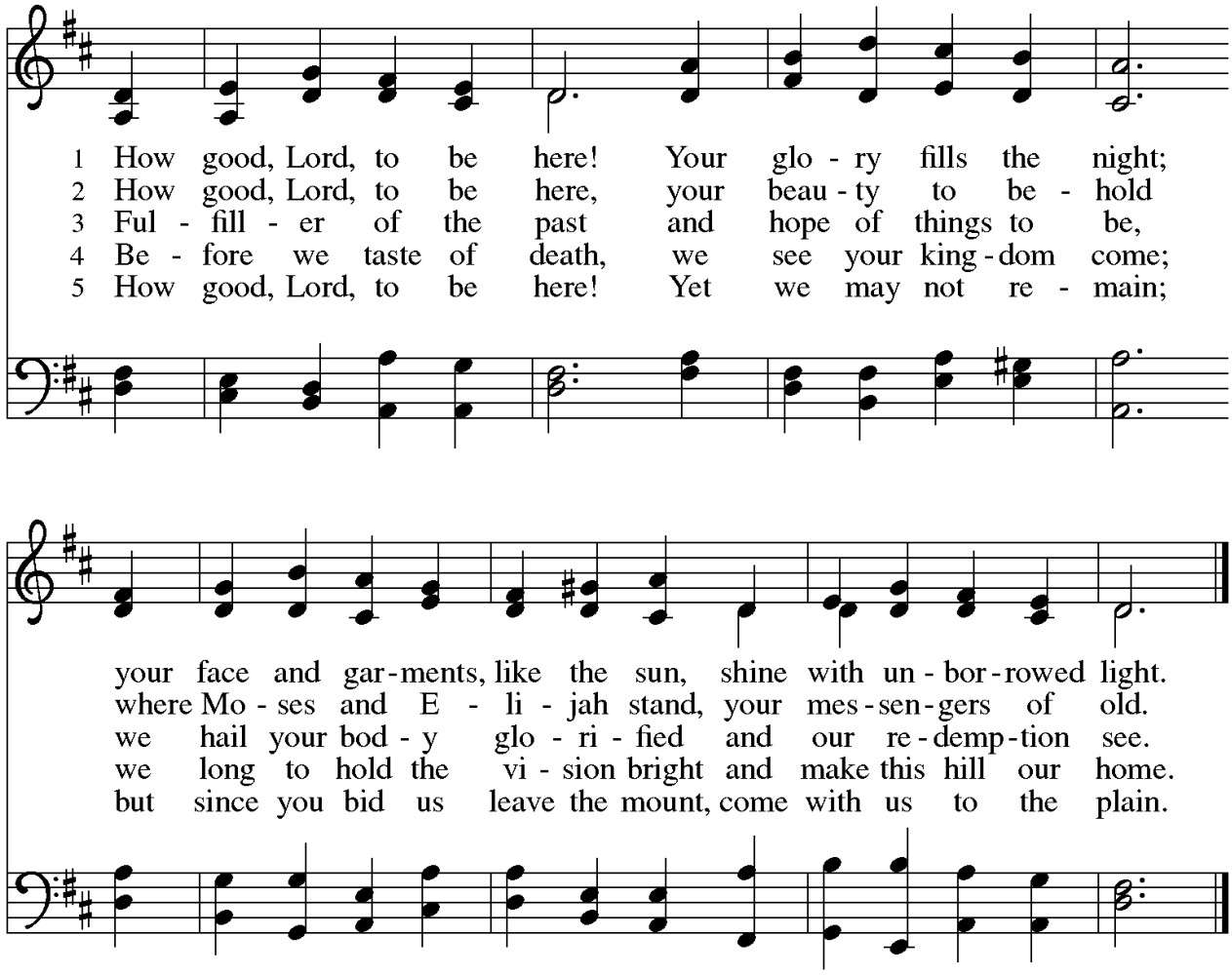
March 2, 2025—Transfiguration of Our Lord

