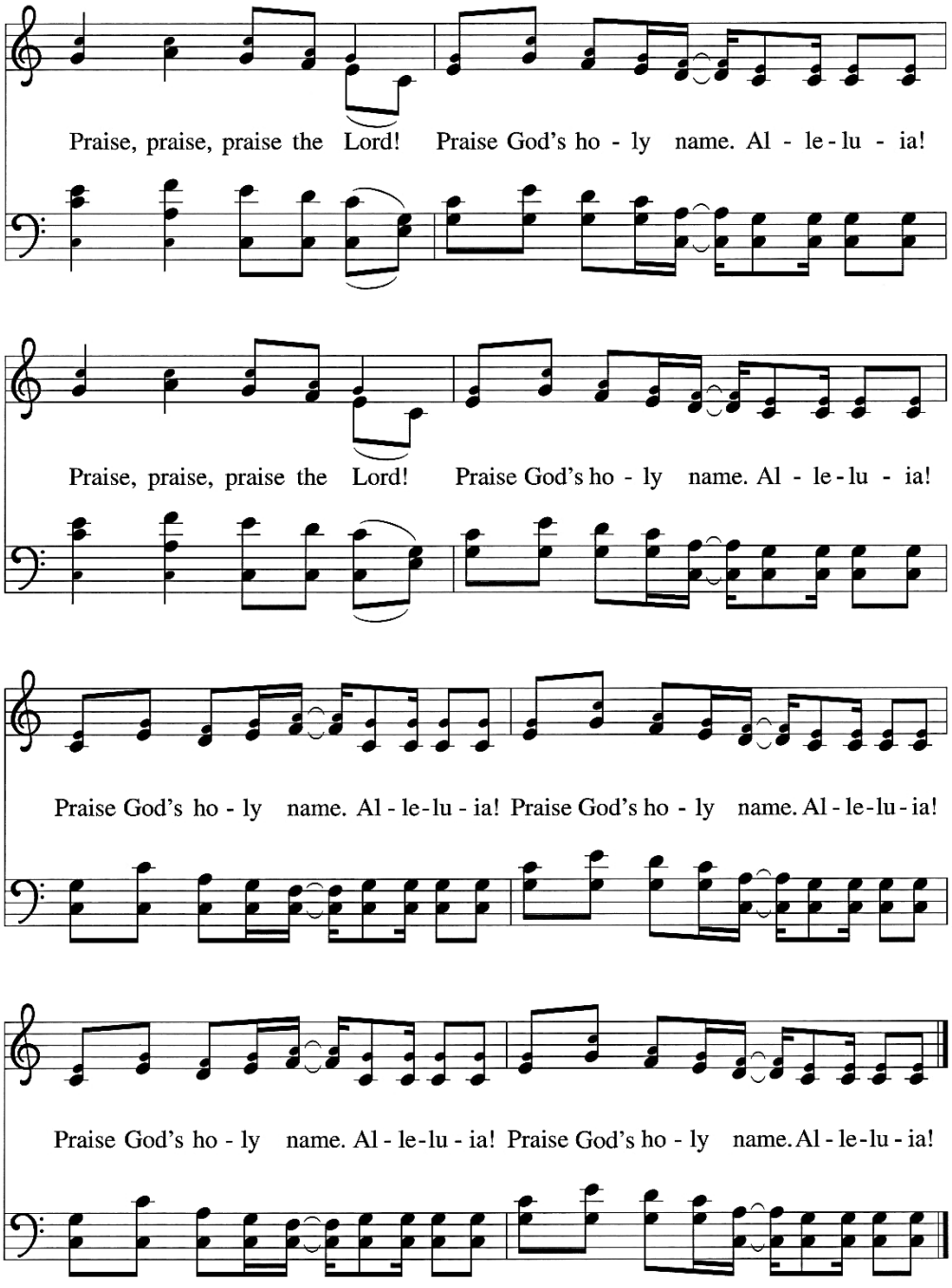

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Music: Cameroon processional; arr. Ralph M. Johnson
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