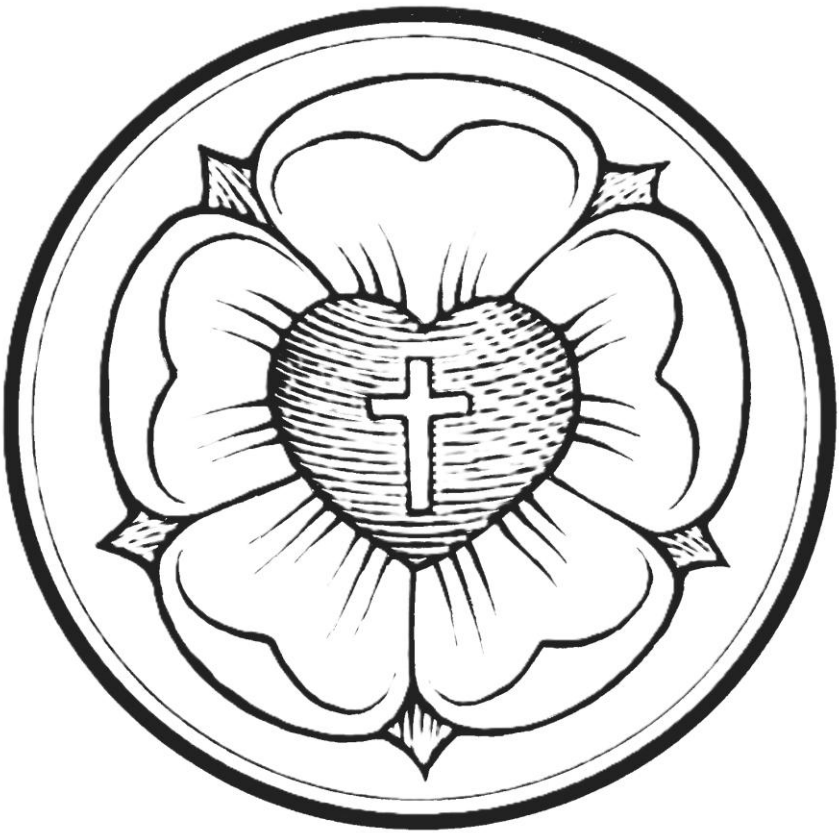
Reformation Day (Observed)
Divine Service Setting Four
October 25, 2026



An Eternal Gospel To Proclaim



5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias,
Alleluias without end!

△ 6 God the Father, light-creator,
To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the holy Trinity!

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Exhortation *LSB 203*

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins *LSB 203*

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Absolution *LSB 203*

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

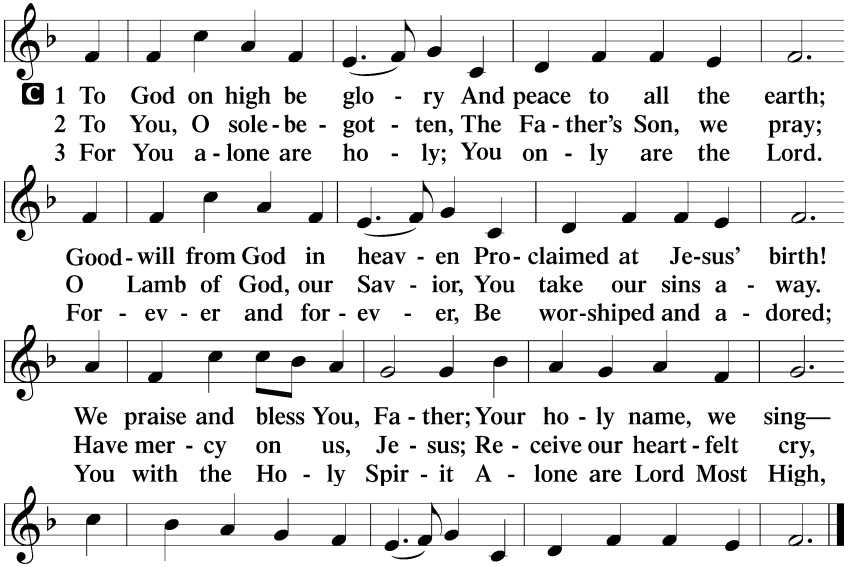
Introit *Psalm 34:1–2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46*

P I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]
C **and shall not be put to shame.**
P I will bless the LORD at all times;
C **his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**
P My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
C **let the humble hear and be glad.**
P Come, O children, listen to me;
C **I will teach you the fear of the LORD.**
P The LORD redeems the life of his servants;
C **none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**
C **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.
P I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]
C **and shall not be put to shame.**

Kyrie *LSB 204*



Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 204*



Salutation and Collect of the Day

℗ The Lord be with you.

