

# *Good Shepherd Episcopal Church*

***An open church for a changing city***

## All Saints Day
## **Morning Prayer** (Proper 26 -Year A)
Sunday, November 1, 2026 at 10am
Officiant and Homilist: Dan Connors

Welcome to Good Shepherd Episcopal Church.

Participation in today's liturgy is possible using this worship leaflet, the *Book of Common Prayer (BCP)*, and *The Hymnal 1982* found in the pew racks.

**A word about today's service:** Our liturgy this morning is a lay-led service of Morning Prayer. There is significant standing during the service. While there are invitations in the leaflet for when to sit and when to stand, please feel free to sit as you so choose.

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## The Opening

*(You are invited to stand)*

Introit: Pie Jesu

Processional Hymn
*The Hymnal 1982*, #287 – For All the Saints, v. 1,2,3,5,7 (p. 18-19)

Opening Sentences
*Officiant O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.*

**People And your glory all day long.**

*Officiant On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.*

## Confession of Sin

*Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.*

*(a brief period of silence will be kept)*

*People and Officiant*

**God of all mercy,**
**we confess that we have sinned against you,**
**opposing your will in our lives.**
**We have denied your goodness in each other,**
**in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**
**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,**
**the evil we have done,**
**and the evil done on our behalf.**
**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us**
**through our Savior Jesus Christ,**
**that we may abide in your love**
**and serve only your will. Amen.**

*Officiant Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.*

## Invitatory

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| *Officiant* | *Lord, open our lips.* |
| **People** | **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.** |
| *Officiant and People* | **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.** |

*Officiant* *Together, let us sing the Venite in unison:*

*The Hymnal 1982,* S35 – Venite (p. 20-21)

*(Please be seated.)*

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

I will bless the LORD at all times; *
**his praise shall ever be in my mouth.**

I will glory in the LORD; *
**let the humble hear and rejoice.**

Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
**let us exalt his Name together.**

I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
**and delivered me out of all my terror.**

Look upon him and be radiant, *
**and let not your faces be ashamed.**

I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *
**and saved me from all my troubles.**

The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
**and he will deliver them.**

Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
**happy are they who trust in him!**

Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, *
**for those who fear him lack nothing.**

The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
**but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**

The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
**and none will be punished who trust in him**

*Together*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever.**

Collect of the Day

*Officiant* *God be with you.*

**People** **And also with you.**

*Officiant* *Let us pray.*

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

## The Word of God

First Reading – Revelation 7:9-17

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason, they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

*Lector* *The Word of God.*
**People** **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading – 1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

*Lector* *The Word of God.*
**People** **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn

*The Hymnal 1982,* #656 – Blest Are the Pure in Heart (p. 22)

## Third Reading – Matthew: 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

*Lector* *The Word of God.*
**People** **Thanks be to God.**

## The Homily

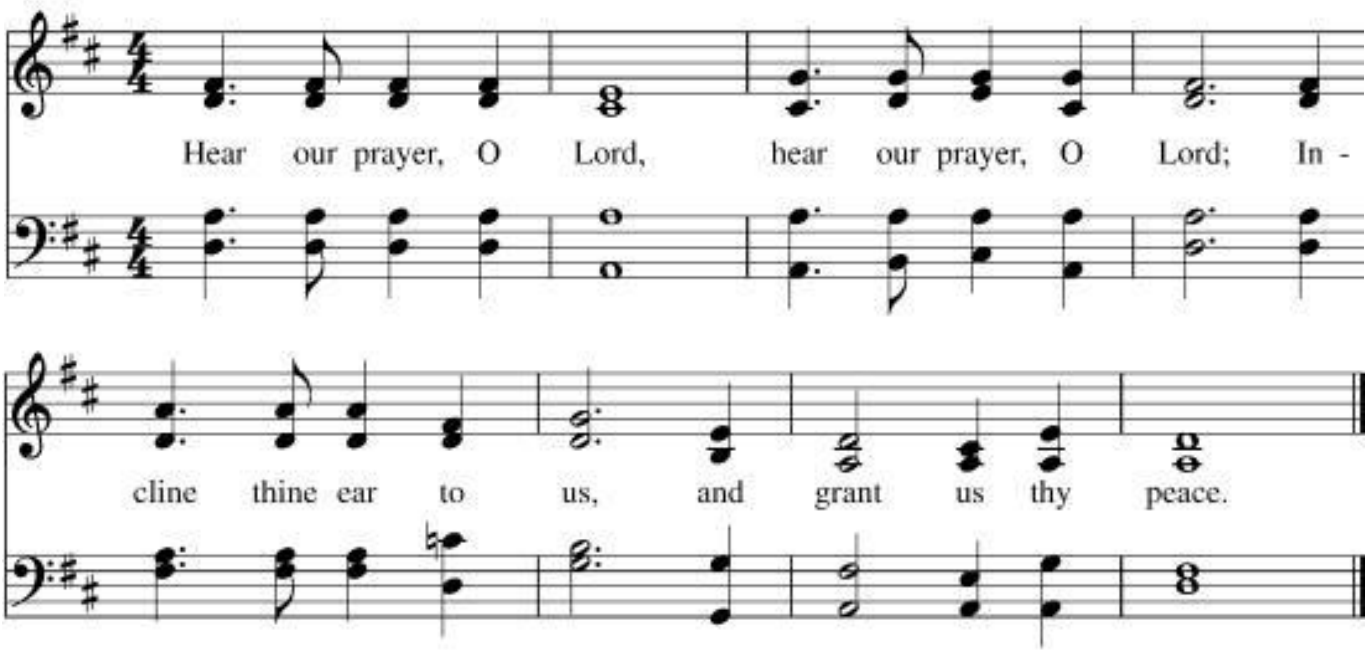
*(Please stand)*

## The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth;**
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit**
**and born of the Virgin Mary.**
**He 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,**
**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**
**He will come again 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.**