Prelude

Opening Hymn **ELW #315 "*How Good, Lord, to be Here!"***



Prayer of the Day

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading **Exodus 34:29-35**

29 Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets
of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had
been talking with God. 30 When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was
shining, and they were afraid to come near him. 31 But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the
leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. 32 Afterward all the
Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on
Mount Sinai. 33 When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; 34 but
whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he
came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, 35 the
Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put
the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.
L: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 99

1 The LORD is king; let the | people tremble.
The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let | the earth shake.
2 **The LORD, | great in Zion,**
is high a- | bove all peoples.
3 Let them confess God's name, which is | great and awesome;
God is the | Holy One.
4 **O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- | tablished equity;**
you have executed justice and righteous- | ness in Jacob. R
5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down be- | fore God's footstool;
God is the | Holy One.
6 **Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your | name,**
O LORD, they called upon you, and you | answered them,
7 you spoke to them out of the pil- | lar of cloud;
they kept your testimonies and the decree | that you gave them.
8 **O LORD our God, you answered | them indeed;**
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their | evil deeds.
9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's | holy hill;
for the LORD our God is the | Holy One. **R**

Second Reading **2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2**

12 Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, 13 not like Moses, who put a veil
over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set
aside. 14 But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of
the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. 15 Indeed, to this
very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; 16 but when one turns to the Lord,
the veil is removed. 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is

freedom. [18] And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

[4:1] Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. [2] We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel **Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]**
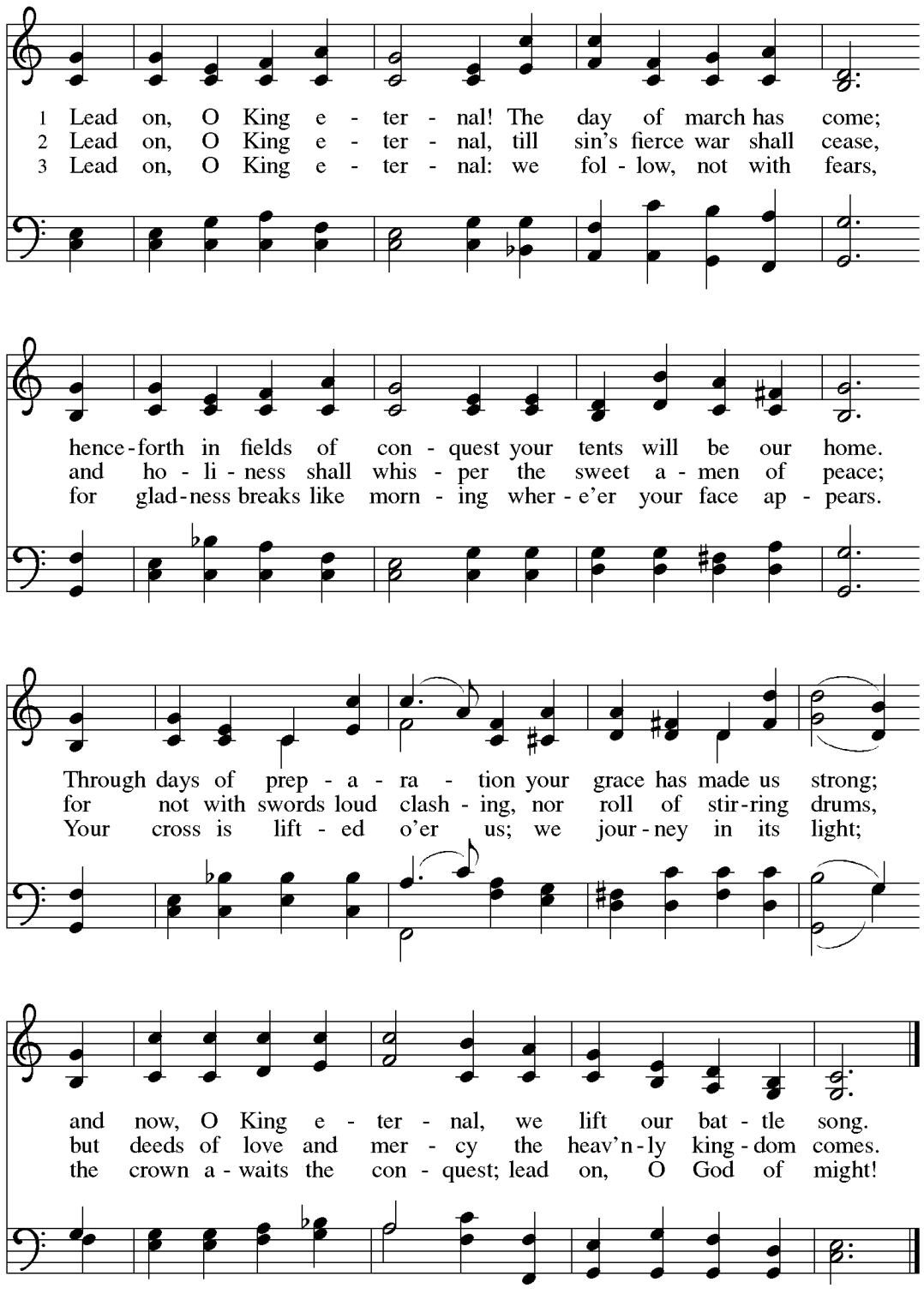
[28] Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. [29] And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. [30] Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. [31] They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. [32] Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. [33] Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. [34] While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. [35] Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" [36] When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

