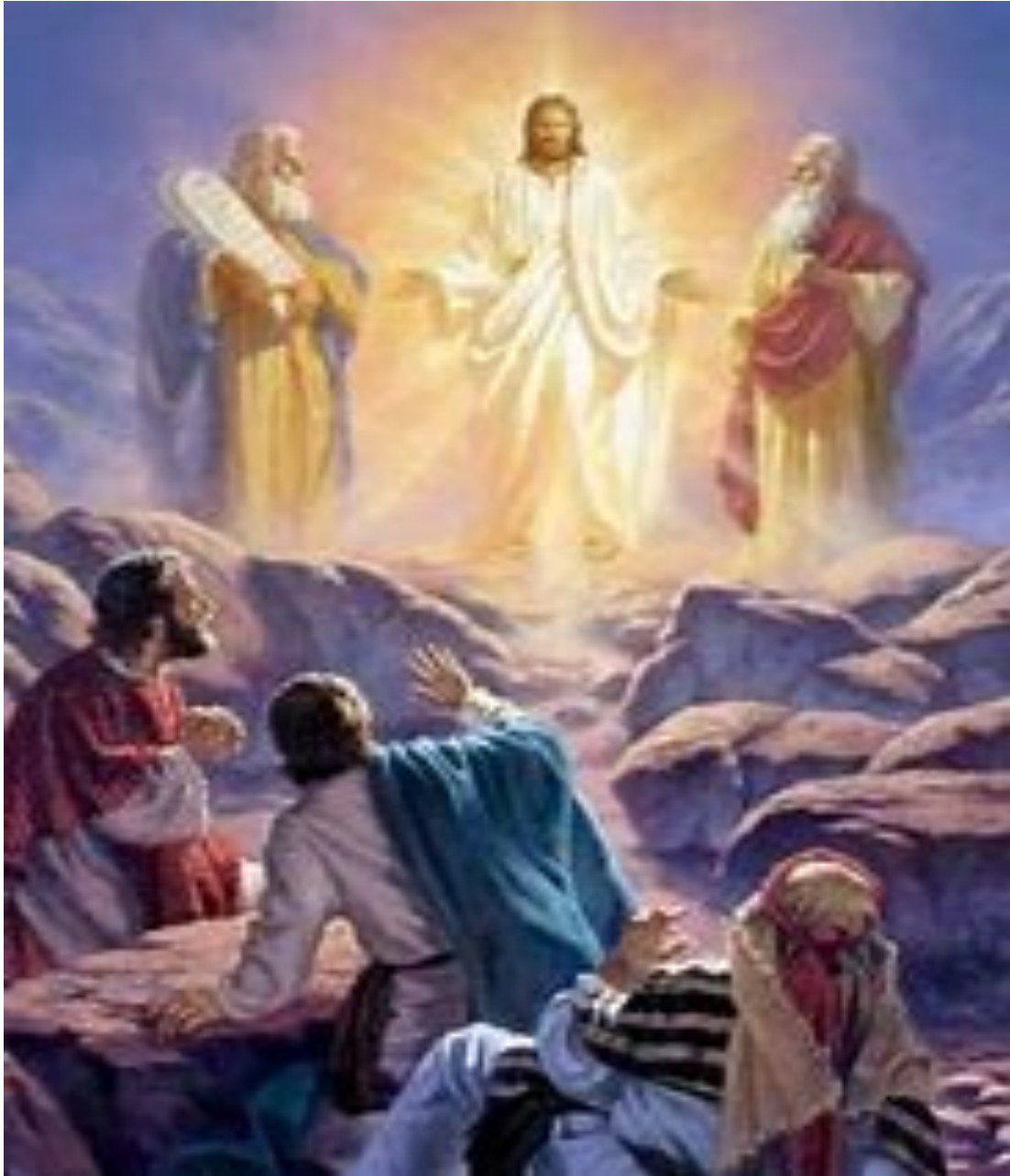


TRANSFIGURATION
OF
JESUS



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

March 2, 2025

Holy Communion 11:00 am

Prelude

*The Processional Hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* (ELW) No. 834