Hymn
*Lift Every Voice and Sing,* #249 – Hear our prayer, O Lord



## The Prayers

*Officiant* *The Lord be with you.*

**People** **And also with you.**

*Officiant* *Let us pray.*

*People and Officiant*

**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,**
**for ever and ever. Amen.**

### The Suffrages

*Officiant* *Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;*

**People** **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

*Officiant* *Day by day we bless you;*

**People** **We praise your Name for ever.**

*Officiant* *Lord, keep us from all sin today;*

**People** **Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

*Officiant* *Lord, show us your love and mercy;*

**People** **For we put our trust in you.**

*Officiant* *In you, Lord, is our hope;*

**People** **And we shall never hope in vain.**

## Prayers of the People

*Officiant*

*Brothers and sisters, grace to you and peace from God our Father. Let us pray in hope, trusting that God receives our prayers.*

**Intercessor**

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Lord, in your mercy,* **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Lord, in your mercy,* **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Lord, in your mercy,* **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Lord, in your mercy,* **Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the many blessings of our lives. We pray for William Merigold, and all those celebrating birthdays this week. *Lord, in your mercy,* **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for Bill Darling and family, Allan Werner, the Cubberly family, Dorothy, Barbara Boynton, Beth, and the Scott and Dwoske families. *Lord, in your mercy,* **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Lord, in your mercy,* **Hear our prayer.**

Let us continue our prayers with a Prayer for Transition.
Together we pray:

**Dear Lord, we come to You in this season of transition, feeling the weight of the change pressing upon us. As this chapter closes, we thank you for the lessons learned, the strength gained, and Your steadfast presence through it all.**
**We ask for the grace to release what no longer fits, to lay down the attachments, hurts, and worries that we have carried. Help us to close this door fully, trusting that You are already opening a new one.**
**Give us the courage to move forward with thankful hearts, embracing the unknown, knowing that You are guiding us towards a better future. Strengthen our spirit, give us clarity of purpose, and help us to walk into this new season with peace and joy.**
**We trust in Your perfect timing and your unchanging love.**
**In Your name, we pray. Amen.**

*Officiant: In silence or aloud, for whom and what else do we pray today?*
*Heavenly God, you have rescued us from the power of sin and have made a home for us in the reign of your beloved Son, who is our salvation. Hear the prayers we offer this day, and may your Spirit dwell deeply in us. Amen.*

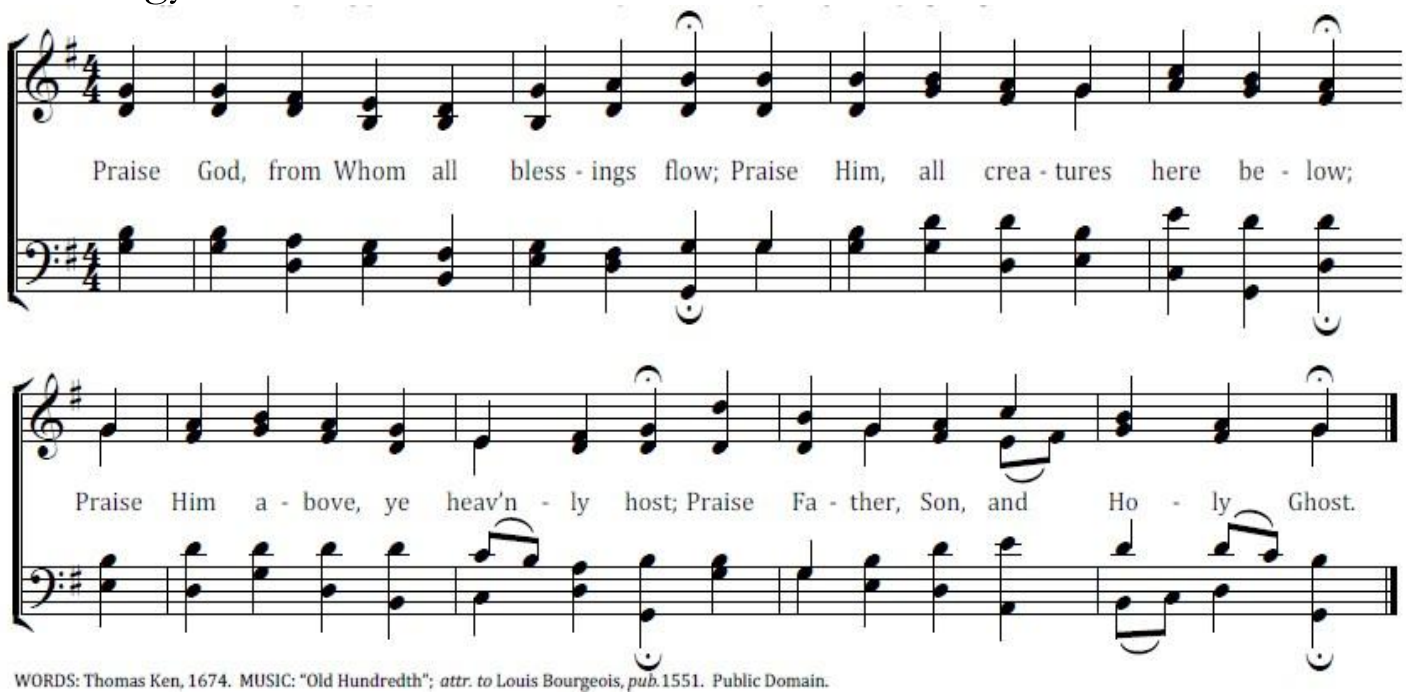
# The Offertory

*The offering received is our opportunity to give of ourselves to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for the blessings of this life. It supports our parish ministry and service to the community.*

