



**KIMBALL MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
101 VANCE ST. KANNAPOLIS, NC 28081

**November 24, 2024**

**Christ the King Sunday**

**10:00 am**

**GATHERING MUSIC**

*He Reigns*

*Steve Taylor / Peter Furler*

**VERSE**

1. It's the song of the re-deemed ris-ing from the Af-ri-can plain.  
(2. Let it) rise a-bove the four winds, caught up in the heav-en-ly sound.

4  
It's the song of the for-giv-en  
Let prais-es ech-o from the tow-ers of ca-the-drals to the

6  
drown-ing out the Am-a-zon rain. The song of  
faith-ful gath-ered un-der-ground. Of all the songs sung from the

9  
A-sian be-liev-ers filled with God's ho-ly fire. It's ev-'ry tribe, ev-'ry  
dawn of cre-a-tion, some were meant to per-sist. Of all the bells rung from a

13  
tongue, ev-'ry na-tion; A love song born of a grate-ful choir.  
thou-sand stee-ples, none rings tru-er than this:

**CHORUS**

16  
It's all God's chil-dren sing-ing: "Glo-ry, glo-ry, hal-le-lu-jah! He reigns,

19  
He reigns!" It's all God's chil-dren sing-ing, "Glo-ry, glo-ry, hal-le-lu-jah! He reigns,

23  
He reigns." 1. And all the pow-ers of dark-ness  
2. Let it And all the pow-ers of dark-ness

27  
trem-ble at what they've just heard, 'cause all the pow-ers of dark-ness

31  
can't drown out a sin-gle word. It's all God's chil-dren sing-ing: **Repeat CHORUS**

**VERSE**

1. Stand ing in Your pres - ence Lord, my heart and life are changed.  
 (2.) called me, I will fol - low Your will for me, I'm sure.

4

Just to love You and to live to see Your beau - ty and Your grace.  
 Let Your heart - beat, be my heart's cry, let me live to serve Your call.—

**CHORUS 1**

8

Heav - en and earth cry out Your name, na - tions rise up and see Your face;

12

And Your King - dom is es - tab - lished as I live to know You more.

**CHORUS 2**

16

Now I will nev - er be the same, Spir - it of God, my life You've changed;

20

And I'll for - ev - er sing Your praise, I live to know You, Lord. I live to

25

**1** know You, Lord. *D.C.* **2** You've know You, Lord. Heav - en and earth know You, Lord. **3**

31 **(3)** *D.S.* **4** **ENDING**

Now I will nev know You, Lord. I live to know You, Lord. I live to know You, Lord..

37

✝ Please stand as you are able. Congregation responses in **Bold**.

✝ **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our 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.

† GATHERING HYMN *ELW 870*

*We Praise You, O God*

KREMSER

1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;  
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;  
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.  
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

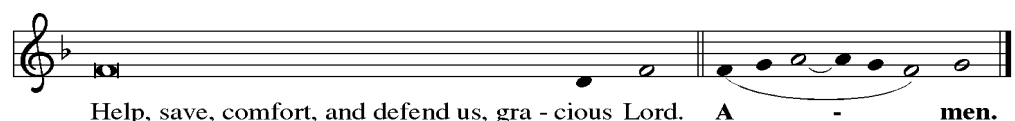
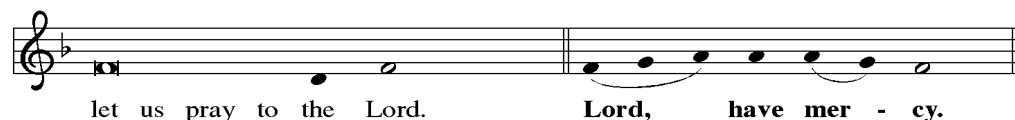
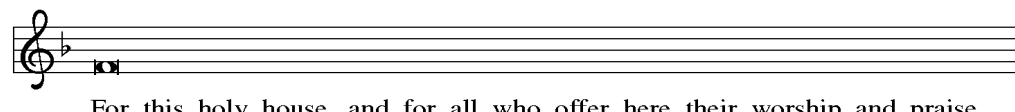
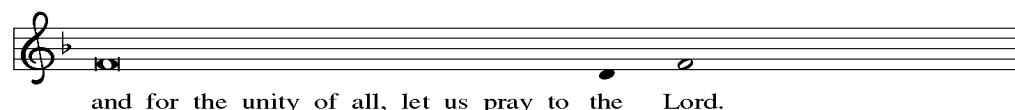
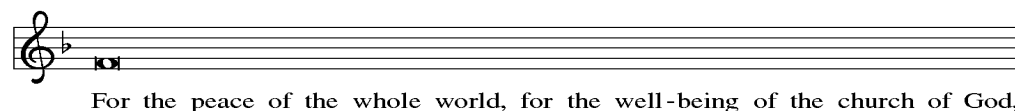
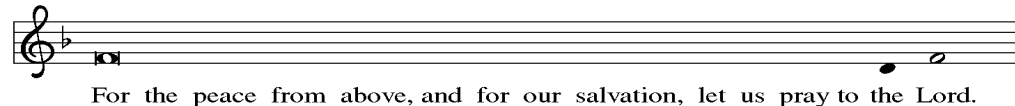
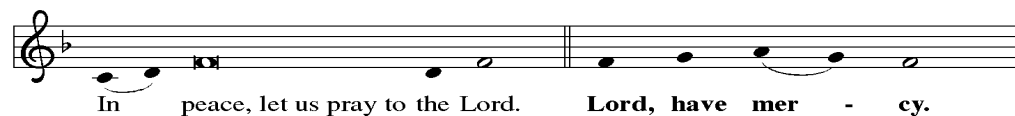
We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;  
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,  
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.