*The Confession and Forgiveness (ELW) page 94

P: In the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: God of all mercy.....of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Most merciful God,

C: **We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God,.....in the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

*The Apostolic Greeting (ELW) page 138

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.**

*The Kyrie (*sung response*) (ELW) page 138

P:, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

*The Hymn of Praise *This is the Feast* (ELW) NO. 140

*Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: O God, at the glorious transfiguration of Your only Son, You confirmed the mystery of our faith by the witness of the disciples and by Your own voice from the cloud. Mercifully complete our adoption as Your children, and give us, with our King, an inheritance of His glory. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Musical Offering

Take My Life and Let It Be

Bell Choir

The Psalmody for the Day *(read responsively)*

Psalm 99

¹The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

²The Lord is great in Zion; He is exalted over all the peoples.

³Let them praise Your great and awesome name! Holy is He!

⁴The King in His might loves justice. You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

⁵Exalt the Lord our God; worship at His footstool! Holy is He!

⁶Moses and Aaron were among His priests, Samuel also was among those who called upon His name. They called to the Lord, and He answered them.

⁷In the pillar of the cloud He spoke to them; they kept His testimonies and the statute that He gave them.

⁸O Lord our God, You answered them; You were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

⁹Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy!

Second Reading

Hebrews 3:1-6

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Musical Offering

Celtic Laud

Adult Choir

*The Gospel Acclamation (*sung*)

(ELW) page 142

C: Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

* The Gospel

Luke 9:28-36

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (sung after announcement of the Gospel)

C: Praise to You, O Christ. (sung after conclusion of the Gospel)

Sermon

Rev. Robert B. Grewe

*The Hymn of the Day

Christ, Whose Glory Fills The Sky

(ELW) No. 553

*The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became in carnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge The living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection (+) of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

*The Prayers of the Church (response)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

*Sharing of the Peace

The Musical Offering

*The Offertory *Create in Me a Clean Heart* (SBH) No. 27

* The Great Thanksgiving (ELW) page 144

*The 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.

Lamb of God (ELW) page 146

The Distribution

Communion Hymn *Now We Join in Celebration* (ELW) No. 462

Prayer/Blessing

Announcements

*The Benediction (*sung response*)

C: Amen, Amen, Amen.

*The Recessional Hymn *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (ELW) No. 631

"Farewell and burial of the Alleluia"

*The Dismissal (*response*)

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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J. Judson Lacko, Lutheran Lay Worship Leader

Matthew Cimino, Organist and Music Director

The flowers on the Chancel are given to the glory of God.

The Lay Reader is Denny Lacko.

Acolytes are Heidi and Denico Walsh.

Counters today are L. Sten and R. McGoogan.

Welcome to our Visitors! The people of this congregation welcome you as you join us in worship this morning. Please sign the register, located in the narthex. If you have questions, please see the pastor or contact the church office.

Do you wish to become a member of First Lutheran Church?

Please contact Pastor Grewe.

Nursery: We welcome all children to be a part of worship, but we realize that sometimes the service can be too long for the little ones. We have a nursery for those attending to the needs of infants and small children. There is a speaker in the nursery so that parents can still hear the service. You are welcome to use the nursery for the entire service, or just a small part.

The Flower Chart for 2025 is posted in the narthex. If you wish to place flowers, (real or artificial) near the altar, sign your name opposite the date of your choice. You will be reminded of your date and asked for the wording you want in the bulletin two weeks before the due date.

Sign-up sheets are posted to host a coffee hour in 2025. Please write your names under the month you would like to host. The coffee hours have been a wonderful time of fellowship and the hosts have been awesome! Thank you!!

Sign-up sheets are posted for Lay Readers in 2025. Please sign up.