*(Please be seated)*

Offertory Anthem: Breathe

Doxology




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*(Please stand)*

The General Thanksgiving

*People and Officiant*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,**
**we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks**
**for all your goodness and loving-kindness**
**to us and to all whom you have made.**
**We bless you for our creation, preservation,**
**and all the blessings of this life;**
**but above all for your immeasurable love**
**in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;**
**for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**
**And we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,**
**that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,**
**not only with our lips, but in our lives,**

**by giving up our selves to your service,**
**and by walking before you**
**in holiness and righteousness all our days;**
**through Jesus Christ our Lord,**
**to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,**
**be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

*People and Officiant*

**Almighty God,**
**you have given us grace at this time with one accord**
**to make our common supplication to you;**
**and you have promised through your well-beloved Son**
**that when two or three are gathered together in his Name**
**you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

The Peace

*Officiant* *The peace of God be always with you.*
**People** **And also, with you.**
*Officiant* *Let us greet one another with a sign of peace.*

## The Ending

The Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

*Officiant* *The Lord be with you.*
**People** **And also, with you.**
*Officiant* *Let us pray.*

**Lord, make us instruments of your peace.**

**Where there is hatred, let us sow love;**
**where there is injury, pardon;**
**where there is discord, union;**
**where there is doubt, faith;**
**where there is despair, hope;**
**where there is darkness, light;**
**where there is sadness, joy.**
**Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;**
**to be understood as to understand;**
**to be loved as to love.**
**For it is in giving that we receive;**
**it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;**
**and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

## Benediction

*Officiant* *Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

**Together** **Glory to God whose power, working in us,**
**can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine:**
**Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.**

*(Please stand)*

## Recessional Hymn

*The Hymnal 1982*, #625 – Ye Holy Angels Bright (23)

(*Please be seated.*)

## Announcements

(*Please stand.*)

## Dismissal

*Officiant* *Let us go forth in the name of Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

**People** **Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Postlude: Built on a Rock, Smith

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## WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD EPISCOPAL CHURCH!

Thank you for worshipping at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church.
Good Shepherd is a community of people who strive with joy and gratitude to love and serve God and each other within the parish, the larger Attleboro community, and the world.
We are down-to-earth, spiritually-grounded, and prayer-filled people diverse in age, income, ability, family structure, sexuality, and education and work background.
You are welcome here. God loves you. Come and see!
In addition to the worshipping community, Good Shepherd is also home to One Family: A Mission of Unity, Twinkle Little Star daycare, a weekly Al-Anon meeting, and a weekly Depression and Bi-Polar Support Alliance (DBSA) meeting. Good Shepherd is glad to share space with these religious, educational, and social service organizations.

**Today's Liturgical Participants**
VPOD: Cindy Akers
Lector of 1st Reading: Nancy Pineo
Psalmist: Sydney Lambert
Lector of 2nd Reading: Lorna Noren
Intercessor: Cindy Akers
Music: Bob Lambe and Sydney Lambert
Presider and Homilist: Dan Connors

**Next Sunday's Liturgical Participants – November 8, 2026**
VPOD: Brendan McIntyre
Lector of 1st Reading: Barbara Hanson
Psalmist: Nancy Pineo
Lector of 2nd Reading: Allan Fournier
Intercessor: Brendan McIntyre

Music: Bob Lambe and Sydney Lambert
Presider and Homilist: Evelyn Sanford

**Altar Flowers:** If you would like to contribute altar flowers for a thanksgiving or memorial, please contact Cyndee Williams at (508) 409-8381 or cyndeewi6@verizon.net. A minimum donation of $25.00 would be greatly appreciated.

**Birthdays** We give thanks for William Merigold, and all those celebrating a birthday this week. If you would like to be added to the parish birthday list, please call or email the parish office with your name and birthday (month and day only).

**Prayer List** In your prayers, please remember *Bill Darling and family, Allan Werner, the Cubberly family, Dorothy, Barbara Boynton, Beth, and the Scott and Dwoske families.* The prayer list is updated monthly. If you would like someone to be added to or kept on the prayer list, please contact the parish office (by phone or email) each month, or leave a note in the offertory.

**Parish Reading Group – Today, November 1, 2026 following morning liturgy**
Reading Group meets today, November 1, 2026 in the Parish Hall immediately following morning liturgy. Evelyn and Pam will bring lunch. We will discuss our new read, *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Bennett. Everyone is welcome to join us for conversation and a light lunch. You don't need to read the book to participate.

**Vestry and Finance Committee – Monday, November 16**
The next vestry meeting will be Monday, November 16 at 6:00 pm.

**One Family: A Mission of Unity – Saturday, November 21**
We appreciate donations of dish soap (15 oz.), laundry soap (48 oz), paper towels, bar soap, and 4-roll packages of toilet paper.

**Elder Ministry – November 28, 2026**
Elder Ministry meets Saturday, November 28, 2026 at 10:30 AM in the parish hall. Bring your in-progress projects. Yarns, patterns, hooks, knitting needles are available.

**Good Shepherd Prayer Circle**
The Prayer Circle prays for the ministries of Good Shepherd Church (Vestry, Choir, Altar Guild, etc.). We meet the first Saturday of the month from 9:00-10:00 AM on Zoom. To join, go to zoom.com Meeting ID: 83294667617 Passcode: 440433. The following are upcoming dates for Prayer Circle:

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| Nov. 7, 2026 | Jan. 2, 2027 | Mar. 6, 2027 |
| Dec. 5, 2026 | Feb. 6, 2027 | Apr. 3, 2027 |

May 1, 2027 Jun. 5, 2027

Please pray about joining us! Prayer is the foundation of the church. Join us and find the peace of Christ. If you have any questions please contact Mickey Fournier at nallanf@aol.com or (508)406-1724.