we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.  
and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.  
To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

## GREETING

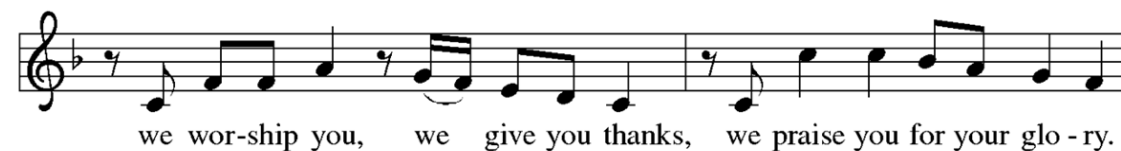
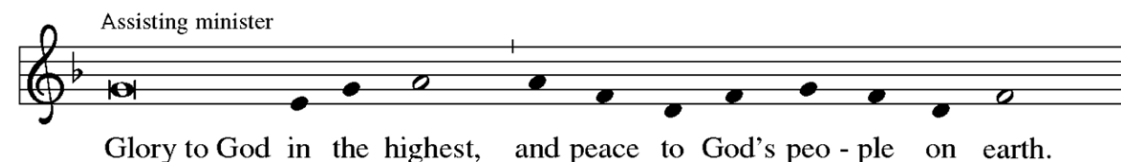
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C And also with you

## ✠ KYRIE *ELW S138*



## ✠ CANTICLE OF PRAISE *ELW S139*

*Glory to God*



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
 you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;  
 you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.  
 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,  
 in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

## ✠ PRAYER OF THE DAY

**A** Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## LET'S TALK

### *Children's Time*

## READING Revelation 1:4b-8

*The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.*

**L** A reading from the first chapter of Revelation.

**G**race to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup> Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. <sup>8</sup> "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

**L** Word of God, word of life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

✠ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** ELW S142

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

✠ **GOSPEL John 18:33-37**

*In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.*

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

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

**P**ilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” <sup>35</sup> Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” <sup>37</sup> Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**PRESENTATION**

*Stephanie Burke*

✠ **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*We Plow the Fields and Scatter*

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**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*Apostles' Creed*

**A** With the people of God in Christ now and in every time, let us confess our faith.

**C** **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 into hell. 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.**

1 We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land,  
 2 You on - ly are the mak - er of all things near and far.  
 3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, for all things bright and good,

but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand,  
 You paint the way - side flow - er, you light the eve - ning star.  
 the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food.

who sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
 The winds and waves o - bey you, by you the birds are fed;  
 No gifts have we to of - fer for all your love im - parts,

the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.  
 much more to us, your chil - dren, you give our dai - ly bread.  
 but what you most would trea - sure—our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

*Refrain*

All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove.

We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A Please kneel or be seated for the Prayers.

*Prayer petitions will conclude: "Merciful God,"  
The congregation's response is: "receive our prayer."*

P We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

## ✠ SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

A The peace of Christ be with you.

C And also with you.

A Please greet those around you with words of peace.

