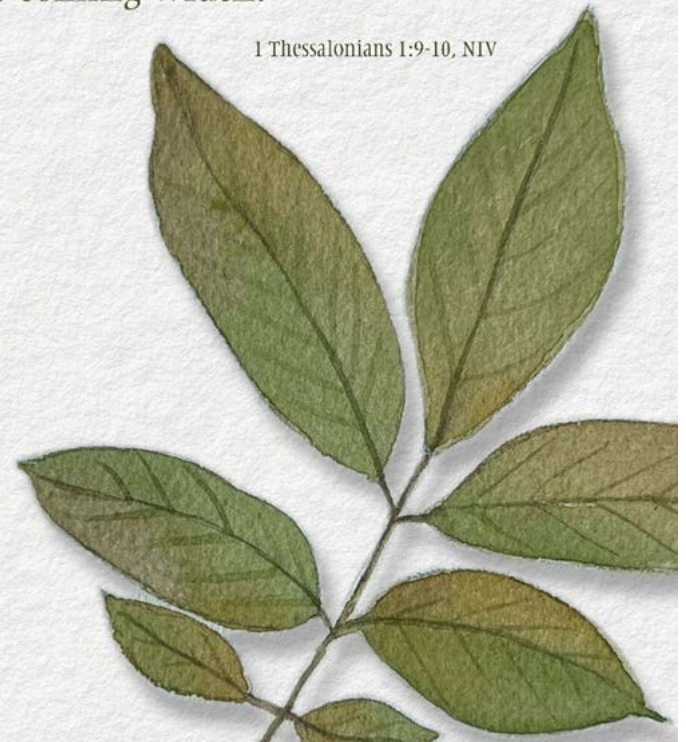


Trinity
Evangelical
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Church
April 21, 2024

WELCOME!

... you turned to God from idols to serve
THE LIVING
and **TRUE GOD,**
and to wait for his Son from heaven,
whom he raised from the dead —
Jesus, who rescues us from
the coming wrath.

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10, NIV



- * = Please stand if able
- = Please be seated

- **Prelude** *By Roxanne Groff*
- **Office of the Acolyte and Ringing of the Bell**
- **Welcome**

* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign marked at baptism...*

**L: We confess our sins before God and
one another.**

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: Risen God,

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

C: We confess to you, to ourselves, and to one another that we have caused harm by the things we have said and done, and by the things we have not said and not done.

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

C: Take away our sins that we might fully embody your commandment to love you with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

L: In grace and mercy, God forgives all our sins, and with joy and expectation calls us into new life for the sake of the world, through Jesus Christ our savior.

C: Amen.

* Gathering Song

**“Guide Me Ever,
Great Redeemer”**

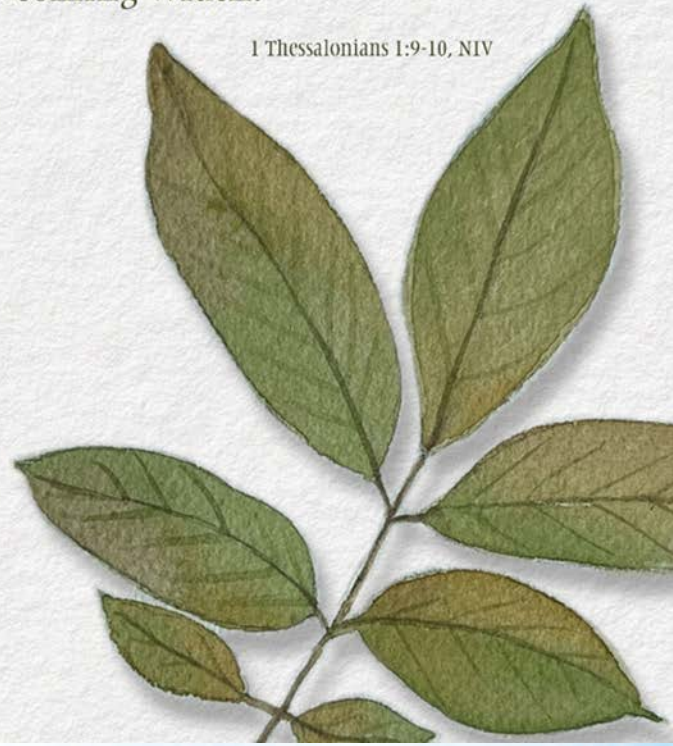
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*** “Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer” LBW 343**

**1 Guide me ever, great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your pow’rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.**

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**2 Open now the crystal fountain
where the healing waters flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv’rer, strong deliv’rer,
shield me with your mighty arm,
shield me with your mighty arm.**