Please pray for those in need of healing:

Isaac Christian, the Pollana family, Sylvia Sunstrum, Tyler, Danielle Sherman, Amy Verderber, Lou Mayne, Judy, Brooke, Debbie, Sayward, Jim H., Judy Coble, Linnese, Donna B., Karen John. Neil Bassi, Phyllis Daniels, Beckie Wood, Bridgette, Alex Houck, Stacy Carroll, Rhonda Hendrickson, Ron Erdmann & Belinda, Wilda Dirbi, Leeann Vitteck, James, Lori Mauer, Budd Platts, Mark V., John, Ed Dupas, Sandy Salerno, the Gavazzi family, Janelle Henderson, Rex Gibson, Pat Dupas, Gwen Roberts, Judy Domrowsky, Tammy, Cheyenne Walker, Judi, Lenny & Sandy, Larry Downing, Carol Cancelmi, Amanda Laib, Sandy Hebrank, Jennifer Sasek, Larry Zimmerman, Jean Shearer, Elizabeth, Phyllis, Joe Kern, Lisa Wilds, Julia Jeffcoat, Richard Hager, Rob, John, Terri Newton, Holly Hiser, Shari Kienzle, Susan Westcott, Eric Fritz, Terry Jurkovsky, Karen Dawson, Judd Lacko, Cadence, Sandy Mannsman, Robyn Cameron, Ian, Isaiah, and Alecia, Nettie Walsh and her parents and family, Greg Mason, Joanne Reck, Kenny and Josh.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

PA Mental health support and referral line

1-855-284-2494

WASHINGTON, PA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE

1-877-225-3567

WASHINGTON COUNTY BHDS LINE

724-228-6832

SCOTT BERRY DIRECT LINE

724-250-4079 (FOR CHURCH MEMBERS ONLY)

FOR OTHER NEEDS, CONTACT 211 OR THE CHURCH.

Sober House Living

724-228-2203

Turning Point at Washington

March 4--Dartball Game at 7:30 PM -- Taylorstown at First Lutheran.

Adult Catechism class is on Tuesday at 11 am and 7 pm. We are discussing the book we read over the summer. All are welcome. We look forward to you joining us in our discussion.

Adult Sunday School is held before our Church Service starting at 9:45 am in the church library. Come join us.

Bell Choir rehearsal is Thursday at 6:30 pm. We would love for you to join us. Please see Kris Briggs if you are interested, kbrgs1@gmail.com. All are welcome.

Chess Club meets on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm. All are welcome from beginners to experienced.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

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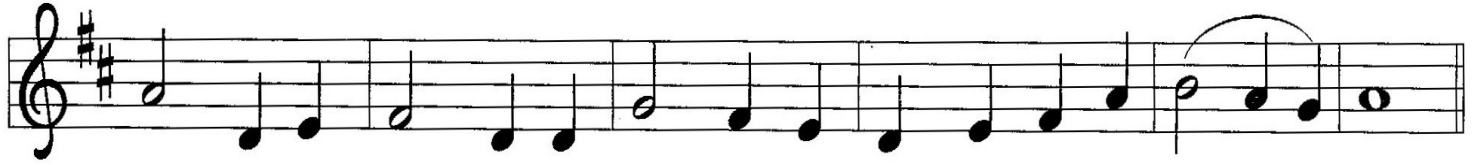


al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

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God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