**2026 Pledges and Donations**

We are now legally merged, so please follow the instructions below for your pledges and donations.

**By check**- Please make your check payable to Good Shepherd Episcopal Church. You can place your check in the offering plate on Sunday or mail to Good Shepherd at 121 North Main Street, Attleboro.

**Online by check or credit card** - Please go to the Good Shepherd website at: https://www.godshepherdepiscopalattleboro.org/ and look for Support Good Shepherd link on the left-hand side of the page. Perhaps the easiest way to the website: goodshepherdepiscopalattleboro.org - You will see our altar decorated for Christmas on page one so you will know you are at our webpage.

**Direct deposit** – If you prefer to pay your pledge by direct deposit, Evelyn will be happy to get you the information to do this.

**Daily Readings for November 2, 2026 – November 7, 2026**

Don't have a Bible? New International Version paperback Bibles are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Mon, November 2: Psalm 128; Joshua 4:1-24; 1 Thessalonians 2:13-20
Tue, November 3: Psalm 128; Joshua 6:1-16, 20; Acts 13:1-12
Wed, November 4: Psalm 128; Joshua 10:12-14; Matthew 15:1-9
Thurs, November 5: Psalm 78:1-7; Joshua 5:10-12; Revelation 8:6-9:12
Fri, November 6: Psalm 78:1-7; Joshua 8:30-35; Revelation 9:13-21
Sat, November 7: Psalm 78:1-7; Joshua 20:1-9; Matthew 24:1-14

**Severe Weather and Church Cancellation**

In the event of severe weather that may impact church services, the church answering machine, website, and Facebook page will have official notice of cancellation by 8:30am.

**Accessing In-Person Worship Remotely**

To stream worship online, please go to the Good Shepherd Facebook page, type in: Facebook Good Shepherd Episcopal Church of the Attleboros.

**Upcoming Liturgy Schedule for November**

Sunday, November 8, at 10:00 am: Morning Prayer – Evelyn Sanford

**Support Local Food Pantries** If you would like to help support two local food pantries, the Hebron Food Pantry in Attleboro and Lenore's Pantry in North Attleboro, a detailed Shopping List is available on blue paper in Parish Hall. The usual donations are always welcome! We will have a basket and table available for your gifts.

**Local Food Resources for Adults and Children**

Food n' Friends FREE Meals To-Go

- VFW Post 115 / American Legion (122 Park Street): Mon-Fri at 4:30pm
- Centenary United Methodist Church (15 Sanford Street): Saturdays at 11am
- Foxboro Food Pantry (35 Neponset Ave): 2nd Tue of the month, 11am-2pm
- First Baptist Church, Mansfield (52 N. Main St): Tuesdays at 4:30pm
- First Baptist Church, North Attleboro (75 Park St): Wednesdays at 4pm

Local Food Resources – PANTRIES

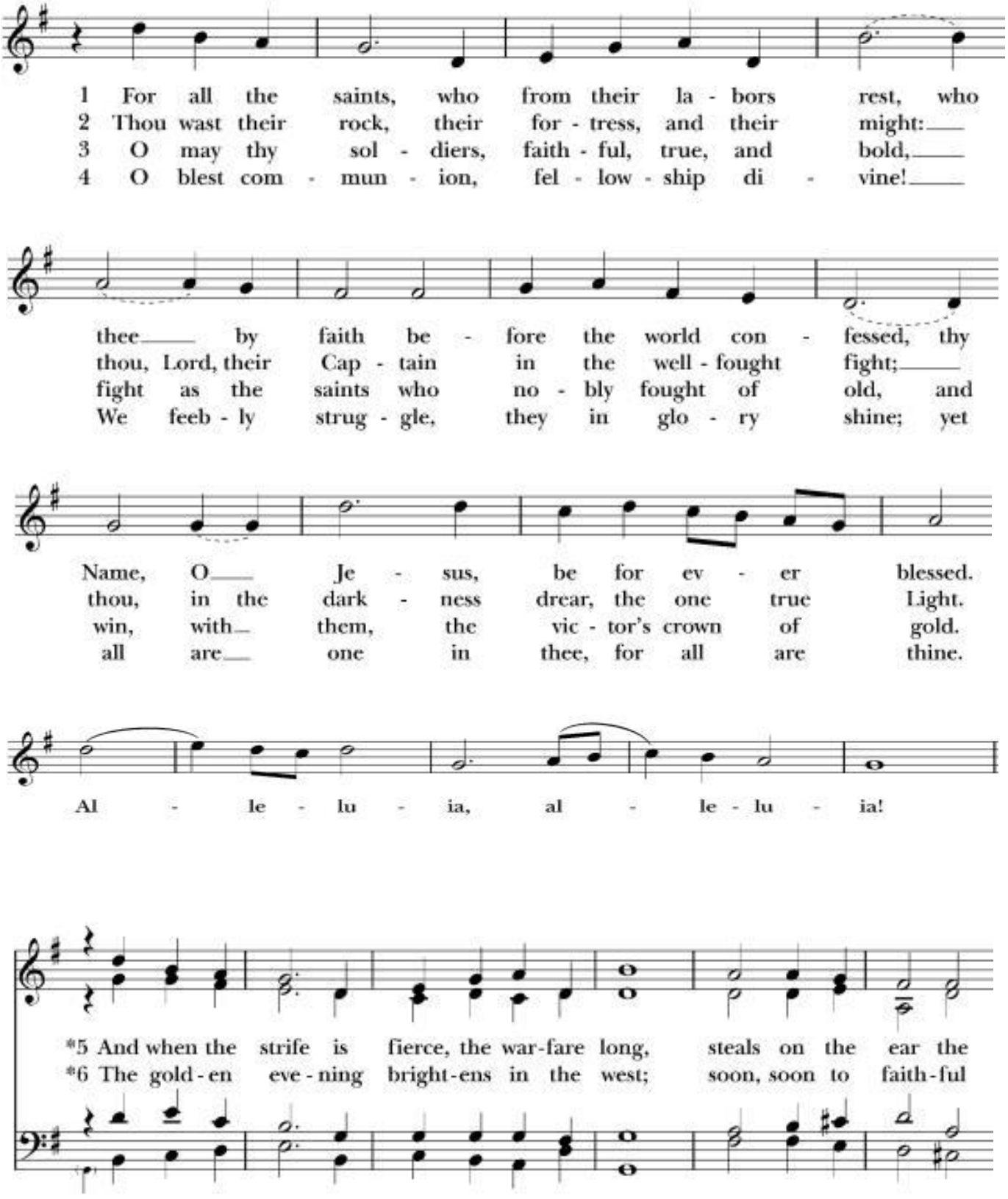
- Hebron Food Pantry (40 Emory Street): Mon-Fri by appointment
- St. Joseph's Food Cellar (71 Linden Street): Fri 6-7pm
- Murray UU Church (505 N. Main Street): Mon & Thurs 9:30-11:30am
- Second Congregational Church (50 Park Street): Last Monday of the month from 3-5p
- Lenore's Pantry (115 Commonwealth Ave. Attle Falls) Tuesday and Thursday 8:30am-3:00pm