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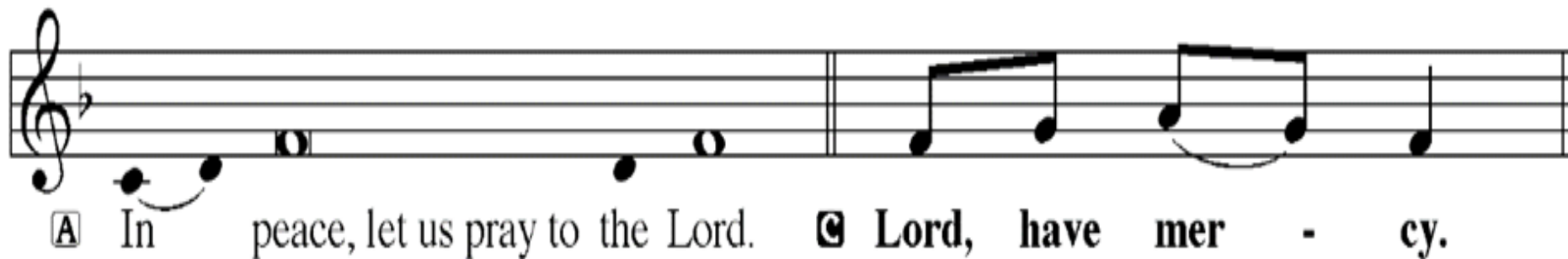
**3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs and praises, songs and praises,
I will raise forevermore,
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*** APOSTOLIC GREETING**

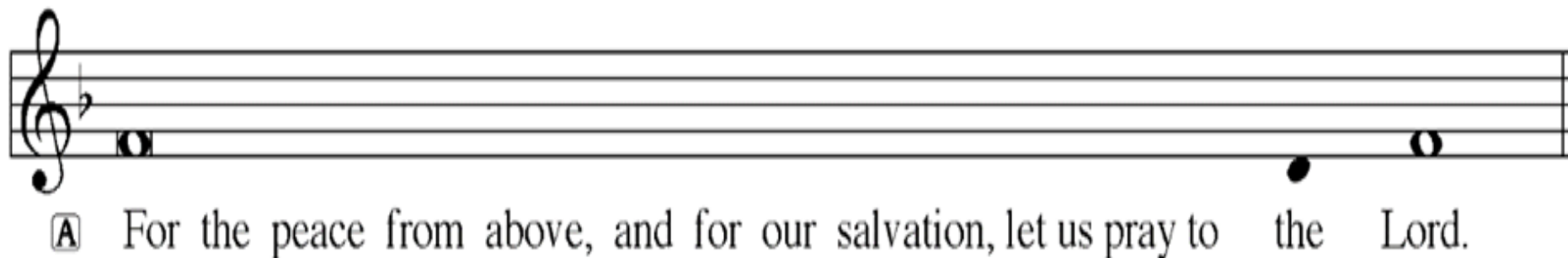
**P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**

C: And also with you.

* KYRIE



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

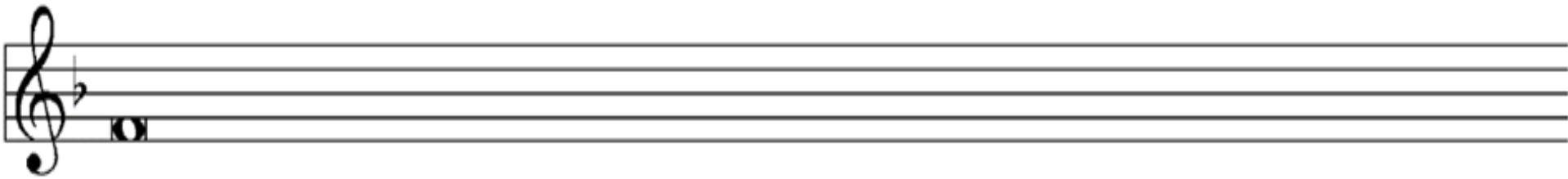


A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

* KYRIE



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

* KYRIE



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

*** HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Glory be to God in heaven;
peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation,
Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you,
we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you;
here on earth our songs we raise.**

*** HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Glory be to Christ forever,
Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior,
you have come from heav'n above;
on the cross you died to save us;
now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive
us; in your promise firm we stand.**

*** HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Holy One we now acclaim you;
Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you,
God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit,
in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit,
glory be to God on high!**

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray... Holy God, it is not always easy to live out the gospel in our daily lives. We are sometimes met with opposition or rejection when we stand in solidarity with those who are marginalized. Strengthen us by the example of the early Christians that we might persist in our call to bear witness to you. In and through Jesus Christ.

C: Amen

KIDZ
KORNER



•Scripture Reading

R: Our scripture readings are from the Books of Acts, Chapter 17 and 1 Thessalonians, Chapter 1.

