The Presbyterian Church at Tenafly



For Every Heart a Home

November 1st, 2026 at 10:30am
All Saints

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie
Liturgist: Carolyn Rocco
Ushers: Brian Coats-Thomas
Communion Servers: Diane Allen, Christina Chan, Tim Patryk, Jim Crook
Coffee Hour Host: Christina Chan

Welcome to worship! If you are visiting or here for the first time and would like to stay in touch with us, please consider filling in one of the contact cards that you will find alongside the hymnals or you can use this QR code. These can be placed in the offering plate or handed to an usher. Church School for children happens during the 10:30am worship service. Ask one of the ushers for directions if you would like to take your child through to join in.

All are welcome at the Lord's table. The gluten free bread and grape juice will be served together during the distribution. Please wait to eat and drink together on the Pastor's cue. He will say "the body of Christ", then we eat. "The blood of Christ", and then we drink.

Prelude

Welcome, Sharing the Peace and Announcements Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Minute for Stewardship Jeanne Lambert

Call to Worship

***Hymn** *Give Thanks for Life* (see page 12)

Prayer of Approach and Confession Liturgist

Kyrie Eleison

Martin sings:	Kyrie Eleison
Congregation, Choir:	Kyrie Eleison
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Declaration of Forgiveness Liturgist

The 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 debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
The power and the glory, forever. **AMEN**

Collect for the Day Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

First Reading Revelation 7:9-17 Liturgist

After this I 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 worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever 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 centre 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.'

Bell Choir *Simple Gifts*

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-3 Liturgist

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.

Choir Anthem *Blest Are the Pure in Heart* by Hugh Benham

Sermon Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Sharing our Gifts during which we hear *Air* from the Suite in D, by J.S Bach, played by Ryan Lee, violin and Martin Ritchie, organ

GENERAL OFFERING

If you are visiting or would like to make an extra offering on top of your usual contribution to the church, you can use your smart phone to scan this QR code to make a donation by credit card (3% surcharge) or by debit card (no surcharge). Cash and check donations are always acceptable!

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication Liturgist

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The table of bread and wine has been made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a while. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who may feel that you have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

***Song** *We Are Coming, Lord, to the Table* (see page 13-14)

The Great Thanksgiving

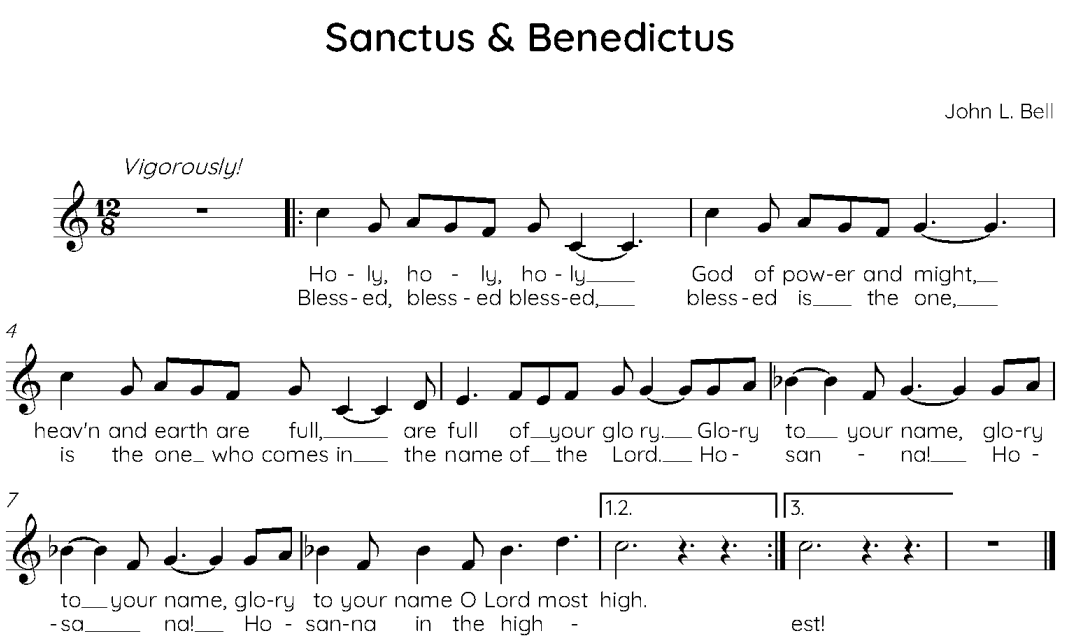
The Lord be with you
And also with you
Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, maker of light and darkness. Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos, brings a harvest out of sorrow and leads the exiles home.