[[37] On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. [38] Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. [39] Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. [40] I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." [41] Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." [42] While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. [43a] And all were astounded at the greatness of God.]

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.
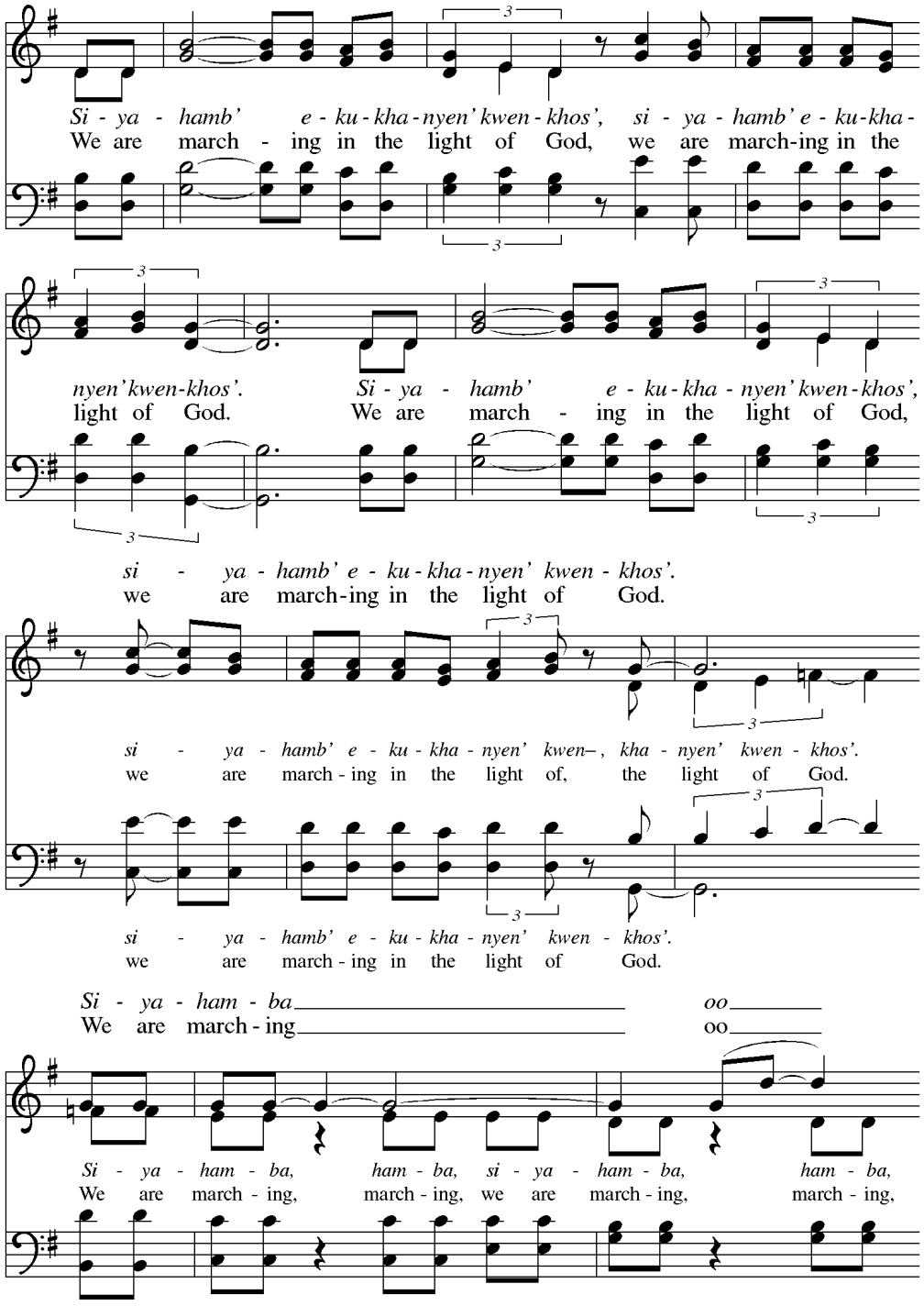
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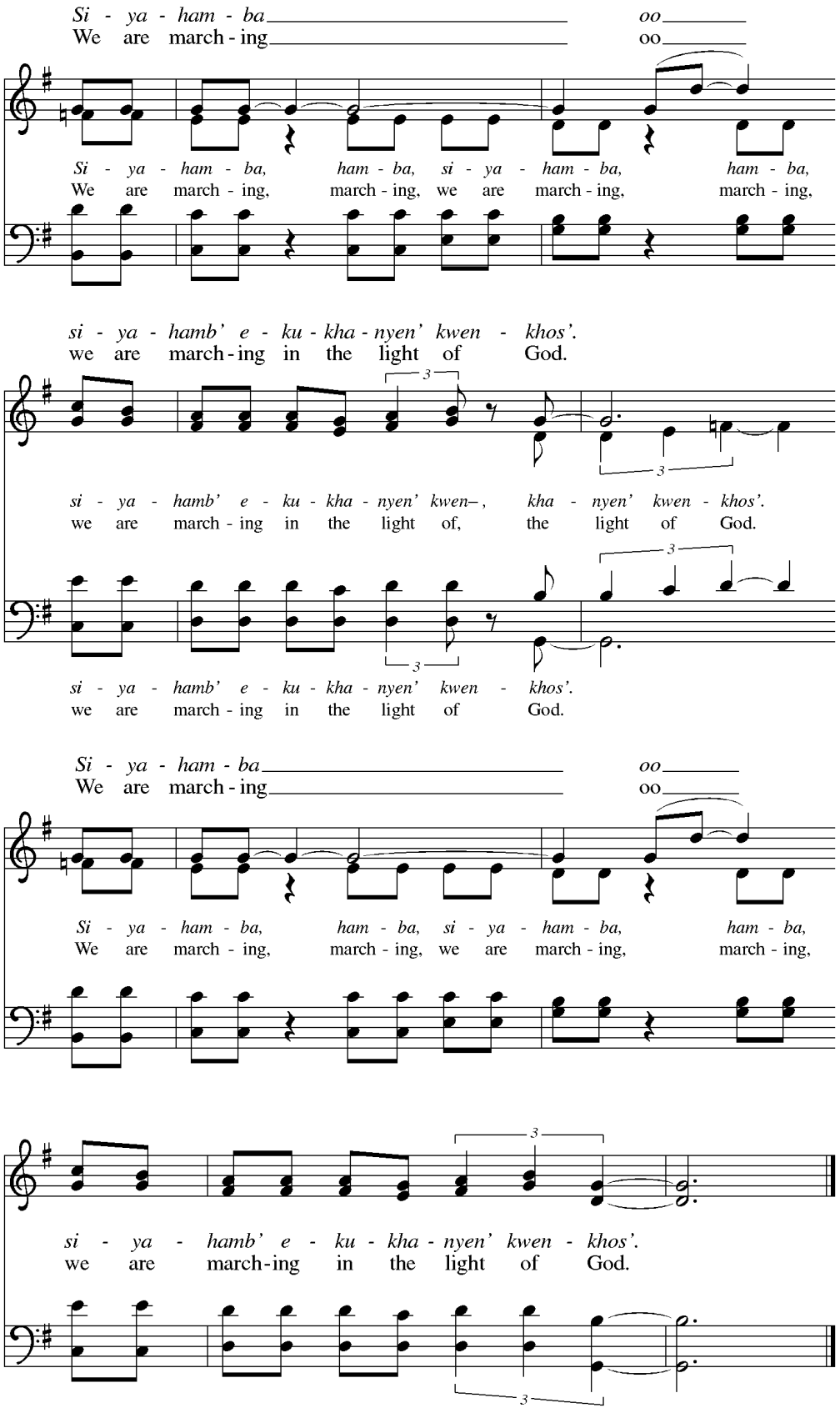