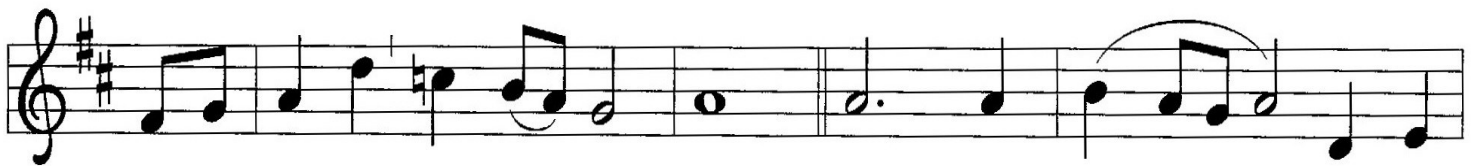


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



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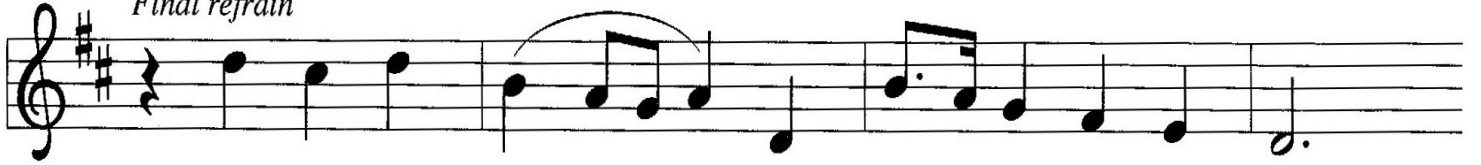


al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;
 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ-teous-ness, a - rise, tri-umph o'er the shades of night;
 joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer-cy's beams I see,
 fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
 till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
 more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.



The Communion

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God: and re -

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -

The second system continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

way from thy pres - ence: and take not thy Ho - ly

The third system continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of

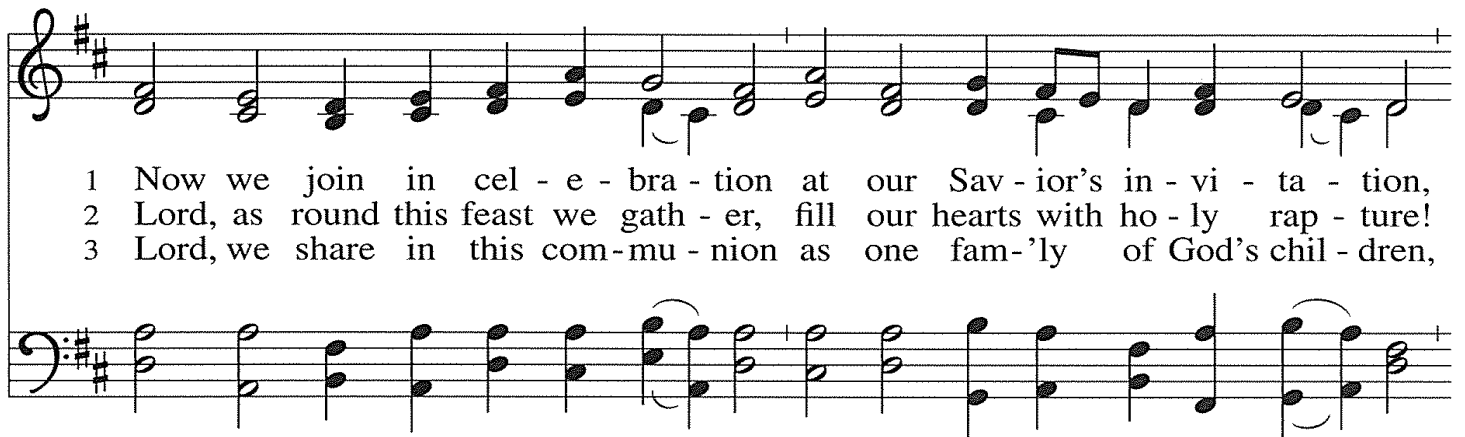
The fourth system continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

thy sal - va - tion: and up - hold me with thy free Spir - it.

