Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Second Sunday After Epiphany 10:00 AM Worship Service • January 19, 2025 ELW Setting 4



The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God's glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at Jesus' baptism — today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.

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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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. **Pastor's Cell:** (734) 239-4013

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CARILLON CALL TO WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

A Taste of Cana's Wine

David Evan Thomas

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, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In + Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

The congregation turns to face the processing cross.

GATHERING HYMN

Lift Every Voice and Sing LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING ELW 841

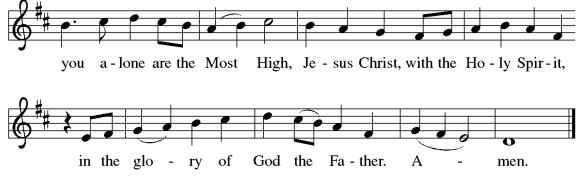
GREETING

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**.

HYMN OF PRAISE



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

The assembly is seated

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:1-5

The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, and the people are called to the celebration.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a beautiful crown in the hand of the Lord and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her and your land Married, for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 36:5-10 (read responsively; sung response before and when denoted by "R")



We feast up - on the a-bun-dance of your house, O LORD.

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Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.
Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save humankind and animals, O Lord. R
How priceless is your love, O God! All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights.
For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.
Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you, and your favor to those who are true of heart. R

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

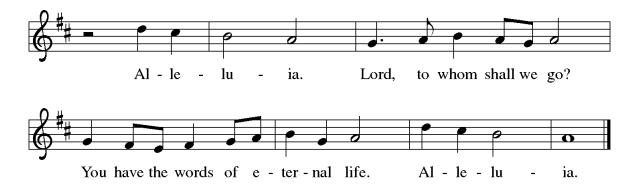
The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing their spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be ignorant. You know that when you were gentiles you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL LESSON: John 2:1-11

Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took it. When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

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

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S CHAT SERMON Pastor Tina Melusky Pastor Tina Melusky

The assembly stands.

| HYMN OF THE DAY | Jesus, Come! For We Invite You | ELW 312 |
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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 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

God of grace, hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

The assembly is seated.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Taste and See Ralph Vaughan Williams O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the one that trusteth in him.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW 181

The assembly stands.

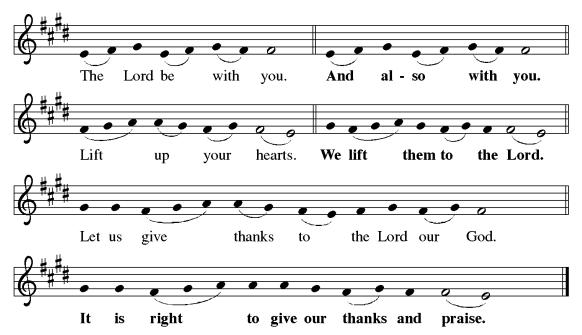
OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,

and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

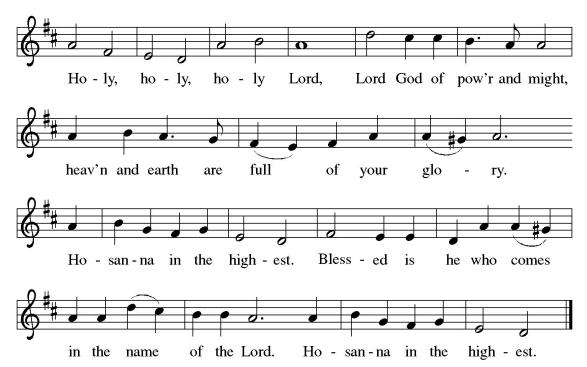


PROPER PREFACE

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:

SANCTUS



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future. **We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now. **We thank you, O God.** 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 his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