Temple Talk: '*Call to Mindfulness'* by Dan Formeller

Communion Anthem *"Beautiful Savior"*

Closing Hymn **ELW #866 "*We Are Marching in the Light*"**



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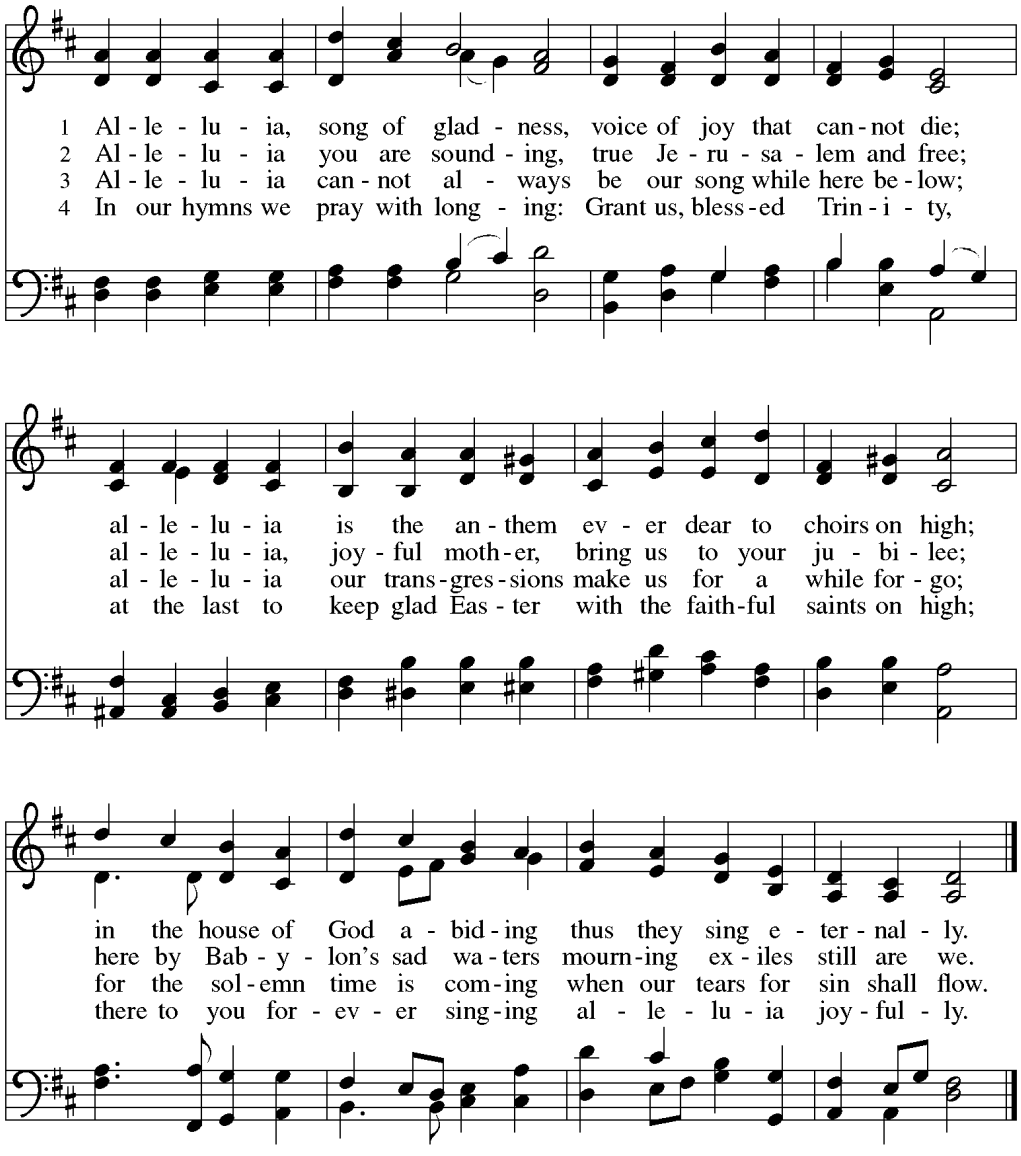