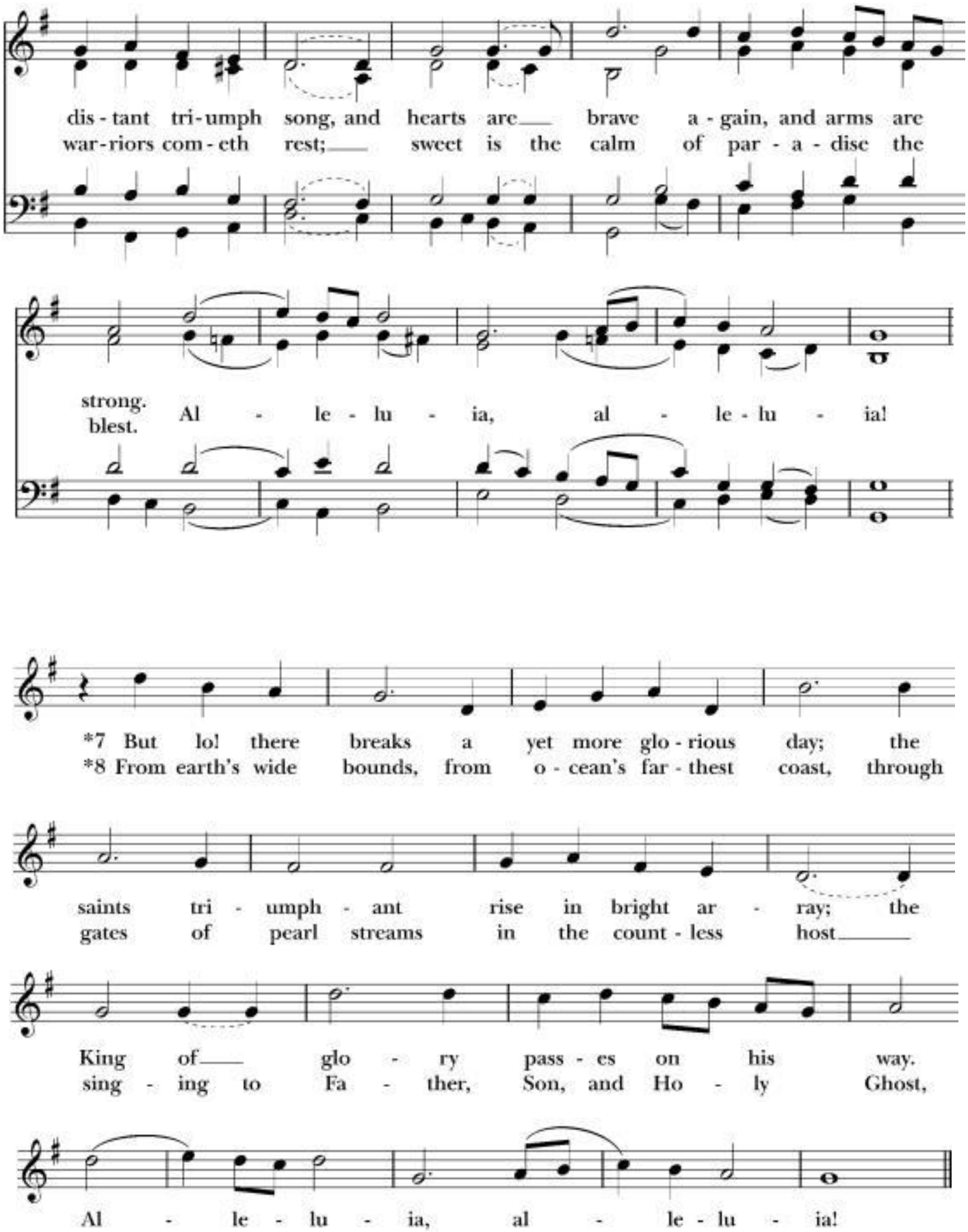
## Parish Information

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| **Clergy** | *The parish is in search for a new Celebrant.* |
| **Senior Warden** | Lyn Darling – 508-944-9770 |
| **Junior Warden** | Nancy Pineo |
| **Treasurer** | Evelyn Sanford |
| **Clerk** | Marian Coté |
| **Provisional Vestry Members** | Cindy Akers, Dan Connors, Colleen Gagnon, Suzette Jacques, Bob Lanpher, Brendan McIntyre, |
| **Parish Administrator** | Lorna Noren – office@allsaints-episcopal.org |

