# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

# Third Sunday in Lent

10:00 AM Worship Service • March 3, 2024



The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The commandments begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods. The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God's liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world.

Welcome members and guests to our worship service today. If you are visiting, we encourage you to sign the guest register located in the narthex. Please include your home address, email address and phone number. In each pew, there is a card that you can fill out if you wish to have a consult with the pastor and/or leave us more information.

**The nursery is available**, however since there are no attendants at this time, feel free to use it as needed.

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### TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Monday 9am-12pm; Tuesday 9-10:30am, 11:30am-12:15pm;
Wednesday 9:30am-12pm; Thursday 9am-12pm
Times are flexible with monthly meetings, but feel free to call for an appointment or drop in.

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## CARILLON CALL TO WORSHIP

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Prelude on Rathbun Jason W. Krug

### **GATHERING**

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. **Amen.** 

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God, we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free.

We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold.

We speak in ways that silence others.

We are silent when we should speak up.

We keep score in our hearts.

We let hurts grow into hatred.

For all these things and for sins only you know,

forgive us, Lord.

Amen.

Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through + Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Congregation turns to face the processional cross

**GATHERING HYMN** 

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory* **RATHBUN** 

**ELW 324** 

### **GREETING**

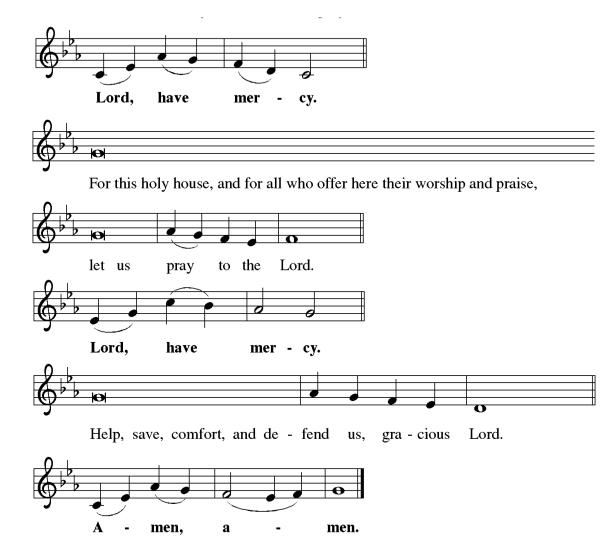
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.

### **KYRIE**



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to



### PRAYER OF THE DAY

*The assembly is seated.* 

### FIRST LESSON: Exodus 20:1-17

After escaping from slavery, the Israelites come to Mount Sinai, where God teaches them how to live in community. The Ten Commandments proclaim that God alone is worthy of worship. Flowing from God, the life of the community flourishes when based on honesty, trust, fidelity, and respect for life, family, and property.

# God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a

jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses the lord's name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

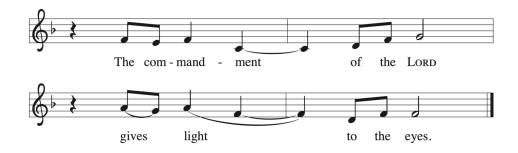
You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: Psalm 19** (read responsively; sung response before and when denoted by "R")



The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another,

and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.

It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of It again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat. R

The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;

the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. R

By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can detect one's own offenses?

Cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. R

# SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

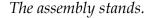
The word of the cross is pure foolishness and nonsense to the world because it claims that God is mostly revealed in weakness, humiliation, and death. But through such divine foolishness and weakness, God is working to save us. The center of Paul's preaching is Christ crucified.

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.



### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





# GOSPEL LESSON: John 2:13-22

Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under

construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S CHAT Pastor Tina Melusky

FAITH REFLECTION Morgan Lunsford

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Beloved, God's Chosen

ELW 648

ANDREW'S SONG

### **APOSTLE'S CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us O God, your mercy is great.

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

### RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

Be Thou My Vision

**Bob Chilcott** 

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me save that thou art;
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word; Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord; Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son; Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou and thou only the first in my heart; O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art; Great heart of my heart, whatever befall, Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

Create in Me a Clean Heart

**ELW 188** 

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jesus you are the bread of life and the host of this meal.