## ANTHEM

*The Gift of Love*

*Hal H. Hopson*

## ✠ OFFERING PRESENTATION *ELW 186*

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name.

C Amen.



## HOLY COMMUNION

*We have two options for Communion during this time. You are free to come forward to receive the bread and pre-filled cups of wine from our clergy and lay assistants, returning to your seats after you've deposited the empty cup and following the guidance of our ushers; or you may continue to use the pre-packaged communion elements which are available from the ushers at the entrance to the Sanctuary. However you choose to receive Communion this morning, know that we are glad you're here for this Sacrament!*

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**P** In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**

## INVITATION

**P** Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

**Receive the Elements as the words are said:**

*The Body of Christ given for you; The Blood of Christ shed for you.*

*Healing Prayer is available under the balcony during Communion if you desire prayer.*





- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?  
 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?  
 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim - son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?  
 What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?  
 What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.  
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.  
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!  
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!  
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

### ✠ POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

**C** Amen.

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## ✠ POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

*Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise*



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - jice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P** Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

**P** The Ancient One, enthroned,  
the Crucified One, now risen,  
the Indwelling One, poured out,  
✠ bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## SENDING HYMN

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

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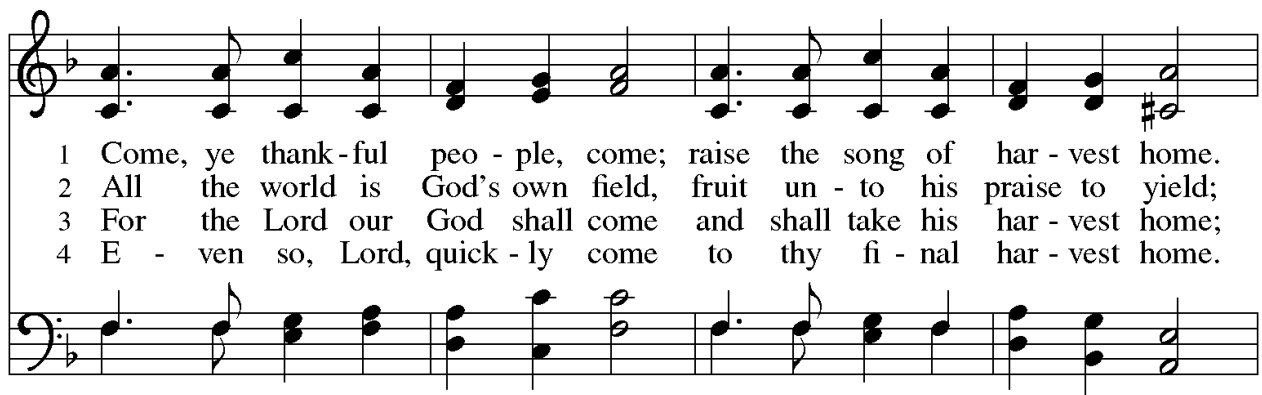
**A** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