In Christ your Son enemies are reconciled, debts forgiven and strangers made welcome. Your Spirit frees us to live as sons and daughters in our Father's house.

We who by Christ's power follow the way of the Cross, sharing the joy of his obedience, now offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven singing the hymn of your unending glory:

Sanctus and Benedictus (sung by all)



(the congregation sits)

Telling the Story

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father,
for Christ in whom the world is reconciled.
Lifted on the Cross, his suffering and forgiveness
spanned the gulf our sins had made.
Through that dark struggle
death was swallowed up in victory,
that life and light might reign.
Before he was given up to suffering and death,
recalling the night of Israel's release,
the night in which the sons of Egypt died,
your Chosen One, himself the First-Born,
freely offered his life.
At supper with his disciples
he took bread and offered you thanks.

He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:
"Take, eat.
This is my Body: it is broken for you."
After supper, he took the cup,
he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying:
"Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me."
We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

(unison) **Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by your life-giving power, they may be for us spiritual food and drink, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom. Help us, who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.**

Pastor: Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God
Have mercy on us
Jesus bearer of our sins
Have mercy upon us
Jesus redeemer of the world
Grant us your peace.

Sharing the Bread and Wine
(*The Elders will serve the bread and wine to you in your seats. Please wait to eat and drink all together*)

Post-Communion Prayer (Unison)

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn** *Glory to God* (see page 15)

Benediction and Celtic Amen
Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen (x2)

Postlude

***Those who are able, please stand.**

Announcements

NEXT SUNDAY
Joint Worship at 10:30am in the Sanctuary
Followed by Lunch and Listen with Aaron Daly in the Church House
(see below)

Livestreaming of Worship. Today's service is broadcast live online. You can watch the service again later via our website homepage if you wish to. Huge thanks to our entire technical team.

THIS AFTERNOON A Time to Remember at 4:30pm in the Chapel. A gentle hour of remembering and giving thanks for those we have loved and lost with music, words and creativity.

Adventures in Faith. All are welcome this **Wednesday** at 12noon in the Church House. Bring your lunch, drinks and treats provided! This week our theme will be "how are we formed?"

***Lightshine* Children's Choir.** No rehearsal on Saturday Nov. 7th. Next rehearsal November 14th in the Sanctuary at 10am.

NEXT SUNDAY *Lunch and Listen*. You're invited to a soup and sandwich lunch following 10:30am worship on November 8th in the church house to meet and hear from Aaron Daly, Chief Executive of Bergen Family Center. He will talk about the work of the center and his vision for the future. He is an inspiring guy! Don't miss him. **Please sign up for catering and seating purposes.**

Men's Dinners. We've scheduled the following dates for PCAT Men's Dinners in the Fall - save the date, more details to follow about venues! All men are welcome, including guests from outside the congregation. All dates are 7pm. Contact Jim Crook (201) 543-7277 or Pastor Martin (pastorpcat@gmail.com) if you would like to come.

Tuesday November 10th
Tuesday December 15th

Clothing and blanket drive for Greater Faith Works. As you change over to your fall and winter wardrobe, please consider donating unused clothing or blankets to Greater Faith Works based in Paterson. They especially need men's clothing but appreciate women's and children's clothing too. New this year is our asking for clean blankets as well. It is especially helpful if you can mark your bags with female child, male child, women, or men clothing. Helpful if blankets are in separate bags. We are accepting donations now. Please bring your goods on Sunday and drop in the box in the Narthex. Deadline is by 12 noon on Thursday, November 12th. Thank you. Any questions, contact Mary Jane at mjeimer@aol.com or text 201-914-7545.
Mary Jane Eimer and Gillian Iappelli, Mission Committee Co-chairs

Art Exhibition by Tenafly Artist Ellen Nathan Singer *Woodcuts and Etchings.* Access continues Monday through Friday until November 30th from 9am-12pm and 1pm to 3pm.

Sanctuary Space. Future dates through the end of the year to add to your calendar: Thursdays, November 19th and December 10th from 7-9pm. Introduction to meditation from 7-7:30pm with Jenny Jackson Miller then free time by candlelight with music and quiet until 9pm. Experience the gentle power of sharing in this together.

