

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

We gather to celebrate and proclaim the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

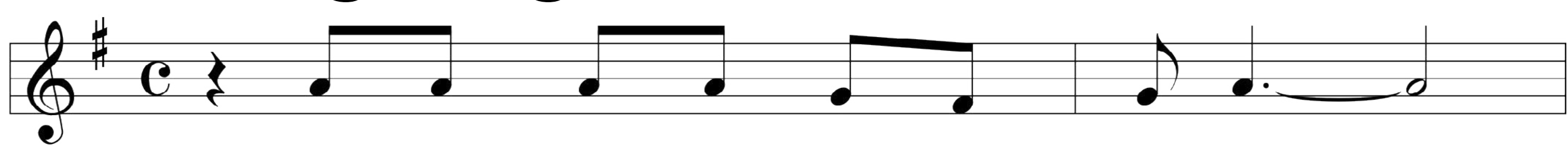
**P** = Pastor   **A** = Assisting Pastor

**C** = Congregation

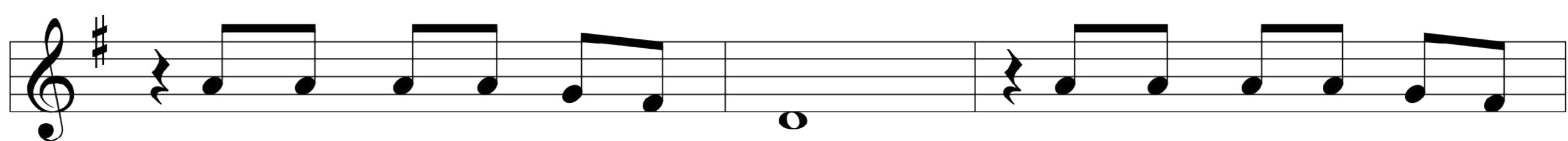
**L** = Leader   **S** = High School Seniors

## Gathering Song

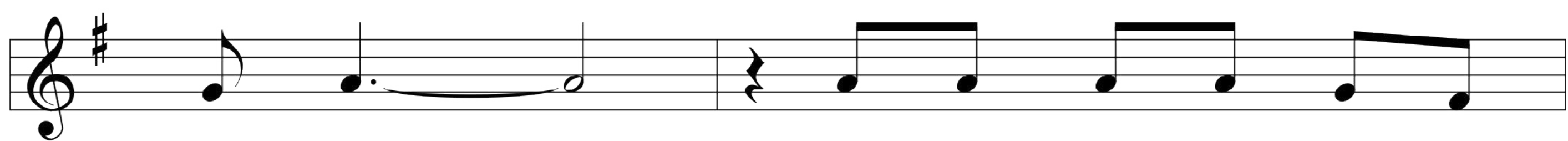
“Messiah”



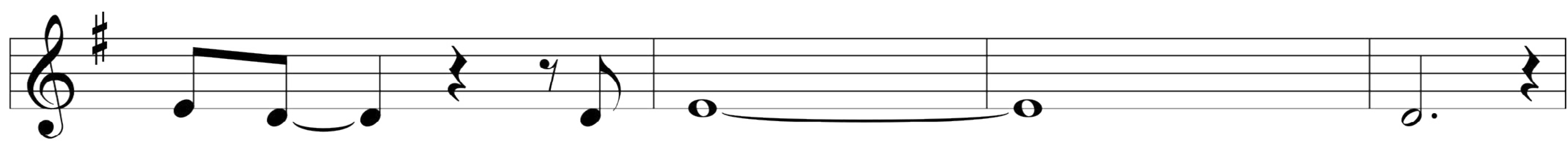
Some - one's shout - ing from the des - ert.  
Some - one's shout - ing from the cit - y,  
Some - one's shout - ing I am brok - en.