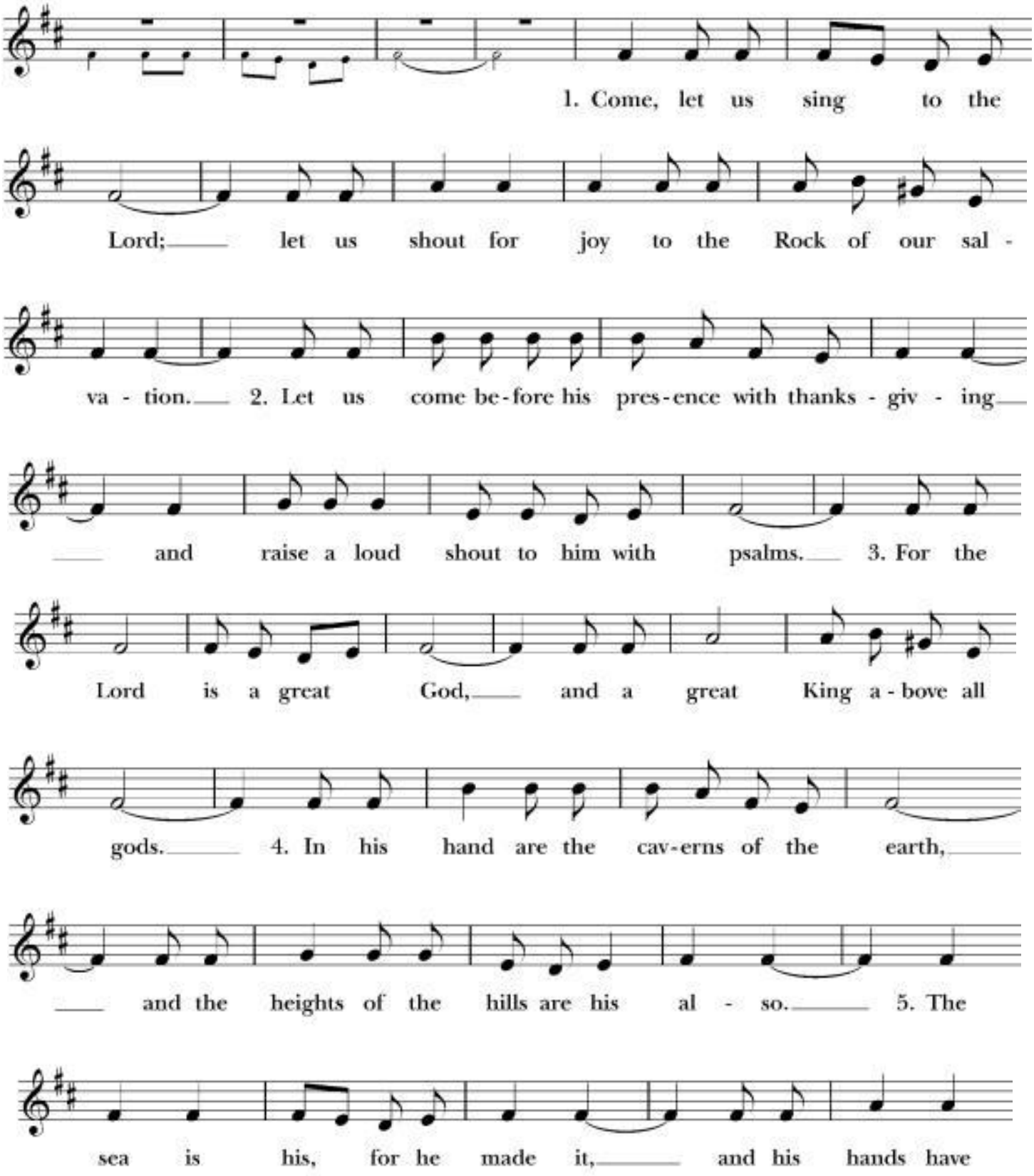
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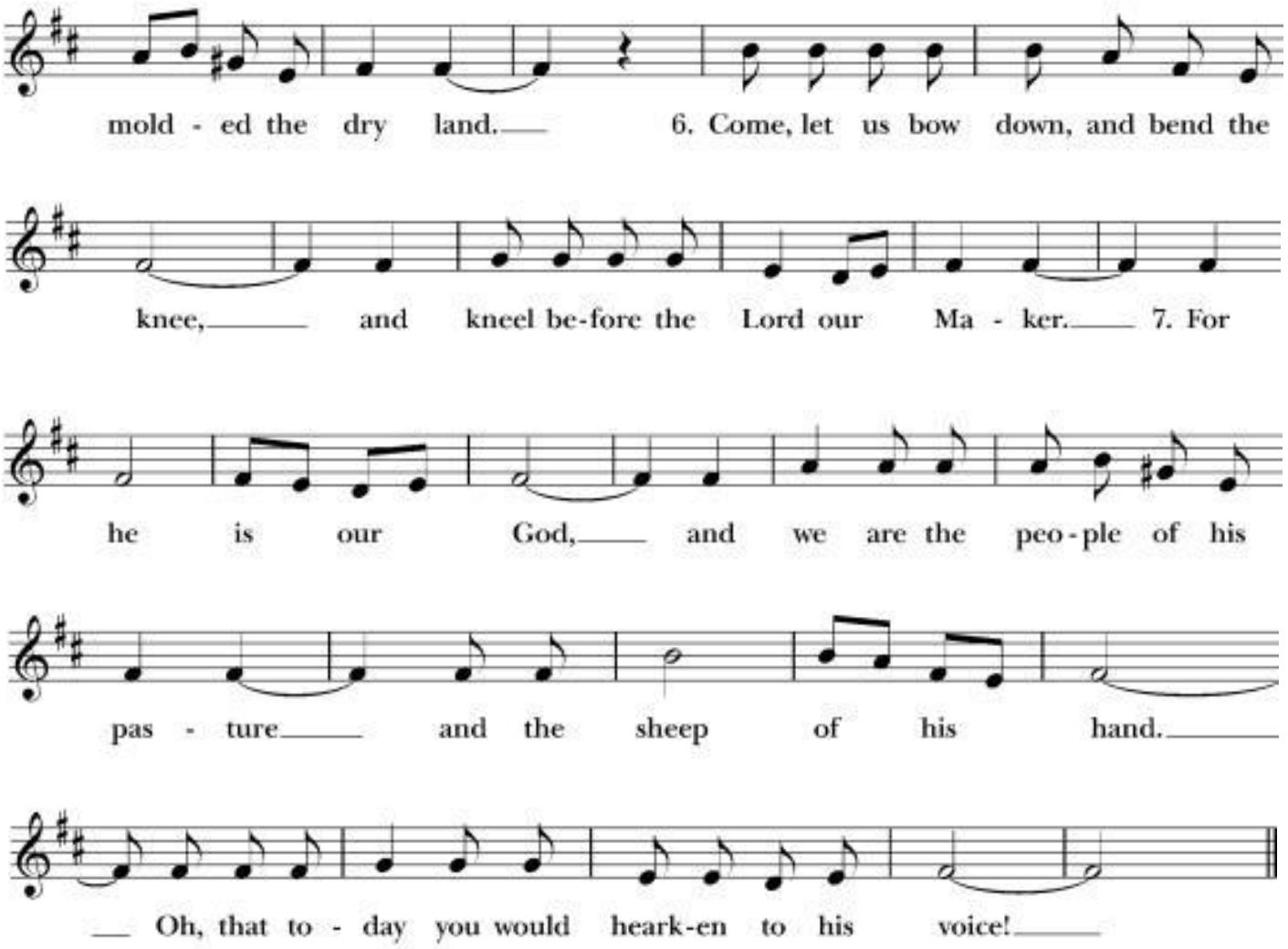
# For All the Saints
(verses 1,2,3,5,7)