ℂ **And also with you.**

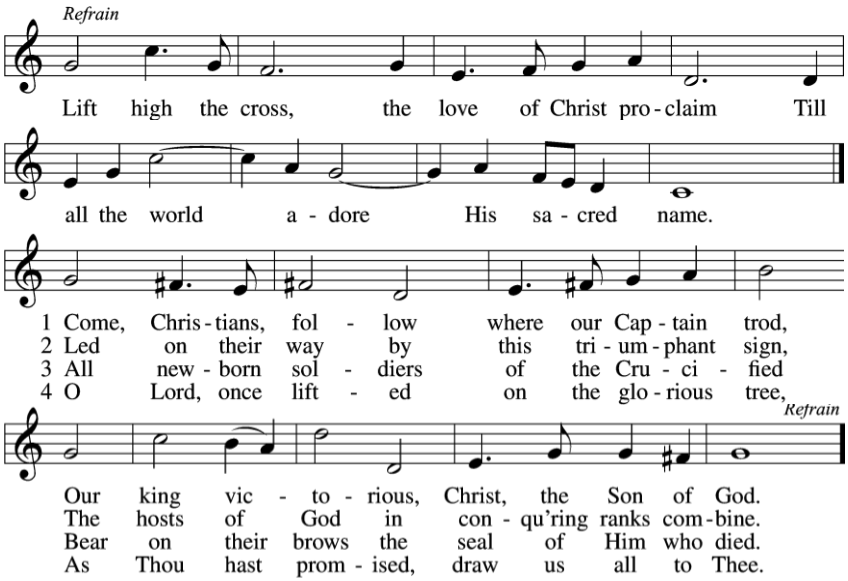
℗ Let us pray.
Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ℂ **Amen.**

Sit

Special Music: Choir *The Congregation will join for the last verse.*

837 Lift High the Cross ***LSB 837***



5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

First Reading *Revelation 14:6–7*

6 Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal
gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and
tribe and language and people. 7 And he said with a loud voice, "Fear

God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

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

Epistle *Romans 3:19–28*

19 Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who
are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole
world may be held accountable to God. 20 For by works of the law no
human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes
knowledge of sin.

21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from
the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— 22 the
righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.
For there is no distinction: 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the
glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the
redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a
propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show
God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed
over former sins. 26 It was to show his righteousness at the present time,
so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in
Jesus.

27 Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of
law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. 28 For we hold that
one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Alleluia *LSB 205*



Verse *LSB 205*





Alleluia *LSB 205*



Holy Gospel *Matthew 11:12–19*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

12 [Jesus said:] "From the days of John the Baptist until now the
kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by
force. 13 For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, 14 and if
you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. 15 He who has
ears to hear, let him hear.

16 "But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children
sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,

17 "'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.'

18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a
demon.' 19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say,
'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and
sinners!' Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