Bless these gifts that we have gathered
that all people may know your goodness.

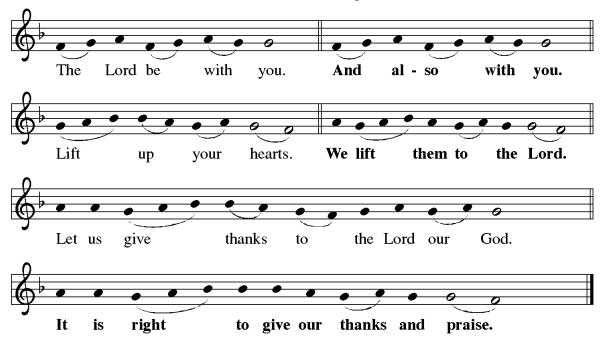
Feed us not only with this holy food
but with hunger for justice and peace.

We pray this in your name. Amen.

Amen.

# **MEAL**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

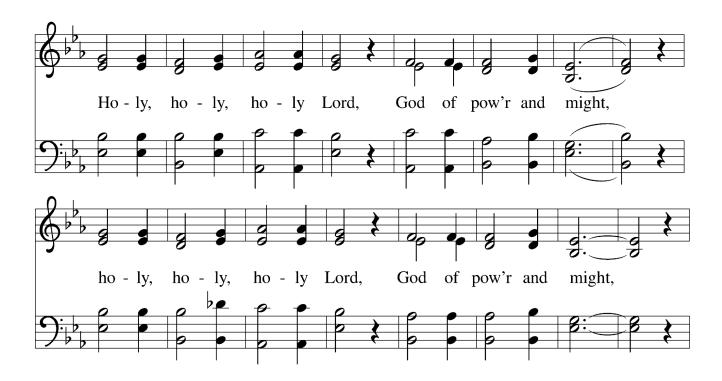


# PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## **S**ANCTUS





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## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup

we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth,

burning with justice, peace, and love.

# Come, Holy Spirit

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all of its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

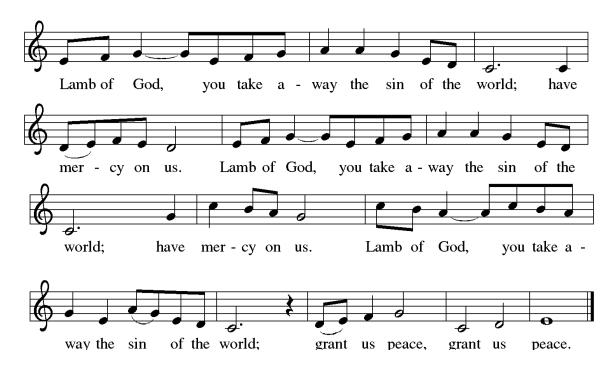
#### Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

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.

### AGNUS DEI



#### COMMUNION

Communion will be held around the table. The bread will be handed to you by the pastor. Please take a communion cup with wine from the outside edge of the tray or a grape juice cup from the center of the tray. Recycle baskets are located outside of the sanctuary doors for your plastic cups.

Music During Distribution Holy God, Holy and Glorious **NELSON** 

*The assembly stands.* 

# **SENDING**

### TABLE BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

#### BLESSING

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed.

God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and  $\pm$  give you peace. **Amen.** 

**ELW 637** 

ELW 660

The assembly turns to face the recessing cross.

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share your bread. Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** Postlude on "Lift High the Cross" David Cherwien



# Serving the Assembly

Crucifer Andrew Rummel

**Acolyte** Elliott Jay

**Lector** Dave Roselius

**Ushers/Greeters** Dave Roselius

Jerry Cobb

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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

One City Marathon: SUNDAY!! The city of Newport News is holding their One City Marathon. Please be sure to come to church via River Road and park on the side street or enter the parking lot from River Road only. If you wish to have more information on this race and/or wish to see which roads are blocked, you can type in One City Marathon in your browser. Here is the link for street closures (scroll down to Traffic Impacts - Partial Road Closures or Blacked/Closed Roads, or Full Road Closures at: https://www.onecitymarathon.com/plan-your-race/

The Trinity Lutheran Church & School Book Fair is coming!