C: Glory to you O' Lord! *(Spoken)*

*** Acts 17:1-9**

After Paul and Silas had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. ²And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three sabbath days argued with them from the scriptures, ³explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and to rise from the

*** Acts 17:1-9**

dead, and saying, “This is the Messiah, Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you.”

⁴Some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. ⁵But the Jews became jealous, and with the help of some ruffians in the marketplaces they formed a mob and

*** Acts 17:1-9**

set the city in an uproar. While they were searching for Paul and Silas to bring them out to the assembly, they attacked Jason's house. ⁶When they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some believers before the city authorities, shouting, "These people who have been turning the world upside down have come here

*** Acts 17:1-9**

also, ⁷and Jason has entertained them as guests. They are all acting contrary to the decrees of the emperor, saying that there is another king named Jesus.” ⁸The people and the city officials were disturbed when they heard this, ⁹and after they had taken bail from Jason and the others, they let them go.

*** 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

**¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in
God the Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ: Grace to you and peace.**

**²We always give thanks to God for all of
you and mention you in our prayers,
constantly ³remembering before our
God and Father your work of faith and**

*** 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became

*** 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to

*** 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead — Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

*** Acts 17:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ
(Spoken)

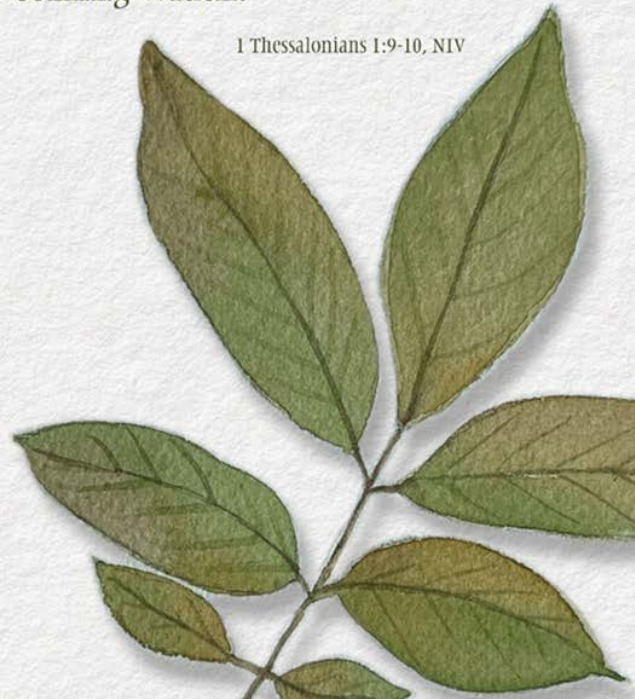
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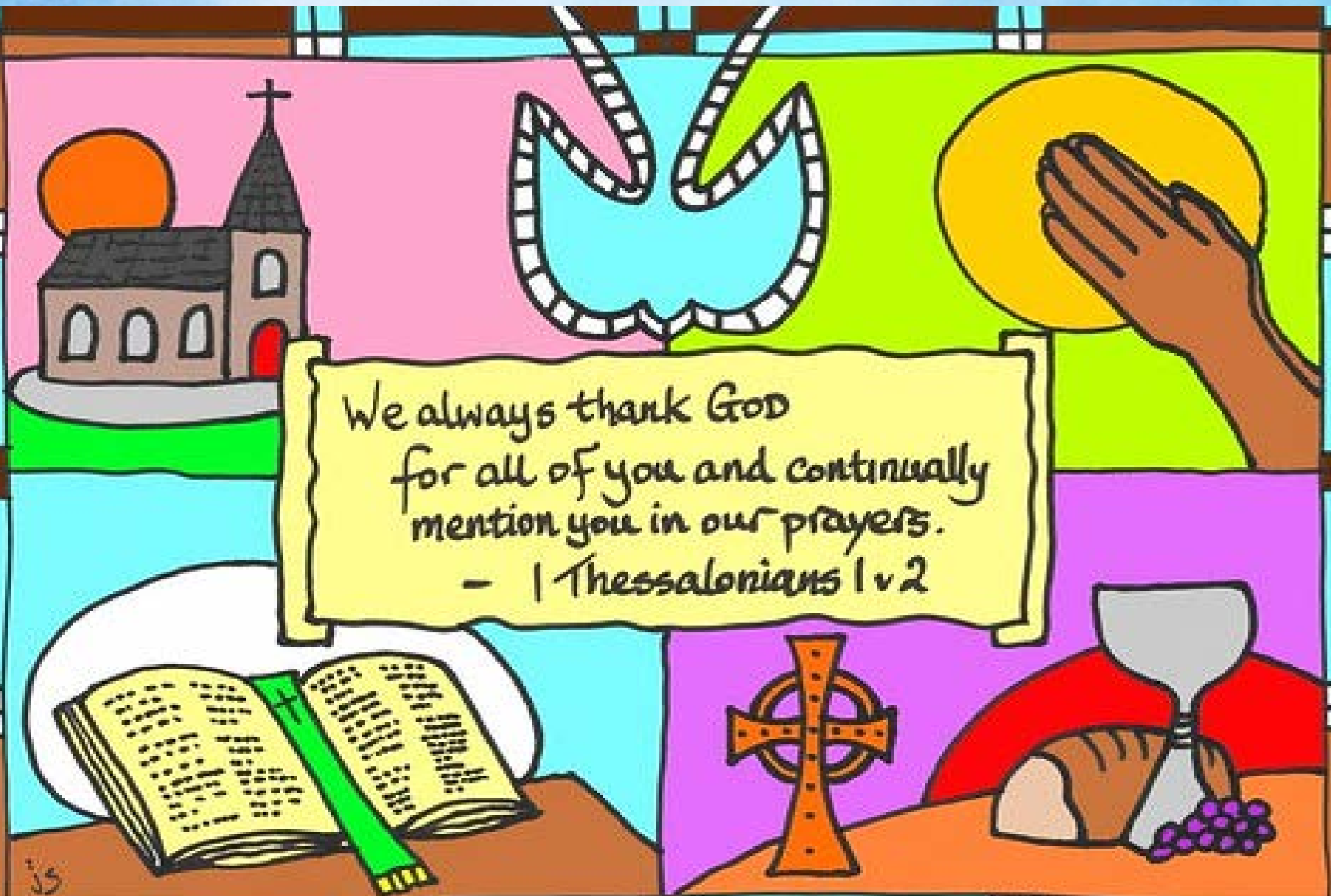