Scooby Doo Mystery Night. Saturday, November 14th from 4pm – 6:30pm. Kids 4 years through 6th grade can join Miss Sherrie to watch a short Scooby Doo movie and solve a mystery. Scooby snacks of pizza and popcorn! Children 4 years through 2nd grade to be accompanied by an adult please. **Sign up today by calling or emailing the church office**.

Poet's Café. Sunday November 15th 4pm in the Church House. We welcome local star poet and teacher Gary Whitehead, published in *The New Yorker* and with five volumes of published poetry behind him. He'll be bringing his protégé Genevieve Sarnak and current students from Tenafly High School. Come be amazed!

Book Event. *Officers' Mess* Enjoy a talk on Sunday, November 22nd at 4pm with local author Sandra Nunez as she discusses her memoir, blending personal family history with a pivotal moment in Sri Lankan politics — the 1962 attempted coup d'état — offering a rare perspective on post-colonial conflict and its impact on individuals and communities.

The Presby Readers enthusiastically support the Saturday, November 22nd at 4pm book discussion of Sandra Nunez's, *Officers' Mess*. Please check upcoming newsletters and bulletins for our January book selection and the meeting location.

Tenafly Interfaith Service for Thanksgiving is Tuesday November 24th at 7:30pm at Temple Sinai. There will be an interfaith choir rehearsing at 6:30pm. All are welcome to take part – let Jim Millar know.

Greening of the Church for Advent. Saturday November 28th at 9:30am. Come lend a hand to help decorate our Sanctuary and Chapel for Christmas.

Come and Sing Advent with Will Farnham Saturday November 28th at 2:30pm. This is an open invitation to singers from church and the wider community to enjoy learning beautiful music which will be performed the same day in our **candlelight service of Music and Readings for Advent at 6:30pm in the Chapel.**

Amahl and the Night Visitors: Saturday, December 5th at 7pm. A short magical and heartwarming Christmas opera by Menotti starring Christina Hart as the mother and Teddy Hart as the son. Directed by Jim Millar