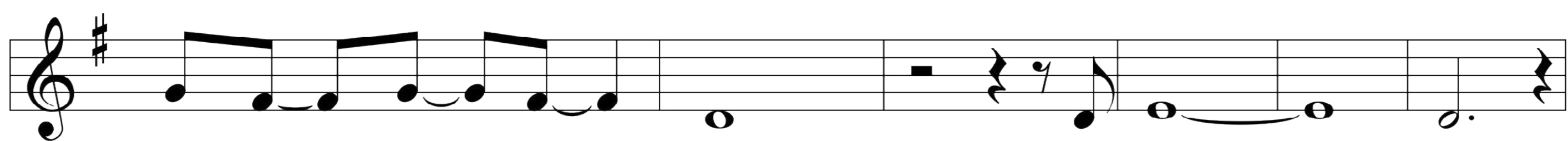
Some - one's shout - ing from the sea.      Some - one's shout - ing from the  
I am young I am cold.      Some - one's shout - ing from the  
Some - one's shout - ing make me whole.      Some - one's shout - ing come and



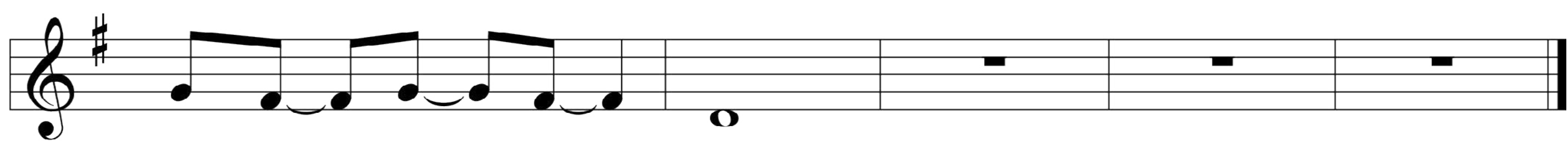
moun - tain.      Some - one's shout - ing from the  
coun - try,      I am lone - ly I am  
change me.      Some - one's shout - ing save my



val - ley.      Mes - si - ah,  
old.  
soul.



come and be our King.      Mes - si - ah,



come and be our King.

## Welcome and Announcements

*Please stand.*

## Invocation

**A** In the name of the Father, and of the † Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Opening Song

“Oceans”

Verse 1: You call me out upon the waters

The great unknown where feet may fail

And there I find You in the mystery

In oceans deep my faith will stand

**Chorus:** And I will call upon Your name  
And keep my eyes above the waves  
When oceans rise  
My soul will rest in Your embrace  
For I am Yours and You are mine

**Verse 2:** Your grace abounds in deepest waters  
Your sovereign hand will be my guide  
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me  
You've never failed and You won't start now

*(Chorus)*

**Bridge:** Spirit lead me where my trust is without  
borders

(2x) Let me walk upon the waters  
Wherever You would call me  
Take me deeper than my feet could ever  
wander

And my faith will be made stronger  
In the presence of my Savior *(Chorus)*

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

**A** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,  
and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is  
faithful and just, will forgive our sins and  
cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection.*

**A** Let us confess our sin to God our Father.  
Most merciful God,

**C** we confess that we are by nature sinful  
and unclean. 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.

**A** 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 minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### **Prayer of the Day**

**A** Let us pray. O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

### **Senior Recognition Milestone**

*Seniors, please stand and face the congregation.*

**P** It is the joy of First Lutheran Church to name and bless the milestone moments of our youth. This Senior Recognition Milestone is a big moment for you seniors, parents, and families, as well as for us—your faith community. Many of you grew up here and others of you stepped in along the way. Whether it was at Baptism, Sunday School, Milestones, Confirmation, Bible Camps and mission trips, Youth Group, serving in worship, or worshiping with us, you

have been joined to us as the body of Christ. So, congratulations, graduates! We join with you in celebrating your accomplishments! We are proud of you. A great investment of time, money, prayers, faith, guidance, and food has been poured into you. And, of course, we know that you parents deserve plenty of congratulations as well.

So now we turn to God's Word to bless this moment: Psalm 121 is known as the traveler's psalm, a beautiful psalm that claims God's promised presence no matter where we go. The psalmist is fully aware that there will be trials ahead but quickly claims the faithfulness of our God who created all things, does not change, protects, guards, and preserves us from all evil. This is our God of promises who we now ask to watch over you as you discover the path our Lord has for you.

Parents and guardians, grandparents, friends and family of First Lutheran, will you continue to pray for these young people?

**C** We will, and we ask God to help us.

**P** Heavenly Father,

**S** we thank you for your gifts and the goodness we have received from you.

**P** Gracious Lord,

**S** we thank you for the care and encouragement of this congregation.

**P** Almighty God,

**S** we praise you for friends who have supported us, teachers who have shaped us, and this congregation who has nurtured us in faith.

**P** Faithful Lord,

**S** we thank you for the love, care, and forgiveness of our families.

**P** Indeed, God has greatly blessed and gifted each of you in Jesus Christ. As a thanks to God and a blessing for you, come forward and receive your quilt.