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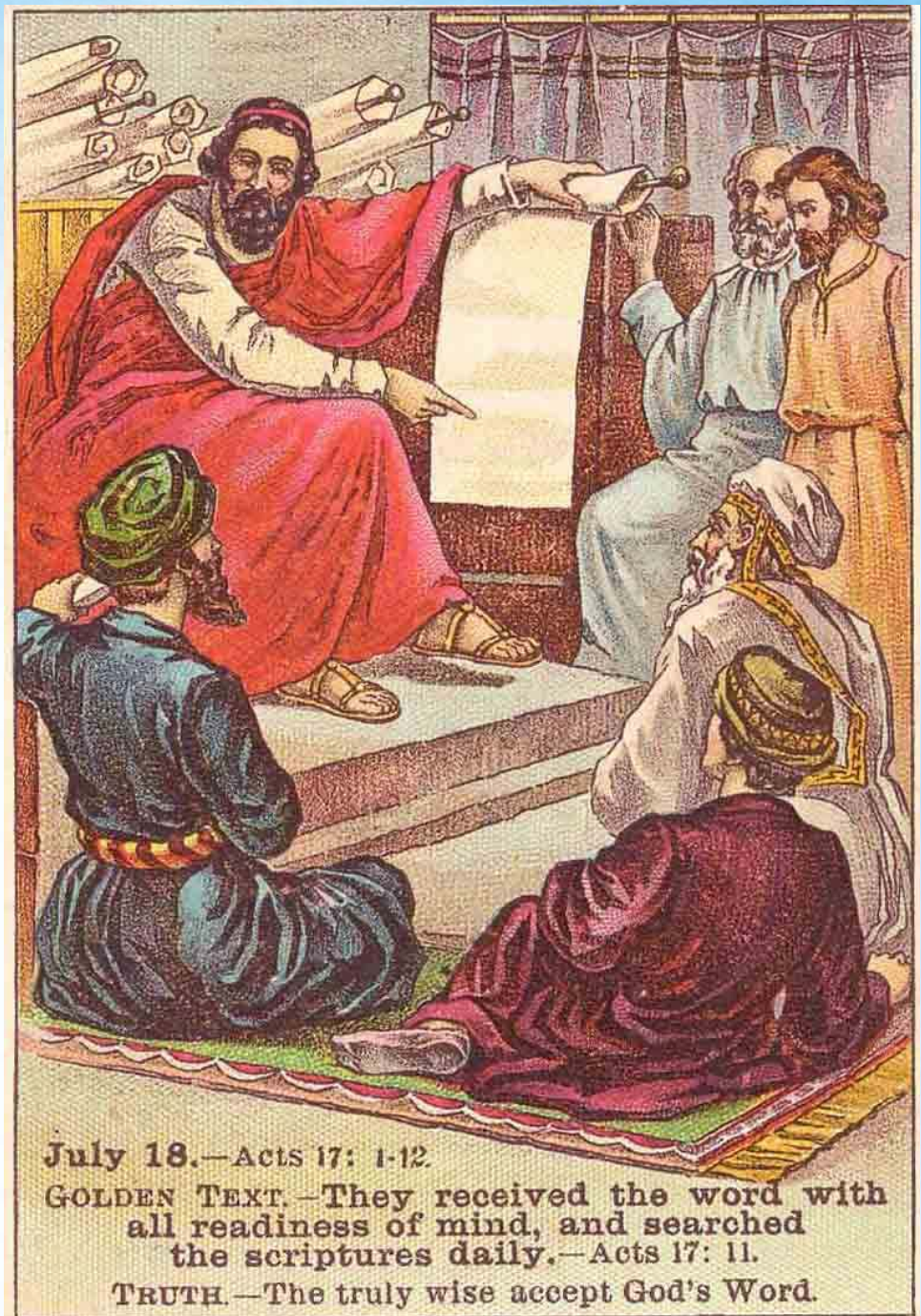
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Paul, Opening God's Word