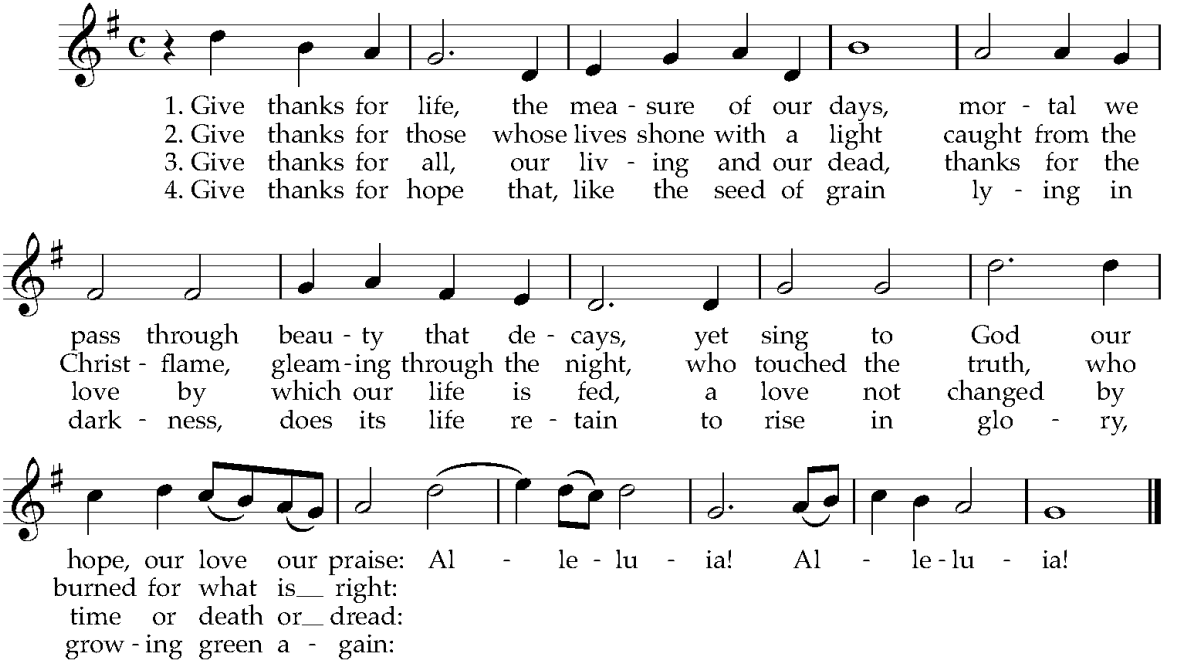
Regular Groups at PCAT

GROUP	WHEN	CONTACT
AA (Morning Glory)	Saturdays 10:30am JHH	Jay McSherry JayMcSherry@earthlink.net
Adventures in Faith	Wednesday 12pm Church House	Pastor Martin pastorpcat@gmail.com
Bell Choir	Tuesdays 4pm Room 203	Jim Millar Dirmusic@tenaflypresby.org
Choir	Sundays 9am	Jim Millar Dirmusic@tenaflypresby.org
Church School and Childcare	Sundays 10:30am	Sherrie Reilley reilleysherrie@gmail.com
Cro-Knitters	Tuesdays 2pm-4pm Lounge	Joan Roselle (201) 569-3819
English Second Language (ESL)	Tuesdays 10am-12pm Church House	Jun Motai Motaicoaching@gmail.com
Lightshine Children's Choir	Saturdays 10am-11:30am	Christina Hart office@tenaflypresby.org
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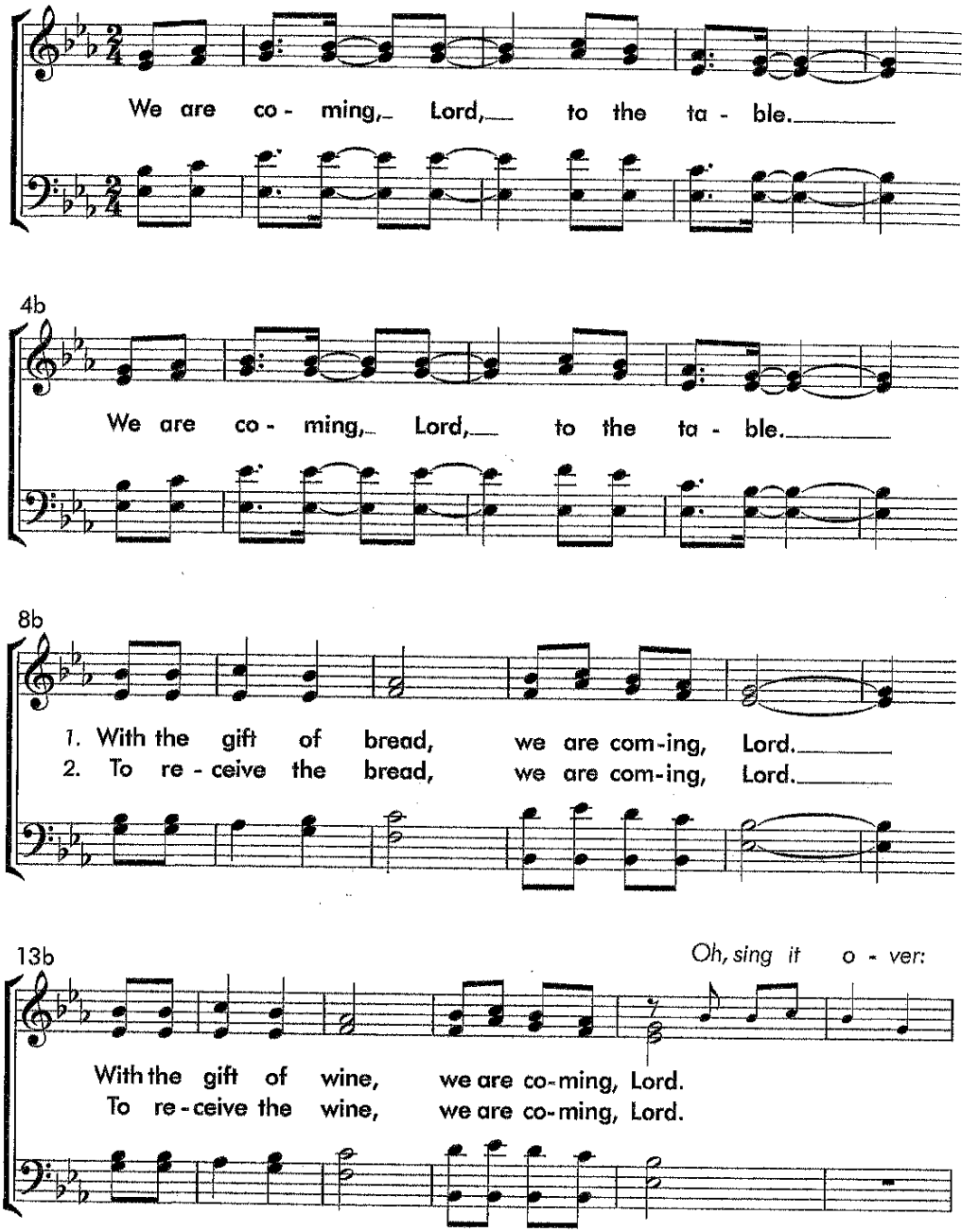
Give Thanks for Life