Come shop for your favorite youth and young adult titles. Your purchases support the school <u>library.</u>

When: MARCH 4th - 8th Where: TLS SOCIAL HALL

SHOPPING HOURS: TUES-FRI | 7:30-8:15A MON-THURS | 2:45-3:15P

**RED FOOD BOX**: Thank you so much for your quick and generous response to the Red Box food appeal! Thanks to you, our siblings in the neighborhood will once again have something to munch on as they walk; and, more importantly, they are receiving a gift that reminds them that they are valued children of God!

### LENTEN MUSICAL SERVICE

Our worship service on March 17 will be a special musical service centered around our journey of faith. We will hear scripture and reflections, sing hymns, and the Chancel Choir and Trinity Ringers will present several anthems reflecting on God's help and guidance through all of life's journey. Please plan to join us for this meaningful Lenten worship experience!

## PRAYER LIST

**ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS**: Nursing Homes/Assisted Living: Jeanette Cantrell, Millie Christensen, Lucille Lebold, and Barbara Olson; Richard Anderson, Hampton Health and Rehab, Room 226. Doris Moeser, The Gardens at Warwick Forest, Rm. 602. Shut- ins at Home: Peggy Cash, Janet Edwards and Shirley Anderson.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Lucia L. Solomon requested by Bill Solomon; Jim Shook, Phil Shook's father; Jean Wimmer--friend of Jeannette Dail; Heike Ahlen, and the Ahlen family, requested by Kathy Stevens; Matt Adamo (Brother-in-law of Patricia) requested by Patricia Fielding; Matt Eggars (Sandy's nephew), requested by the Sniady family; Jessica Savage, requested by the Dail Family; Bill Wren and Don Harvey (father) and Anne Obara; Sherrie Strickland (cousin), requested by Wendy Mynoymany; and Beth Eisdorfer, daughter of Terri Hoffeditz; and the family and friends of Ann Bunn, requested by Laura Davis. The Family of Ann Frances Sekerke Bunn, she is a former member of our congregation and she passed away on Friday, February 23, 2024

THOSE WHO SERVE, MILITARY AND CIVILIAN DUTY: James Fielding, State Dept., Myanmar; Bryan Hunt, State Dept., Sierra Leone.; Tyler Obara, Virginia Air National guard, LAFB; Josh and Ellen (Davis) Badgley, State Department, Bangkok, Thailand; Michael Titus, US Navy, Naval Shipyard, Washington, DC and wife, Elisabeth Bruce.



# **EASTER LILIES 2024**

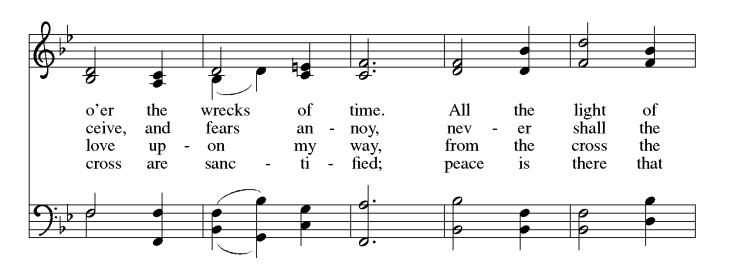
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Please fill out this form <u>completely</u> (with your check or cash). Please either give it to the person at the table in the narthex, mail it in to the church office, Attn: Sharon Mathison, or scan and resend it to admin@trinitynn.org, or bring it by during office hours, 9-3, M-Th. **Sorry!** No orders taken after March 18th.