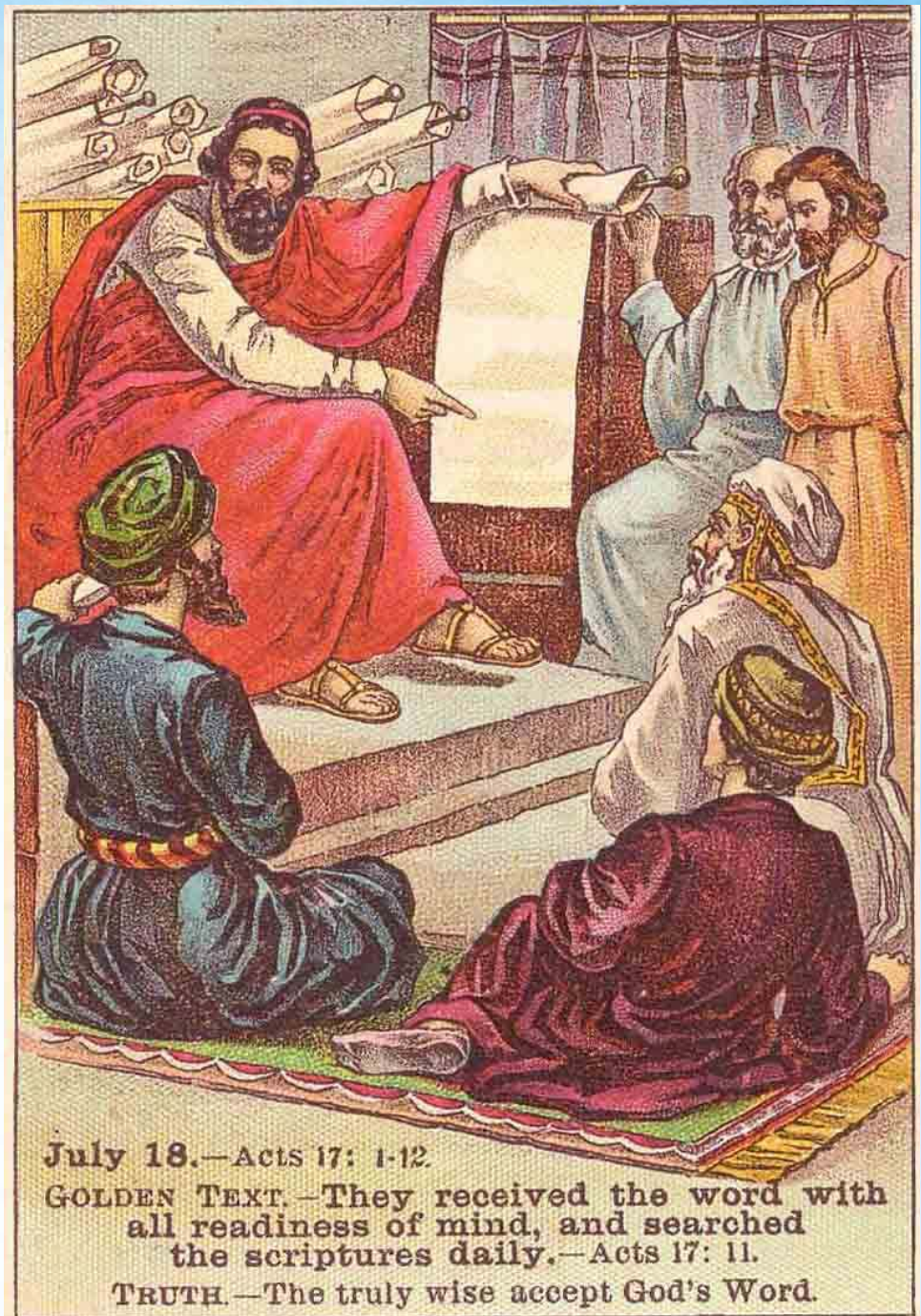
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Children, Youth, and Family (CYF) Ministry

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*** NICENE CREED**

**C: We believe in one God, the Father,
the Almighty, maker of heaven and
earth, of all that is, seen and
unseen.**

*** NICENE CREED**

C: 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.