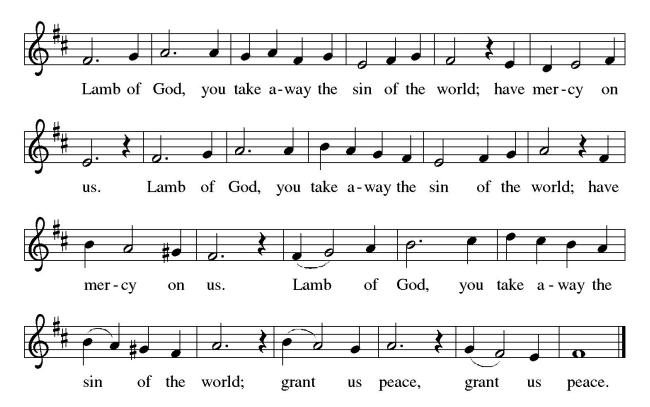
Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

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.

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The assembly is seated
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COMMUNION

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

Trinity has an open table – all are welcome to come to the feast.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

| Now the Silence | ELW 460 |
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| NOW | |
| For the Bread Which You Have Broken | ELW 494 |
| OMNI DIE | |

The assembly stands.

SENDING

TABLE BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God + bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **Amen.**

| SENDING HYMN | Songs of Thankfulness and Praise | ELW 310 |
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| | SALZBURG | |

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on "We Shall Overcome"

Carl Haywood



SERVING THE ASSEMBLY

CRUCIFER – Abbi Wessler ACOLYTES – Carter Recupero and Drew Rummel LECTOR – Karina Stevens USHERS/GREETERS – Jerry Cobb and Clifford Obara CAMERA/LIVESTREAM – Doug Hill

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW PIANO UPDATE!

As some of you know, in October we applied for a grant to help fund a new piano for the sanctuary, as our current one is well beyond its years. GREAT NEWS!!! We received notification that we have been awarded \$25,000 towards a new piano, which is an incredible gift and a great jump start to this project. Part of the process of receiving this grant is to let them know of our intentions and plans to help fund the rest of the cost. Currently, we have already received roughly \$17,000 in pledges for this project, another great start!! We're looking at about \$16,000 more to cover the total cost. If you are willing to prayerfully consider donating to this project and helping us to provide such a memorable piece to our worship space, it would be greatly appreciated. If you choose to donate, please mark that offering as "Piano Fund," while also faithfully remembering this is a project on top of the needs of our general fund, which is always in need of support and faithful stewardship.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

As we look ahead to the Lenten season, we will be starting our First Communion curriculum on the first Sunday of Lent, March 9, during the Sunday School hour. Our curriculum is geared towards children ages 6 and up, and is designed for all children and families who would like to learn more about the gift of communion. Even if your child already receives communion, they are welcome to join to learn more about this precious part of worship. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Tina or Karoline Ardis.

CONGREGATIONS LEAD INITIATIVE

In the fall, Trinity was invited by the Virginia Synod staff to participate in the Congregations Lead Initiative, a project funded by the ELCA to help congregations grow and innovate, working with a cohort of other congregations to develop "ministry experiments" that will help them grow beyond their walls and continue their outreach. We have recently been accepted into the next cohort and we are looking for a team of 3-5 congregation members who would be willing to participate in this project. It would include virtual meetings, as well as two in-person retreats in Roanoke. These would be from 9-5 on a Saturday in the spring and fall. If you are willing and interested in being involved please be in contact with Pastor Tina by Tuesday, January 21.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

On Monday, January 20, the Church and School offices will be CLOSED for the Martin Luther King Holiday.

OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES

Our 2025 offering envelope boxes are available for pickup in the church library. If you have a family member or friend who is unable to pick up their boxes, please feel free to take them as well and save us the cost of mailing.

PLEASE pick up your offering boxes even if you are using Vanco or another type of online donation. There are special envelopes in the boxes that give us additional opportunities to support our church, our community, and our world. Thank you! <u>REMINDER</u>

Just a reminder that, if you have children with you in the service, there are binders in the narthex with drawing paper and crayons, coloring pages, games, and various puzzles for them to use during the service if needed!