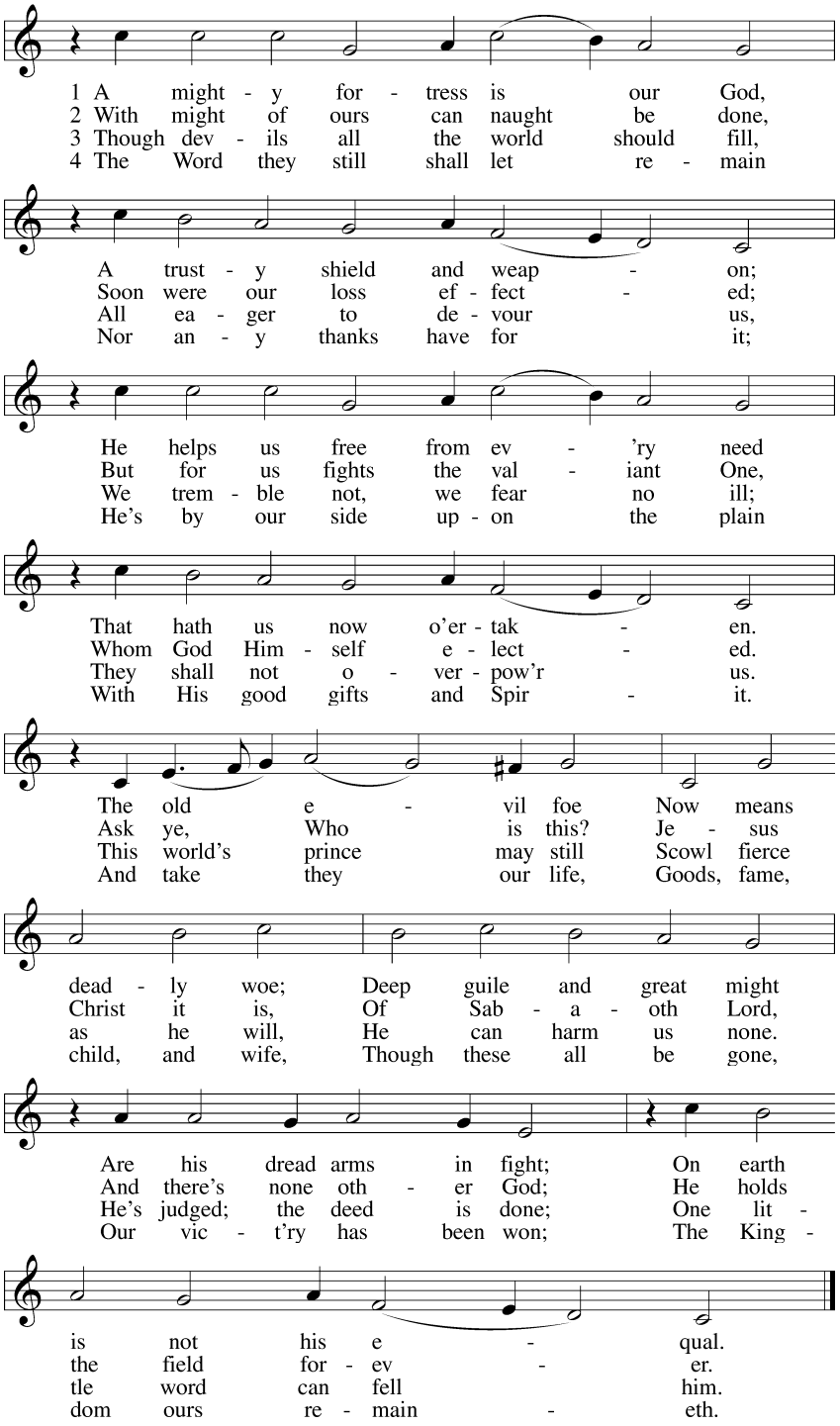
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



Sermon: An Eternal Gospel To Proclaim

Offertory *LSB 192*



Stand

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

In this congregation, we recognize the true presence of Christ in the bread and wine of Holy Communion for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. Because those who receive unworthily do so to their great harm, and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith of this altar, those who hold a confession differing from that of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are asked to speak with the pastor before communing.

Preface *LSB 208*

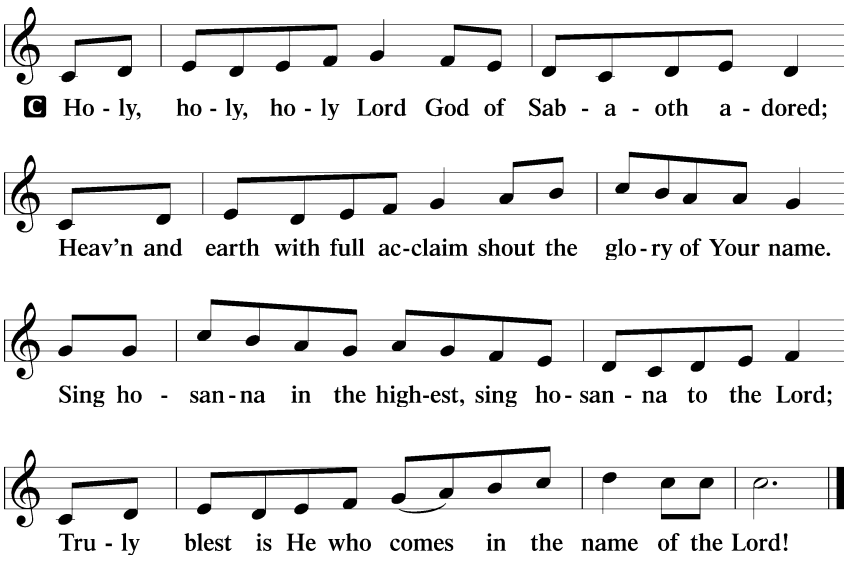
P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