*** NICENE CREED**

C: Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

*** NICENE CREED**

C: 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.

*** NICENE CREED**

C: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

*** NICENE CREED**

**C: 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 INTERCESSION

Each petition will end with the words,

A: God of new life,

The congregation will respond with:

C: In mercy, hear our prayer.

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayer concludes...

P: We place in your arms all for whom we pray, out loud or in our hearts, confident in your mercy and grace, through Jesus Christ, our savior.

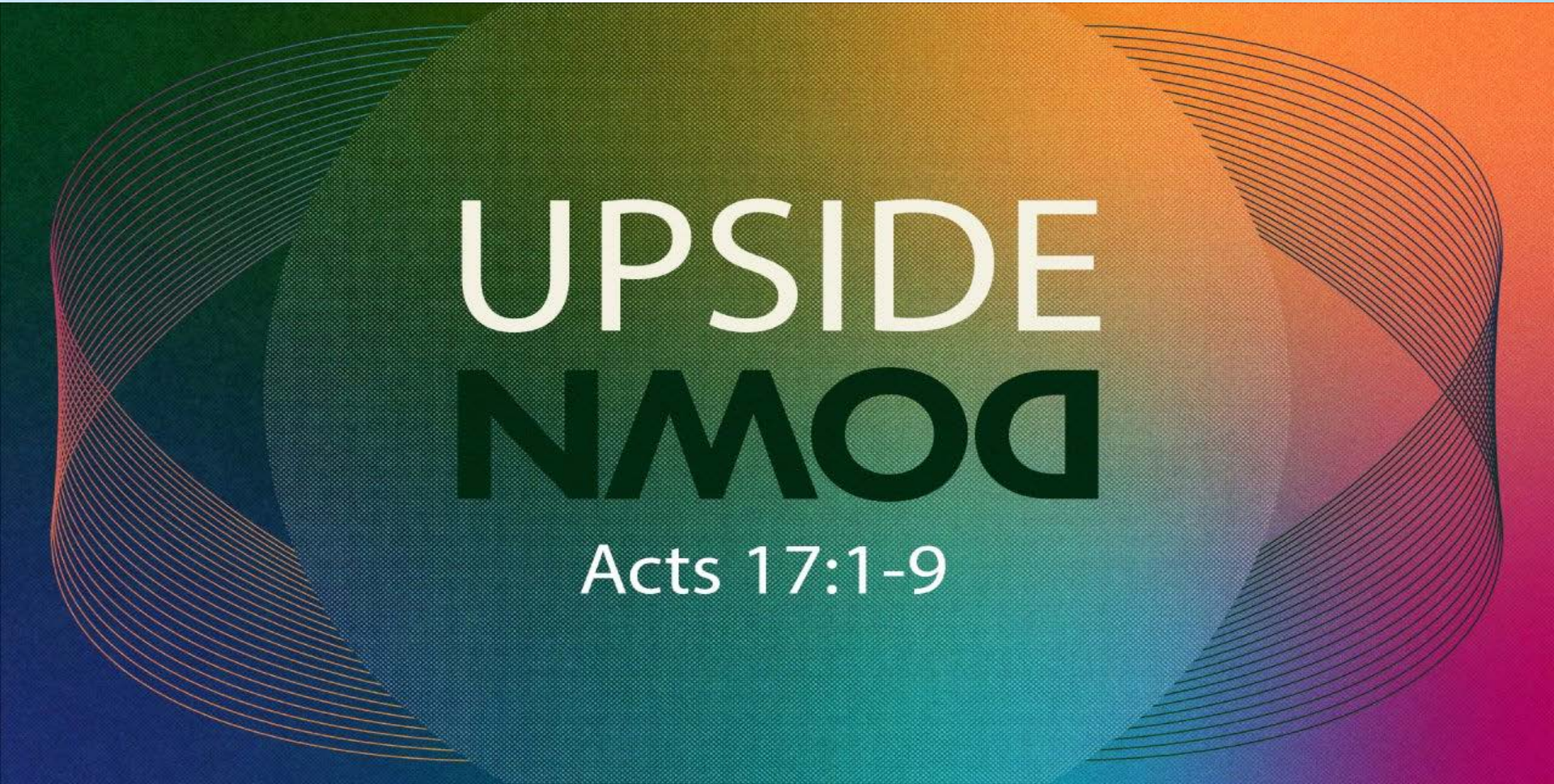
C: Amen.