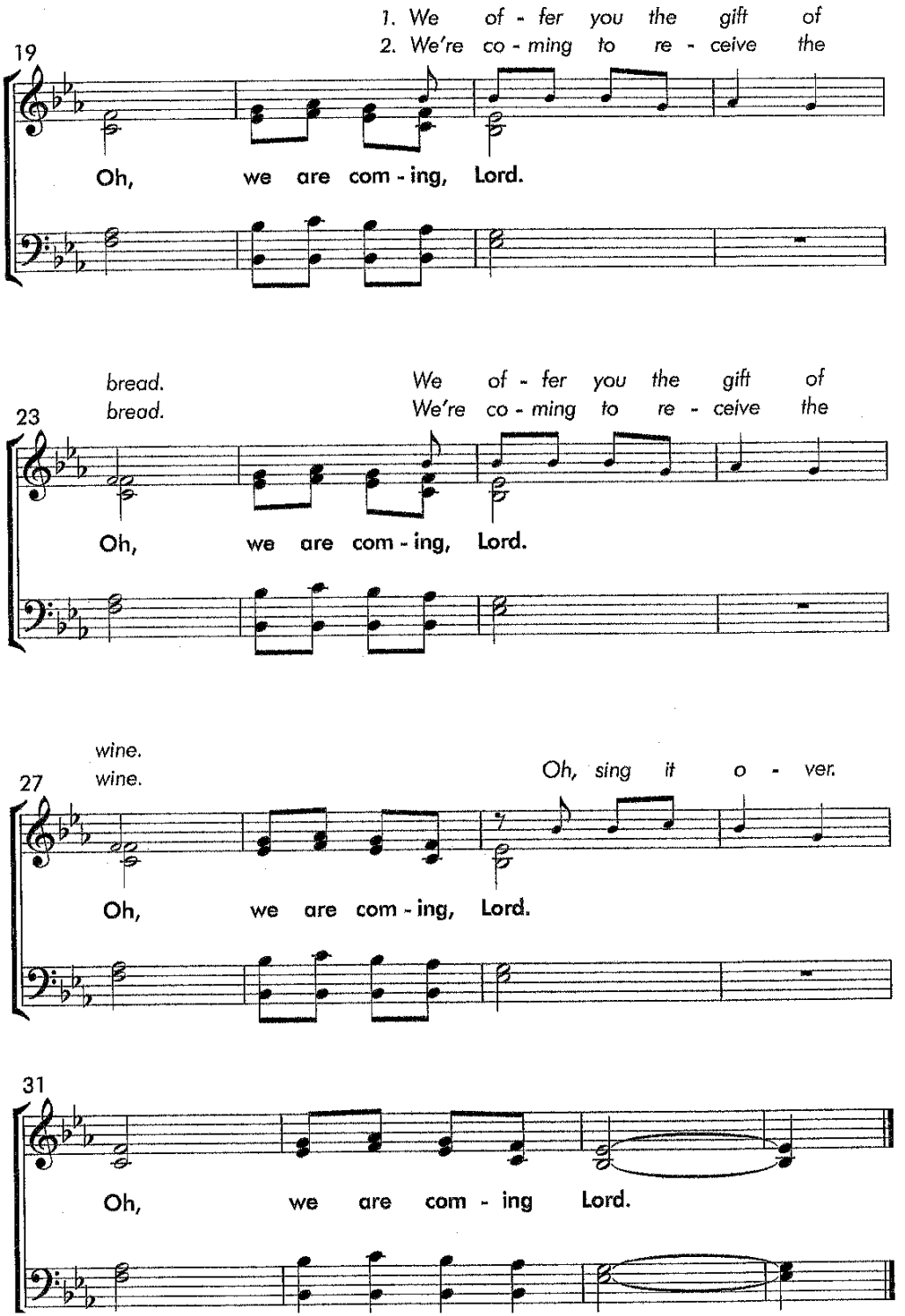
Shirley Erena Murray — Ralph Vaughan Williams