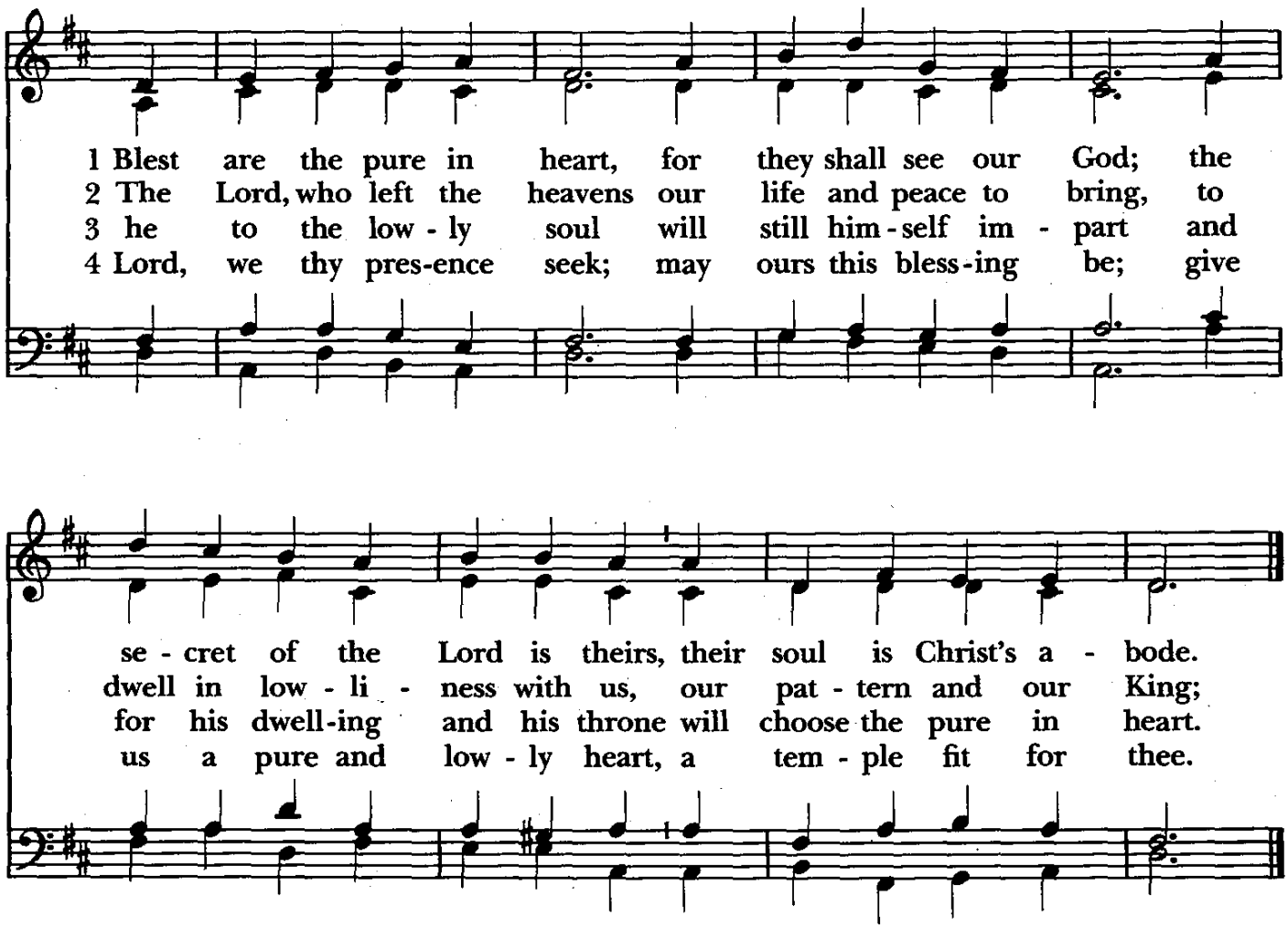

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war - riors com - eth rest; sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the
strong.
blest.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
*7 But lo! there breaks a yet more glo - rious day; the
*8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through
saints tri - umph - ant rise in bright ar - ray; the
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host
King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