OFFERING

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Acts 17:1-9

OFFERING PRAYER

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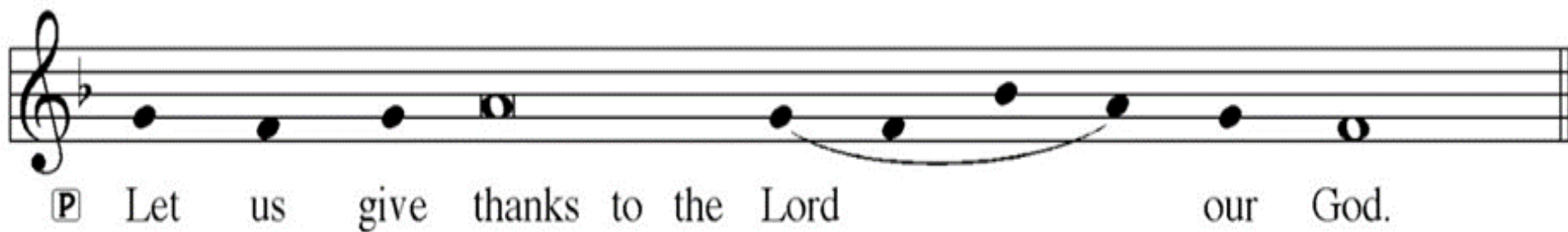
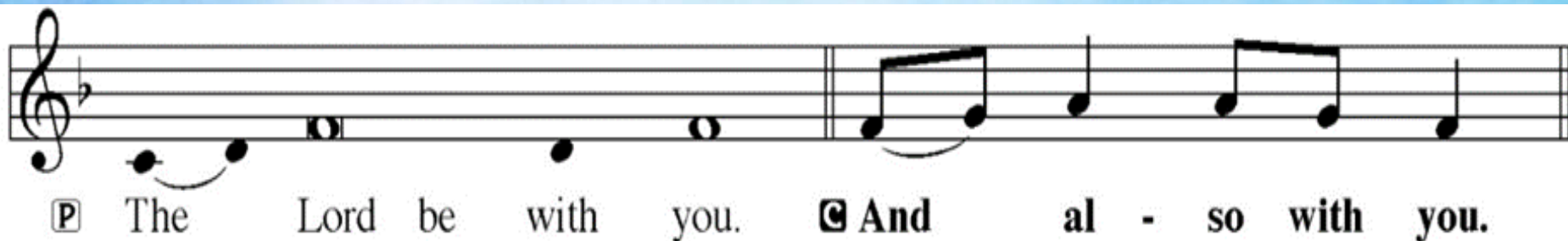
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* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*All the Baptized are welcome
to celebrate this Holy Meal.*

* DIALOGUE



*** THE PREFACE**

P: It is indeed right and salutary...

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

* THE SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san - na in the high - est.

*** EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P: Holy, living, and loving God...

...both now and forever.

C: Amen.

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: For thine is the kingdom, and
the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

*** INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Jesus, who meets us wherever we are, and strengthens us in our call to work for his justice, now invites us to the feast of his body and blood. Come and experience the presence of Jesus in this holy meal.

- **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

All will commune “By Station”.

*The bread may be broken for distribution.
As the ministers give the bread and wine,
they say these words :*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