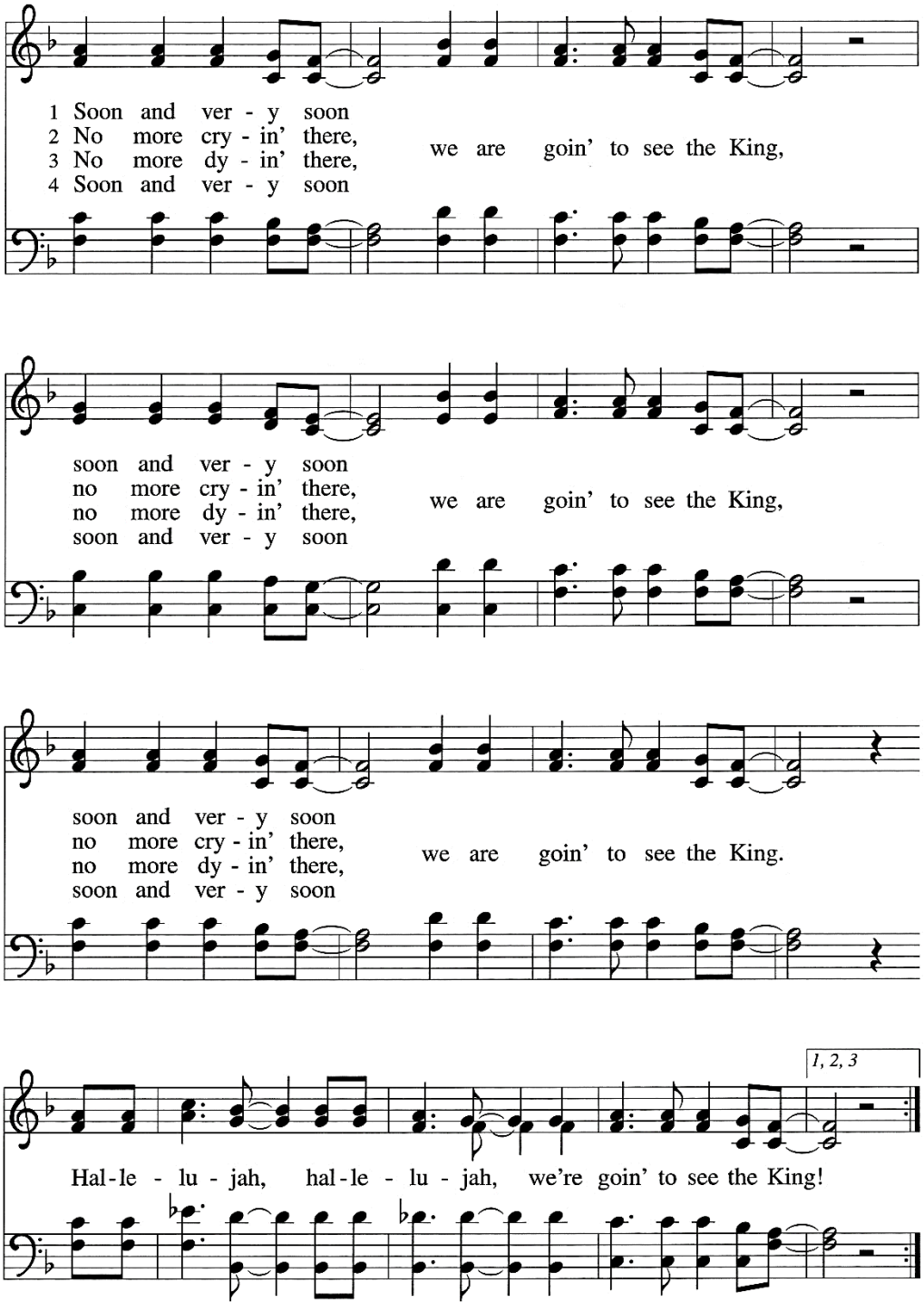

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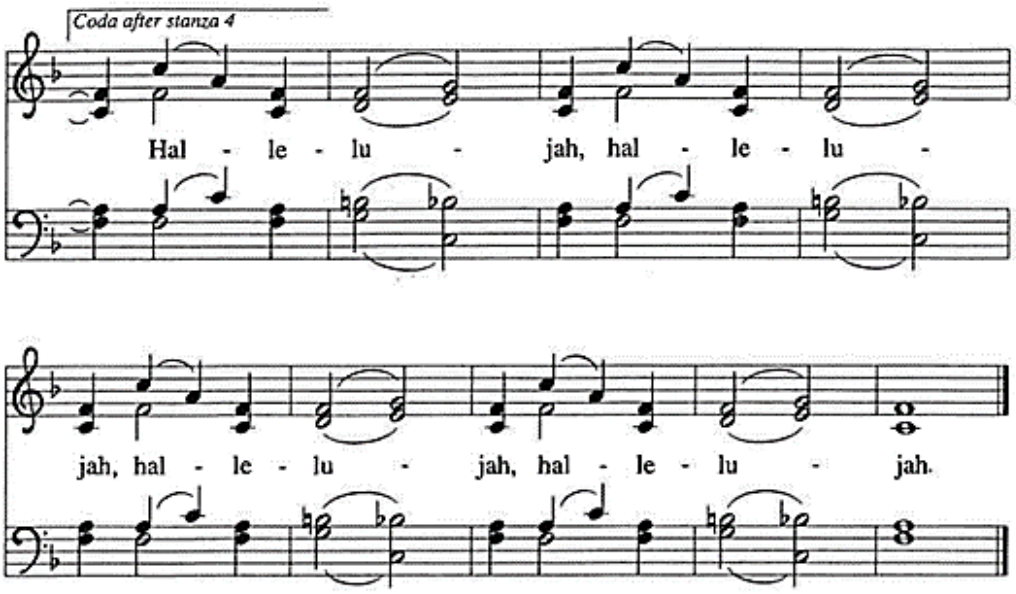

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