Burial of the Alleluia and Burning of the Palms
Congregation is invited to assemble outside

The Lesson **Joel 2:12-13**
Yet even now, says the LORD,
return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
rend your hearts and not your clothing.
Return to the LORD, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and relents from punishing.

The Prayer
Almighty God, by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you turn us from the old life of sin. Grant that we who are reborn to new life in Him may live in righteousness and holiness all our days, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Hymn **ELW#318 "*Alleluia, Song of Gladness*"**



The Farewell to Alleluia

P: Alleluia
C: Enclose and seal up the word, Alleluia

P: Let it remain in the secret of your heart
C: Alleluia, until the appointed time

P: You shall say it with great joy when that day comes
C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

P: Let us bless the Lord
C: Thanks be to God

P: The Lord bless us, protect us from all evil, and bring us everlasting life
C: Amen.

P: Depart in peace.
All is now in readiness.
The fast begins.

Please remember these individuals in your prayers: Lupe, Raymond, Bonnie, Bob, Rachel, Sandy, Mary, Doug, Donna, Lola, Marte, Bernie, Elizabeth, Dee, Nick, Mike, Wilma, Non, Dennis, Pope Francis

Today's celebrants:

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Zook
Deacon: Christina Formeller
Lector: Dan Formeller
Greeter: TBD
Song Leaders: Alexandra Logue, Jade Dasha, Ryan Alexander Avery Sujkowski
Choir members: Richard Gaul, Dan Lantvit, Mary-Ann Lupa, Betsy Ries, Wilma Stevens, Linda Storbeck
Pianist: Élider DiPaula

Announcements

Mardi Gras Potluck

Following the service today, join us in the gym for a special Mardi Gras potluck as we enjoy all our favorite treats before entering the reflective season of Lent. Bring a favorite dish to share with everyone for the meal.

Ash Wednesday

Join us on this Wednesday, March 5th for an Ash Wednesday service at 7pm. The service will include the imposition of ashes as begin the season of Lent.

Additionally, take a look at the Lent flyer enclosed in today's bulletin for all information about our Lenten 'Call to Mindfulness". We hope you will join us on this journey during Lent.