We are coming, Lord, to the table

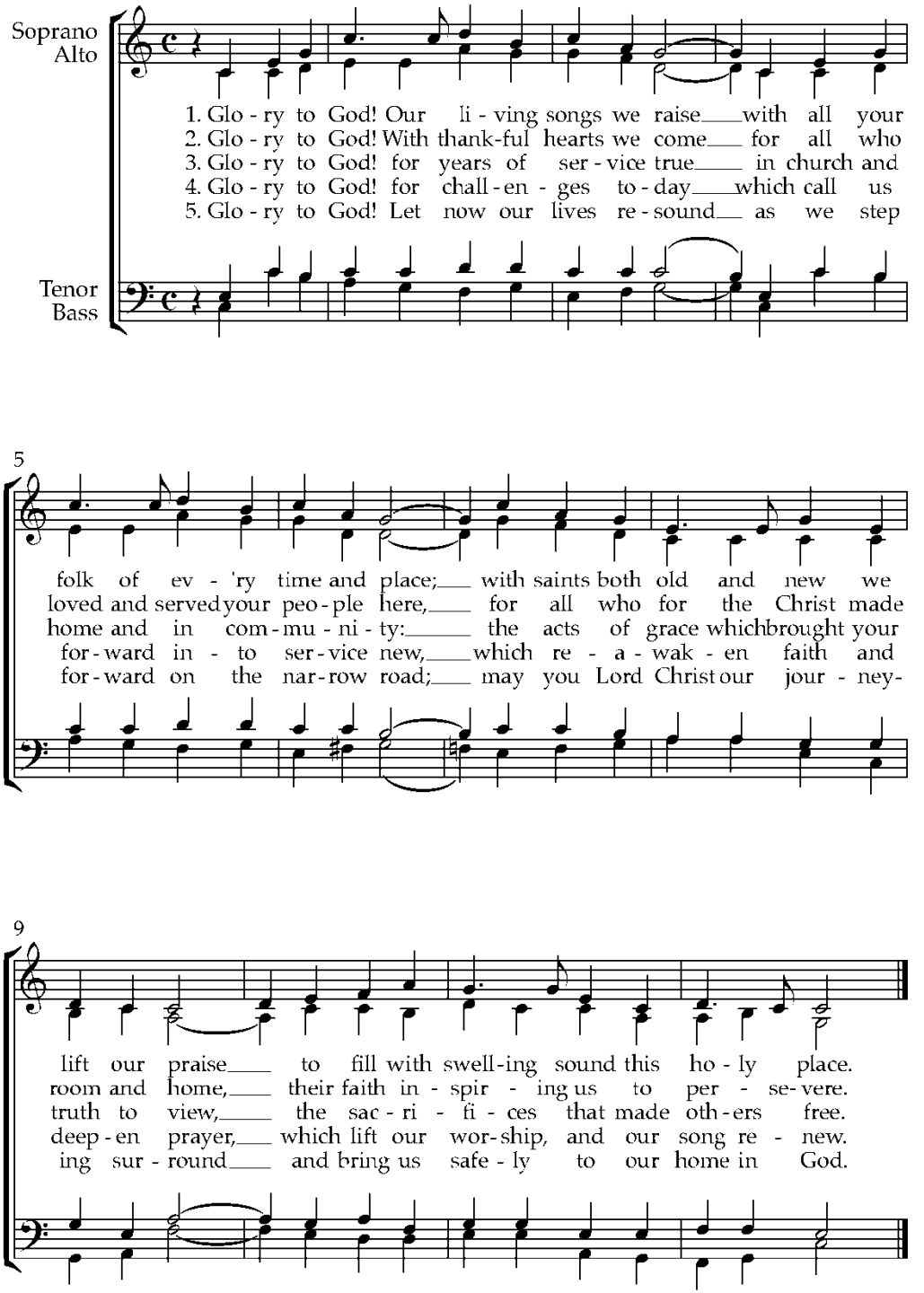
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1. We of - fer you the gift of
2. We're co - ming to re - ceive the
Oh, we are com - ing, Lord.
23
bread.
bread.
We of - fer you the gift of
We're co - ming to re - ceive the
Oh, we are com - ing, Lord.
27
wine.
wine.
Oh, sing it o - ver.
Oh, we are com - ing, Lord.
31
Oh, we are com - ing Lord.

Glory to God

The Bleacher Lass o'Kelvinaugh



Doodle Away . . .

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