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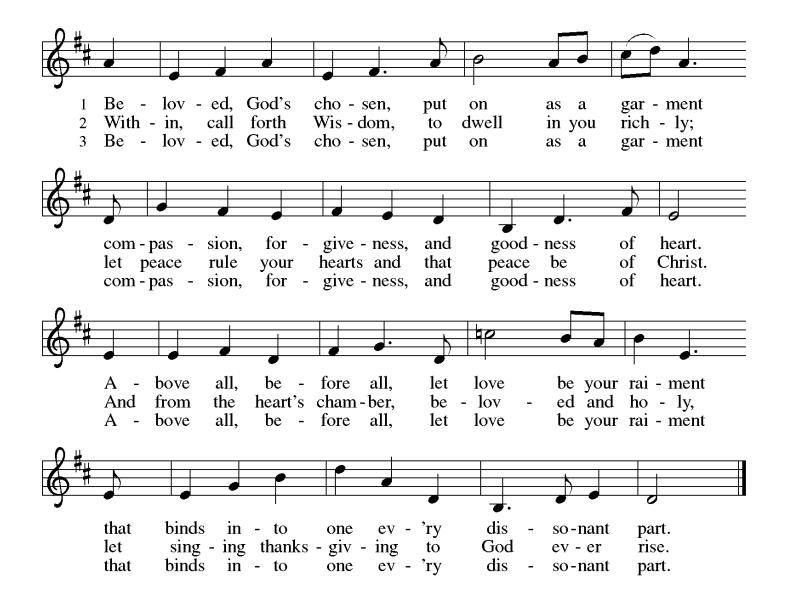
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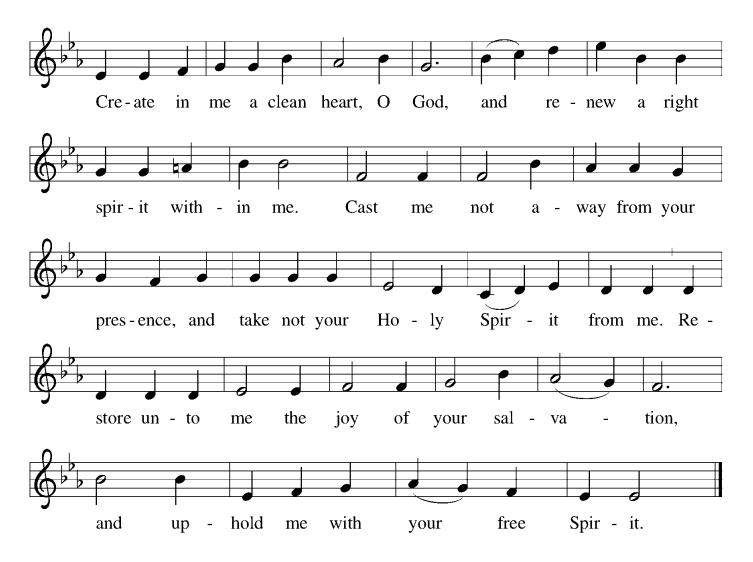


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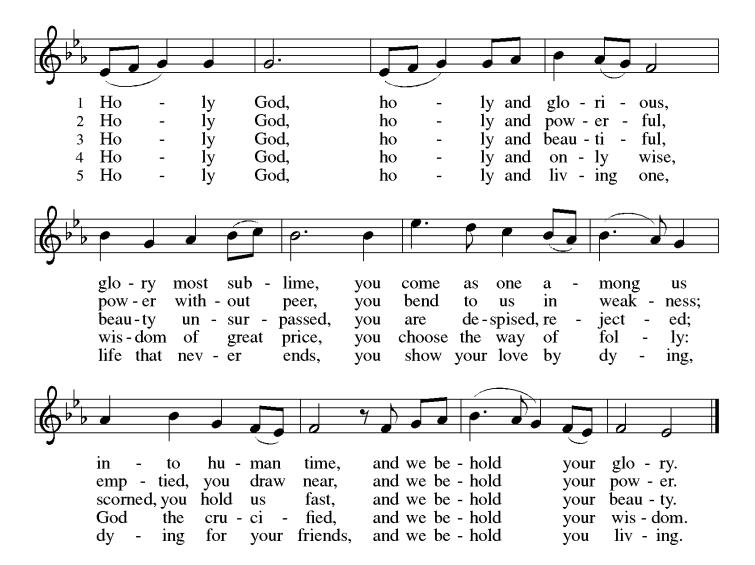


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