*Each senior's name is read as they come forward to receive their quilt.*

**P** Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you for your faithfulness to these seniors. For all the service of their parents and teachers through these years, we praise you. Grant each one a living faith so that wherever you lead them, they would always trust in your promised presence through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **First Reading**

[Acts 10:44-48](#)

**L** Word of God, Word of Life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm 98** *(read responsively)*

Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

**O Lord, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp

and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the Lord.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who comes to judge the earth. The Lord will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

## Second Reading

[1 John 5:1-6](#)

**L** Word of God, Word of Life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Children's Message

Pastor Jason Burggraff

*Please stand.*

## Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia Lord, to whom shall we go? Al - le - lu - ia

Lord, to whom shall we go? *Fine* You have the

words of e - ter - nal life.

## Gospel Announcement

**P** The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

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

## Gospel

[John 15:9-17](#) †

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

## Sermon

Pastor Jason Burggraff

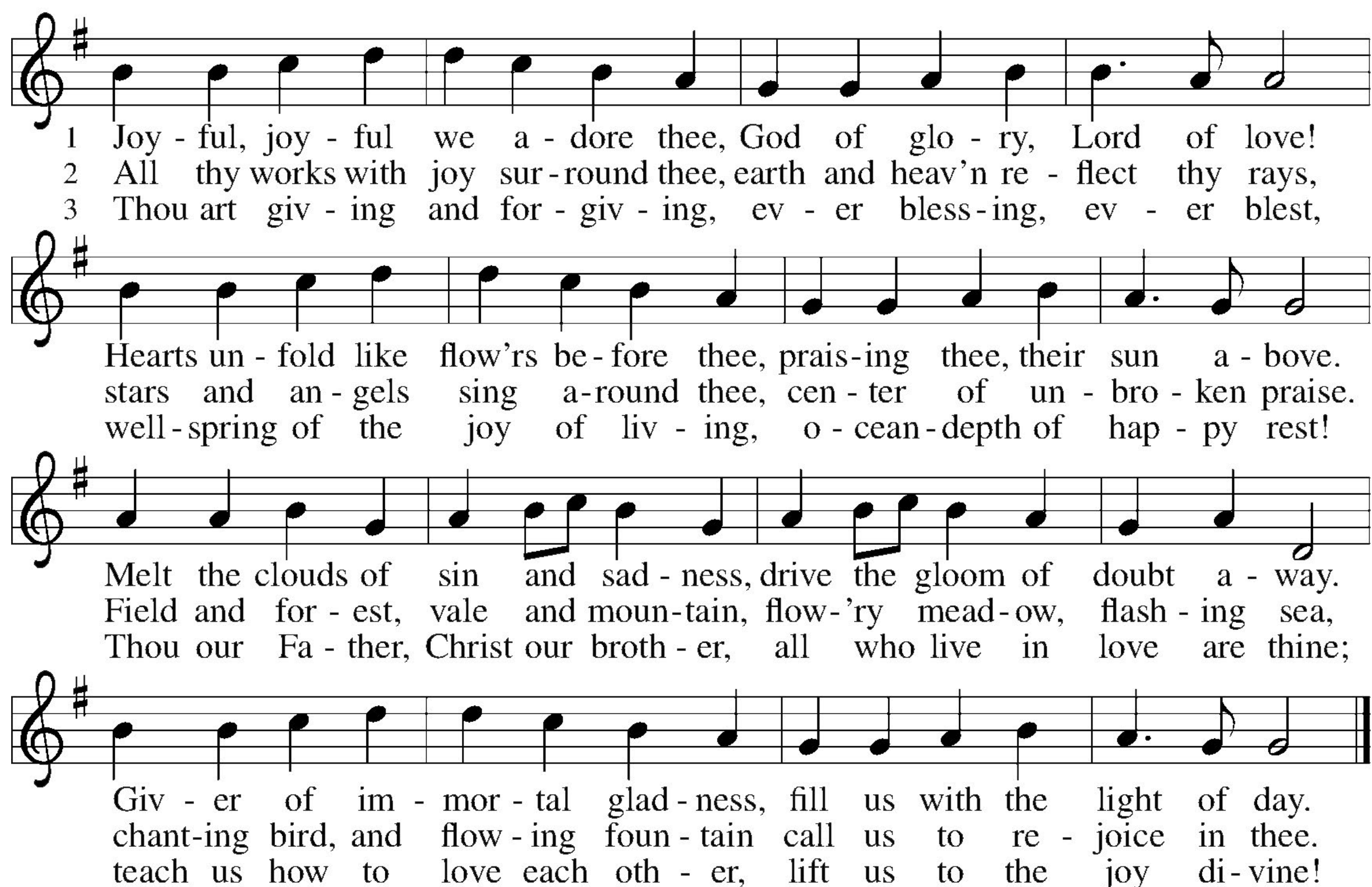
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*Please stand.*