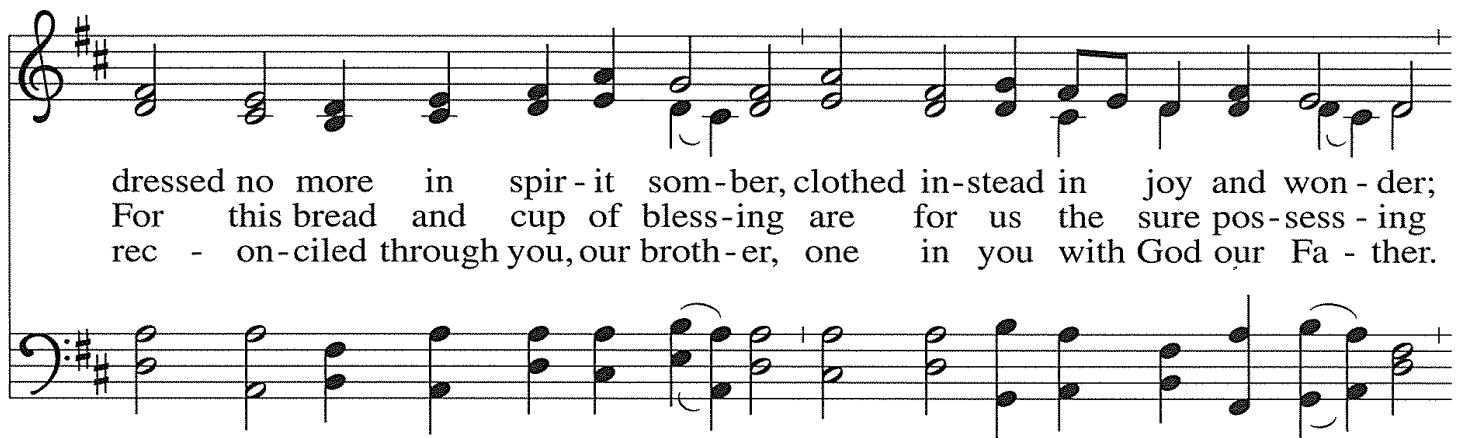
The fifth system concludes the piece with the final melody and bass line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Now We Join in Celebration