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 Him thanks and praise.**

℗ It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus *LSB 208*



Prayer of Thanksgiving

℗ Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

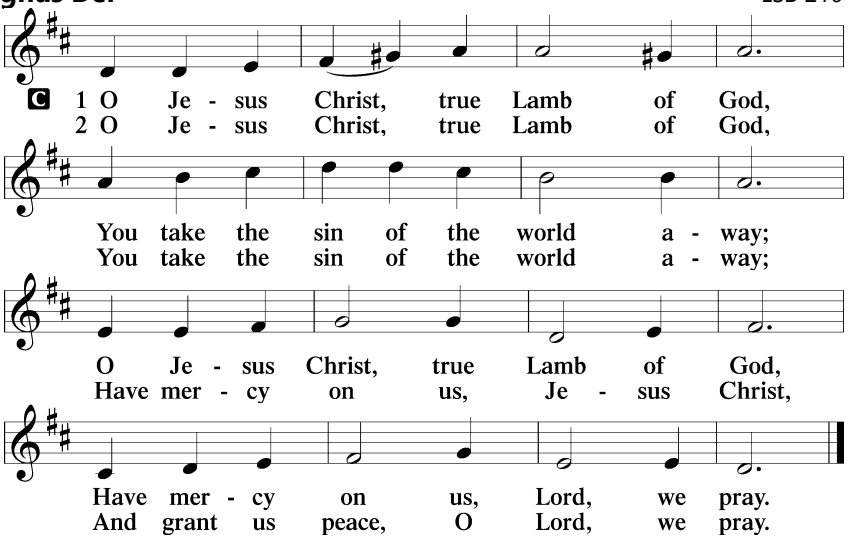
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