RED FOOD BOX

We are in great need of water and protein donations! A reminder that if you donate fruit cups, please be sure they are applesauce cups only– other fruit cups attract critters! This is an important ministry for our community members, receiving a gift that reminds them that they are valued children of God! Canned goods and items that need to be cooked can be placed in the Thrive baskets next to the red food box table and outside sacristy kitchen.

EVERYTHING I LEARNED IN CONFIRMATION...I ALREADY FORGOT...

Have you ever asked, "Why do we do that?" while sitting in church? Have you ever wondered how we got to where we are? Has the Bible ever confused you? Join the club! This fall and winter we are tackling all the things we probably learned in Confirmation and then promptly forgot! Our next meeting date is January 30th. We will discuss and dive into the ins and outs of faith. If you'd like to join us, there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. We will be meeting in person and on Zoom.

HELP WANTED

It is time once again to make a request for volunteers to help with ushering during the worship services. The same core group has been serving for over a year now and we would love to have some new folks join the usher crew. The work required is to open the church in the morning, hand out bulletins, collect offerings, send folks to communion, and closes the church following the service; and with enough ushers, these duties can be shared. Training will only take an hour or less at your convenience. Please contact Clifford Obara if you would like to volunteer.

PRAYER LIST

ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS: Nursing Homes/Assisted Living: Jeanette Cantrell, Millie Christensen, and Barbara Olson; Jarvis Edwards, Warwick Forest Rehab Hospital, room 205; Harlan Hamby Riverside Hospital; Virginia Hamby, Riverside Rehab, Room 1114, Yorktown. Shut- ins at Home: Peggy Cash, and Shirley Anderson.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Connie Hoover, requested by Pastor Tina; Family and Friends of Rudy Coffee, requested by Carter Recupero; Judy Wagner St. Pierre, requested by The Dail Family; Kitty Engelhard Amos, Anne Englehard's daughter, requested by Rick Daggy and Sandy Cobb; Calvin Obara, Cliff's brother, requested by Anne Obara; Harlan Hamby, requested by Pastor Tina and Katherine Harry; Nancy Sumpter, Tricia Wessler's Mom, requested by Pastor Tina; Mary Best, a friend of Connie Hoover, requested by Connie Hoover; Jarvis Edwards, requested by his son, Cael Edwards; Nancy Allerding, who works with the Costa Rica mission trip, requested by Tricia Wessler; Sherry Johnston, former member and sister of Donna Owens, requested by Judy Hunt; The family of Carole Knopp, by Wendy Mynoymany; Scully, Pastor Tina's dog, requested by Tricia Wessler; Janet Stephan, requested by the Dail Family; Amanda Griegos and her family, requested by Diane and Dave Roselius; Karen Admano and her husband Matt requested by Patricia Fielding; the Ahlen family, requested by Kathy Stevens; Beth Eisdorfer, daughter of Terri Hoffeditz; Jean Wimmer--friend of Jeannette Dail.

THOSE WHO SERVE, MILITARY AND CIVILIAN DUTY: James Fielding, in Tokyo, Japan, Bryan Hunt, State Dept., Sierra Leone; Tyler Obara, Virginia Air National guard, LAFB; Michael Titus, US Navy, Naval Shipyard, Washington, DC and wife, Elisabeth Bruce.