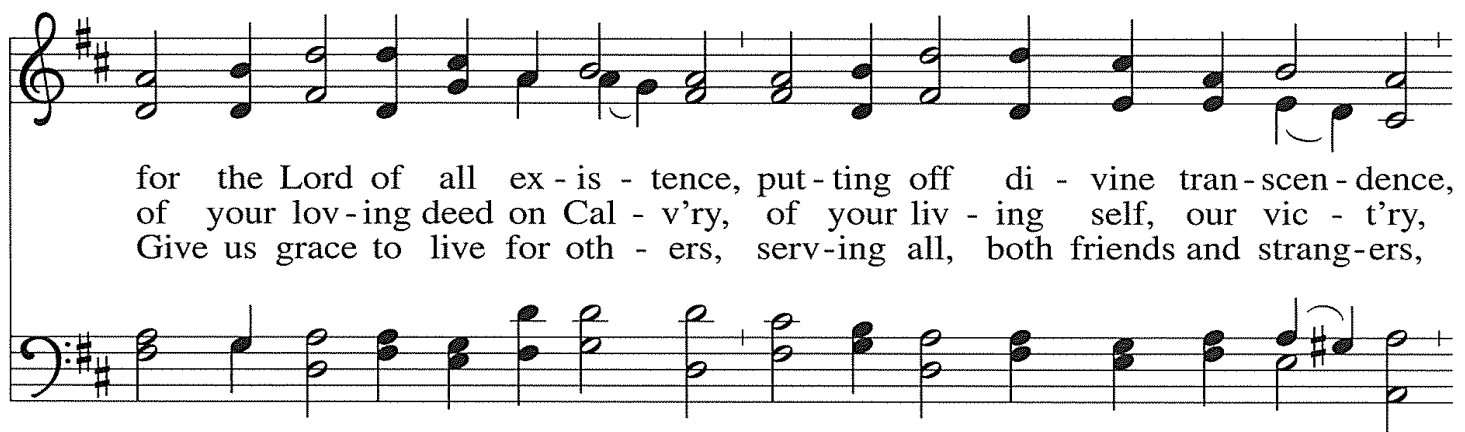
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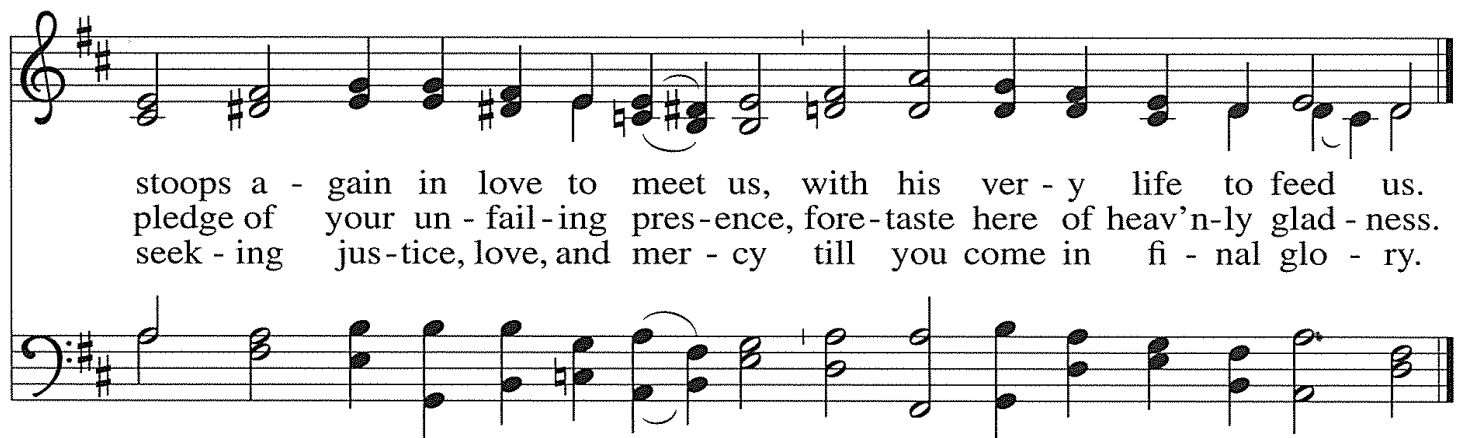
1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav'n - ly glad - ness.
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less

earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Listening for the Promise
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*“And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses,
whom the Lord knew face to face.”*

Deuteronomy 34:10 -

The people of Israel wept for Moses for 30 days. For 30 days they observed a period of mourning for their prophet. They had been wandering around in the wilderness with him for years and years, complaining all the way. They had questioned and doubted and rebelled and generally caused trouble throughout the journey. And then Moses died and the people cried for 30 days.

Despite their grumbling and rebellion, despite their complaint and troublemaking, Israel had always counted on Moses. They knew he was there. Like children testing the limits of their parents, Israel had tested Moses as a way of testing God. They complained about his rules, but in reality they took comfort in the fact that he was with them, guiding them, showing the path God had laid out for them.

After his death Israel realized that Moses had been one of a kind. There was never another prophet in the entire history of Israel like Moses. There was never another prophet who saw God face to face. Never another prophet who did the kinds of signs and wonders Moses did. There were other prophets, certainly, but none like Moses.

On the mountain of transfiguration, Peter thought that Jesus and Moses (and Elijah) were three of a kind. He thought they should build some tents to keep them all there together. But they were not three of a kind. They were not peas in a pod. Moses had been a one of kind prophet. Jesus is something else entirely. He isn't just another prophet. He isn't just another wise teacher. He isn't just another Spirit-filled leader.

Jesus is God in the flesh, truly one of a kind. He's not a new Moses. Moses' work is done. The law has been delivered. In Christ Jesus we encounter someone completely new. We encounter the Living God, face to face. Through Moses, God delivered his people from slavery in Egypt. Through Jesus, God is delivering you from sin and death. There is no other like him, able to do this on your behalf.