# The Venite


1. Come, let us sing to the
Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal -
va - tion. 2. Let us come be-fore his pres-ence with thanks - giv - ing
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. 3. For the
Lord is a great God, and a great King a - bove all
gods. 4. In his hand are the cav-erns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his al - so. 5. The
sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have

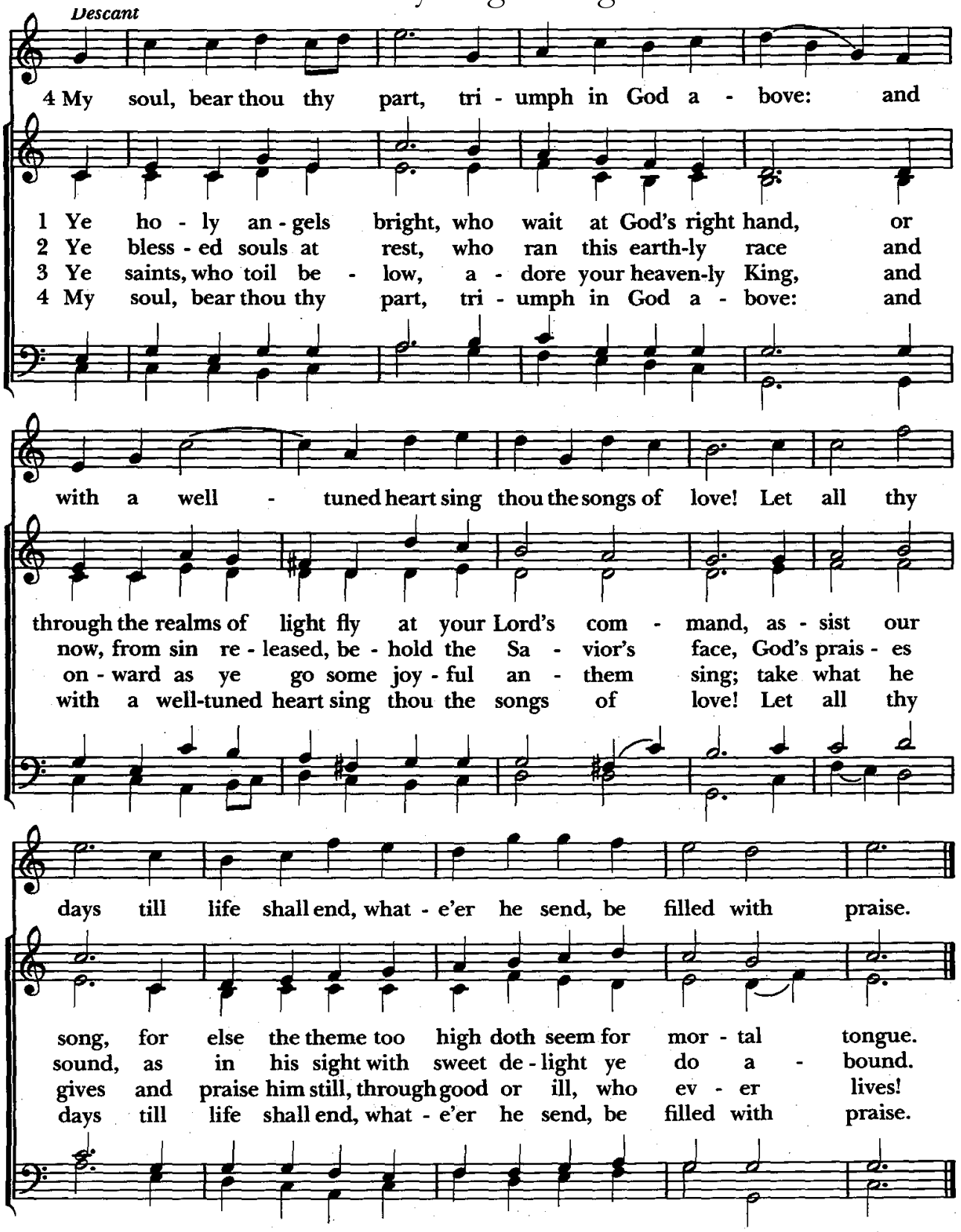

mold - ed the dry land.
6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the
knee, and kneel be-fore the Lord our Ma - ker.
7. For
he is our God, and we are the peo - ple of his
pas - ture and the sheep of his hand.
Oh, that to - day you would heark-en to his voice!

# Blest Are the Pure in Heart




Words: Sts. 1 and 3, John Keble (1792-1866), alt.; sts. 2 and 4, William John Hall (1793-1861), alt.
Music: *Franconia,* melody Johann Balthasar König (1691-1758):
adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870) SM

# Ye Holy Angels bright




Words: Richard Baxter (1615-1691); rev. John Hampden Gurney (1802-1862)
Music: *Darwall's 148th*, melody and bass John Darwall (1731-1789);
harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.; desc. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947) 66. 66. 44. 44