LSB 210



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829 Christ the Eternal Lord

LSB 829



830 Spread the Reign of God the Lord

LSB 830

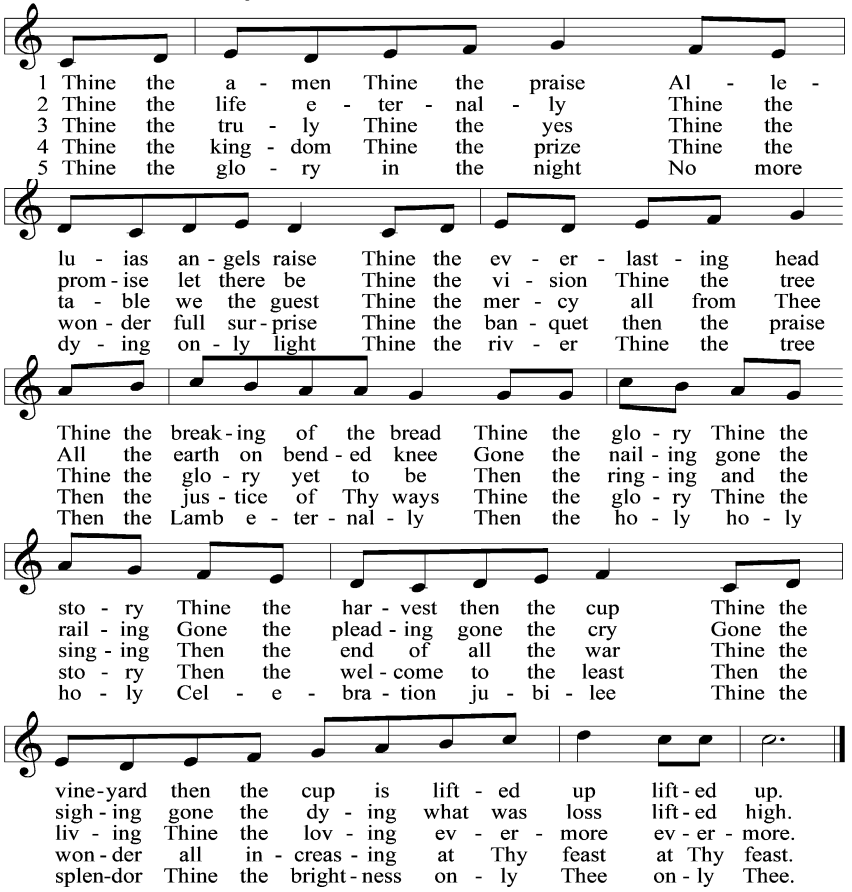


5 Enter, mighty Word, the field; Ripe the promise of its yield.
But the reapers, oh, how few For the work there is to do!

6 Lord of harvest, great and kind, Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all See Your light and heed Your call.

680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

LSB 680



Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211



Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

C **Amen.**

Benedicamus

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A Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

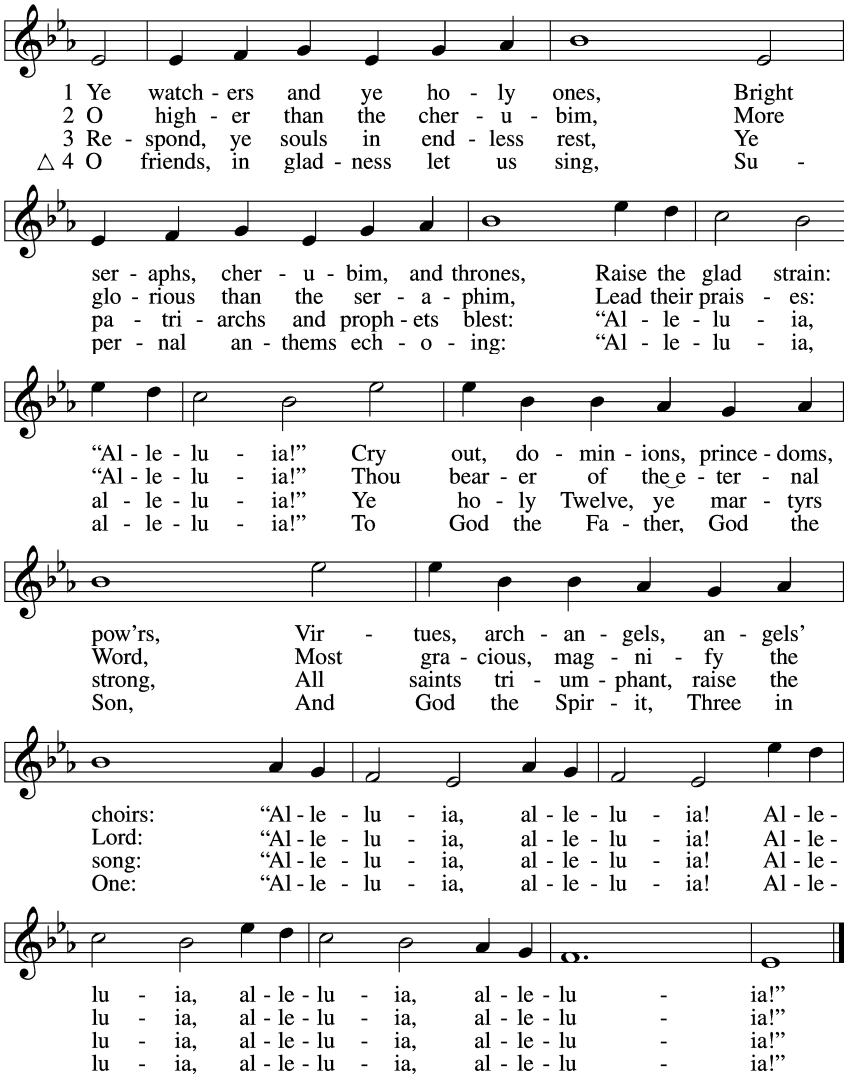
P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Sit

670 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

LSB 670



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