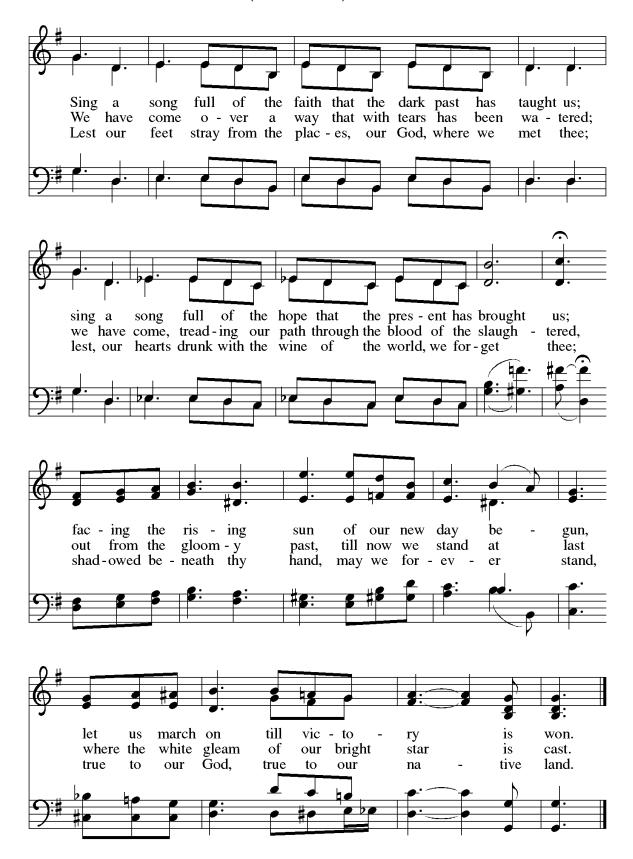
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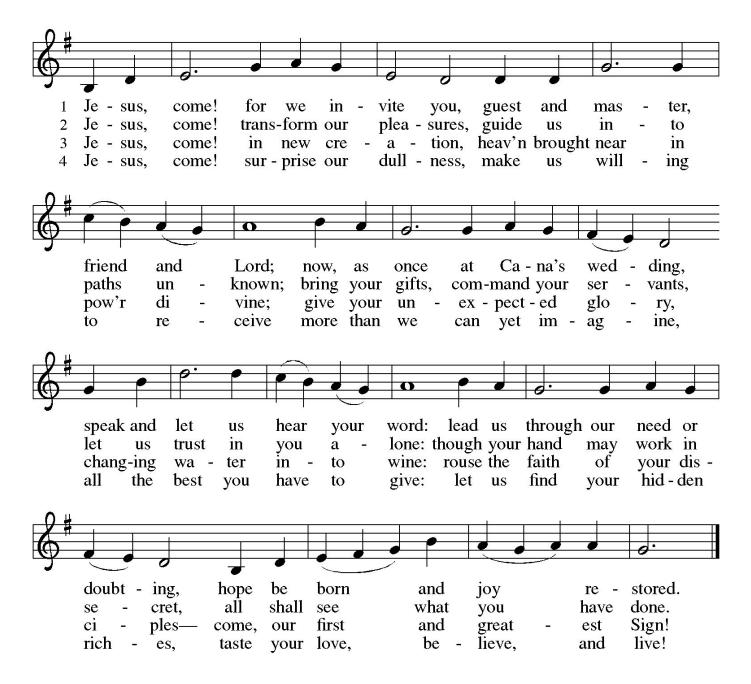


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Lift Every Voice and Sing

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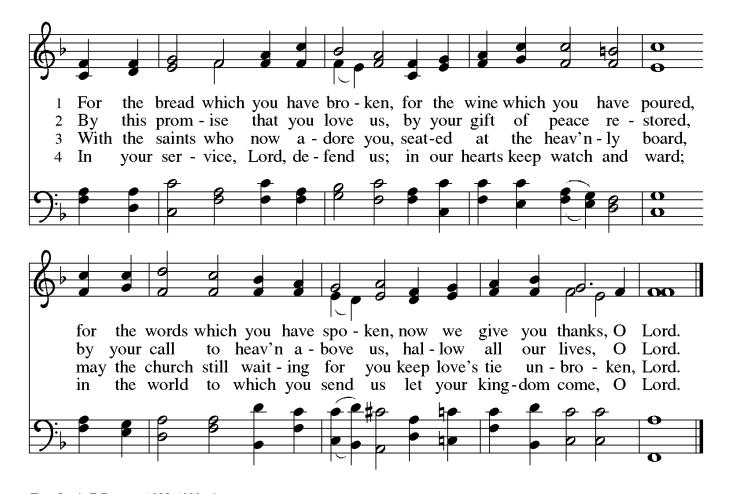
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