# Hymn of the Day 836

## “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

HYMN TO JOY



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,  
Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!  
Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;  
Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

## Nicene Creed

**A** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **Prayers of the Church**

**A** Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*Following each petition:*

**A** Lord, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

*The prayers conclude:*

**A** Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## **Sharing of the Peace**

**A** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

*Please be seated.*

## **Offering**

Special Music

“Build My Life”

Barrett

*Please stand.*

## **Words of Institution**

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

**A** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.

**A** Our risen Lord comes to us in the breaking of the bread with his body and blood, promising forgiveness and new life. Let us feast this Easter day on Christ, the bread of heaven.

**C** This is the feast of victory for our God!  
Alleluia!

*Please be seated.*

## **Communion**

Song

“Hold On To Me”

**Verse 1** When the best of me is barely breathin’  
When I’m not somebody I believe in  
Hold on to me

When I miss the light the night has stolen  
When I’m slammin’ all the doors You’ve  
opened

Hold on to me, Hold on to me

**Chorus** Hold on to me when it’s too dark to  
see You

When I am sure I have reached the end  
Hold on to me when I forget I need You  
When I let go, hold me again

**Verse 2** When I don’t feel like I’m worth  
defending

When I’m tired of all my pretending  
Hold on to me

When I start to break in desperation

Underneath the weight of expectation  
Hold on to me, Hold on to me (*Chorus*)

**Verse 3** I could rest here in Your arms forever  
'Cause I know nobody loves me better  
Hold on to me  
Hold on to me (*Chorus*)

*Repeat Verse 3*

Song                    **“Blessings on the Road”**

Everyone's traveling, everyone's going somewhere  
Everyone's searching, trying to find a way there  
Every new breath, every next step keeps us  
moving along into the wild and the wonder of  
this living sacred song (*Chorus*)

**Chorus:**

May you find blessings on the road  
May you find loving hearts to hold  
May you find peace and shelter through every  
storm

May you find blessings on the road  
May you share wherever you go  
all of the blessings, blessings on the road  
Everyone's journey, everyone's story is new  
Everyone's yearning for a love that is true  
Every child, every family, everyone that I know  
we are wandering in the mystery that is dancing  
in our souls (*Chorus*)

Every new breath, every next step keeps us  
moving along into the wild and the wonder of  
this living sacred song (*Chorus*)

*Please stand.*

**Blessing**

**A** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** Amen.

## Prayer after Communion

**A** Let us pray. Life-giving God, we give you thanks for nourishing us with the bread of heaven, the very body and blood of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. As you send us into the world, keep us steadfast in the promise and life-giving hope of your resurrection, that by the Holy Spirit we might testify to the power and grace of your work for us and all people.

**C** Amen.

## Benediction

**P** May God who has brought us from death to life grant you faith to trust in Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

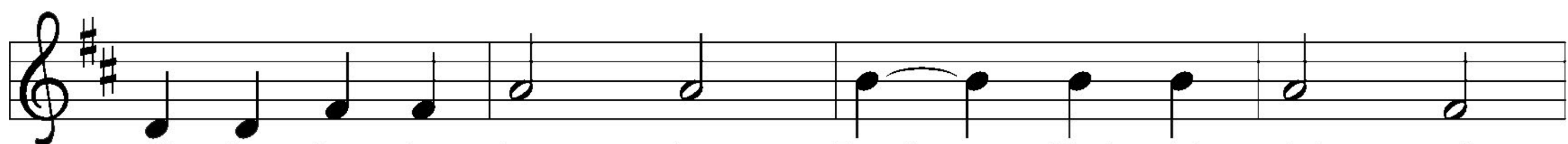
**C** Amen.

## Sending Hymn 413

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!”

NICAEA

Stanzas 1 and 4



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

## **Dismissal**

- A** Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C** Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- A** Go in peace in the freedom of the risen Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God! Alleluia!