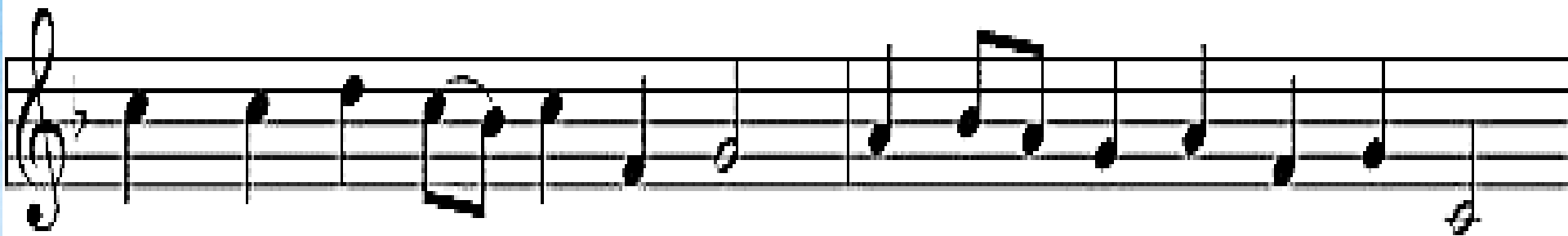
The communicant may say: **Amen.**

*** POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

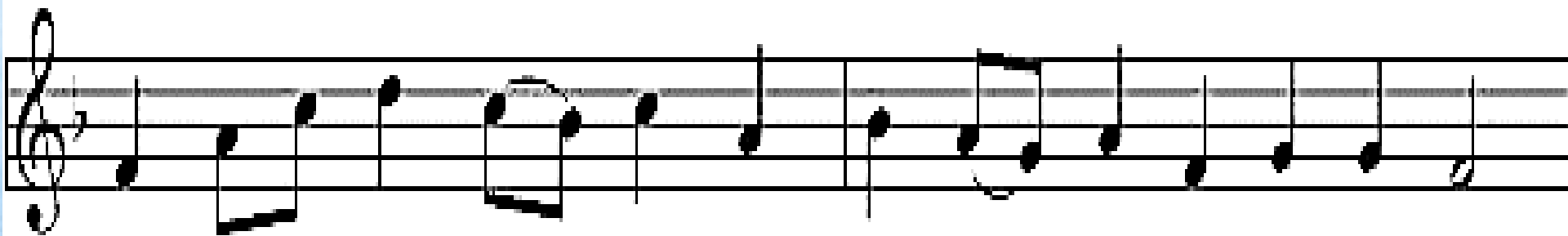
P: May this body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen, keep and unite us, ✝ now and forever, amen.

C: Amen.

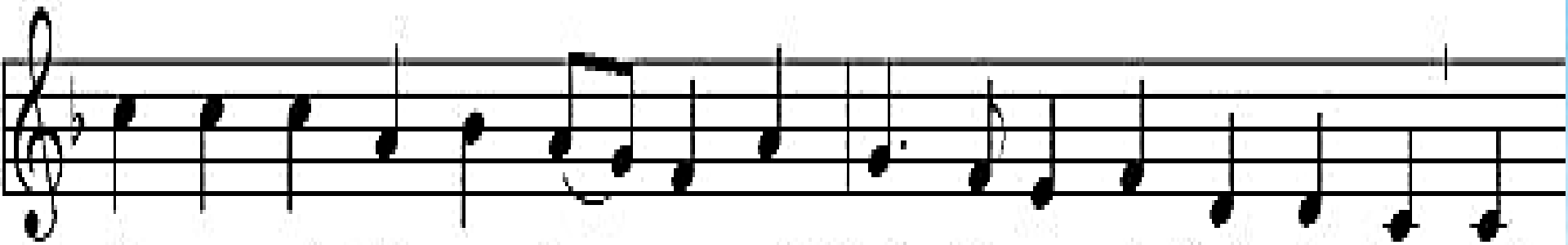
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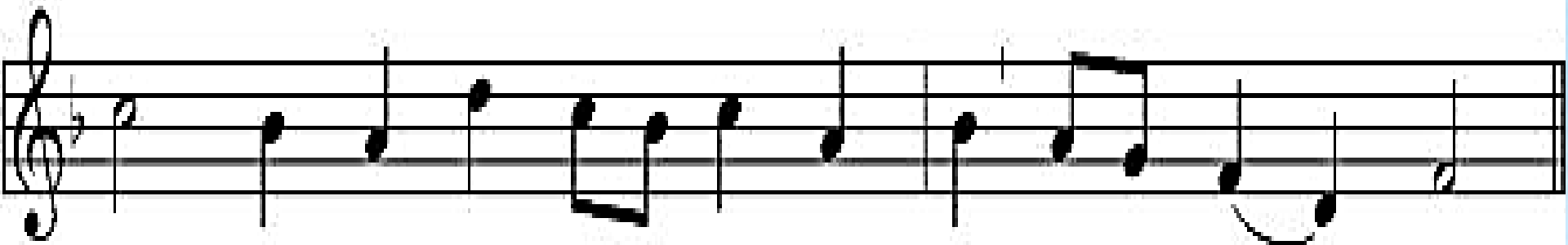
☪ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

*** POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**P: Let us pray... Shepherd God,
you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet to
proclaim your goodness and share
the abundant mercy of Jesus, our
redeemer and friend.**

C: Amen

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Church Announcements

*** SENDING BLESSING**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

*** Sending Song**
“Lead On, O King Eternal”
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Acts 17:1-9

**1 Lead on, O King eternal!
The day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest
your tents will be our home.
Through days of preparation
your grace has made us strong;
and now, O King eternal,
we lift our battle song.**

**2 Lead on, O King eternal,
till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper
the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords loud clashing,
nor roll of stirring drums,
but deeds of love and mercy
the heav'nly kingdom comes.**

**3 Lead on, O King eternal:
we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning
where'er your face appears.
Your cross is lifted o'er us;
we journey in its light;
the crown awaits the conquest;
lead on, O God of might!**

*** DISMISSAL**

P: ... Depart in Christ's Love.

**C: Seeking, welcoming, and serving
all. Amen!**

POSTLUDE

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