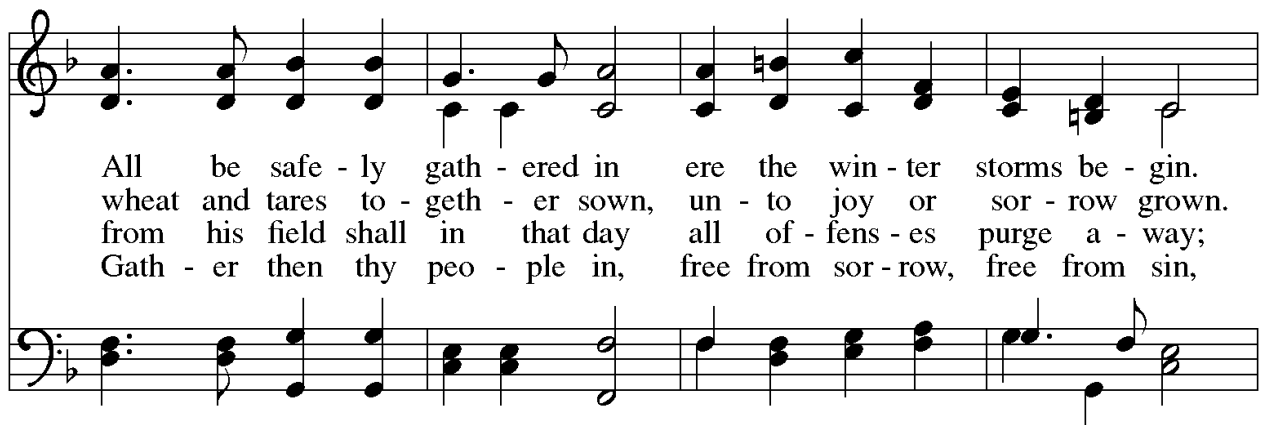
## POSTLUDE

*March in B Flat*

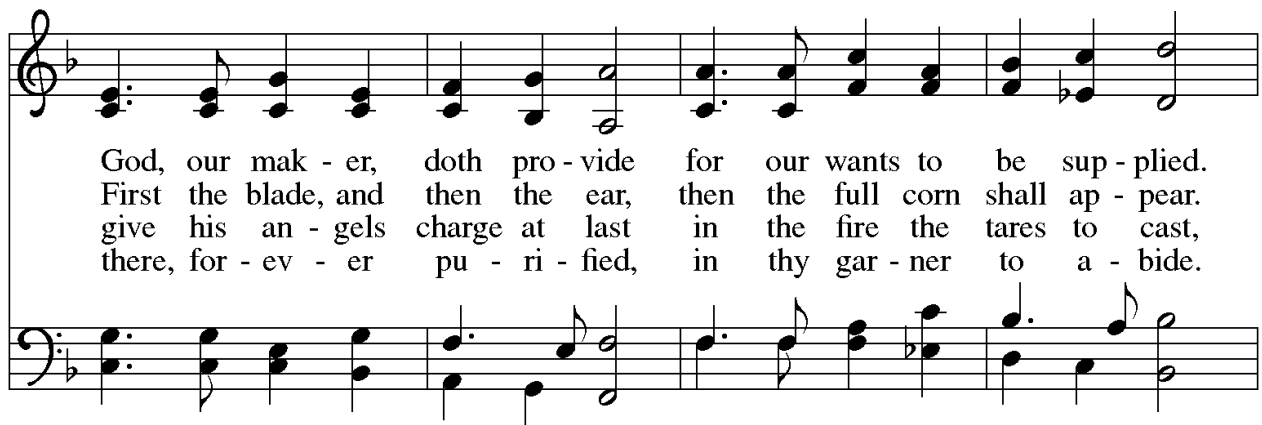
*Charles Sergisson*



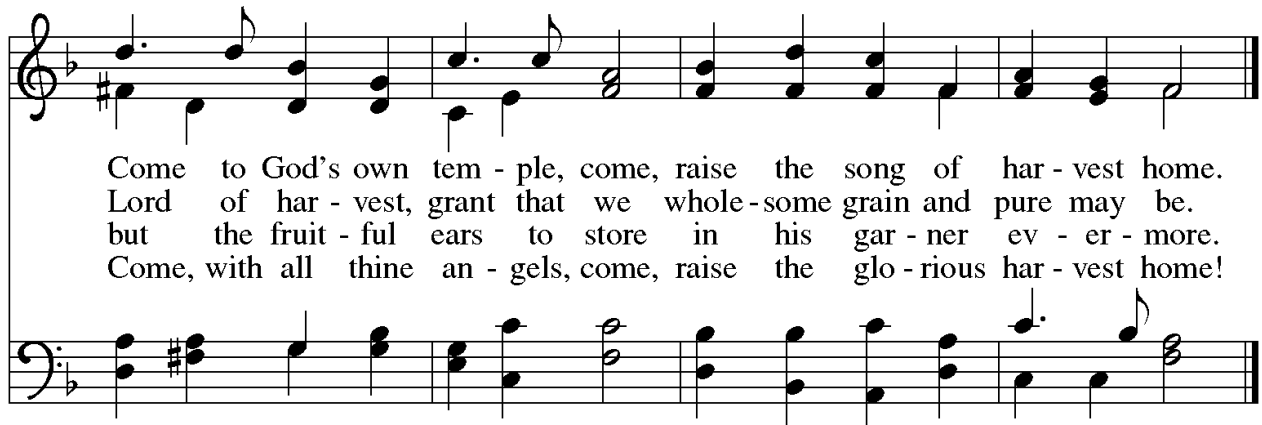
1 Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.  
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un-to his praise to yield;  
 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har-vest home;  
 4 E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi-nal har-vest home.



All be safe-ly gath-ered in ere the win-ter storms be-gin.  
 wheat and tares to-gether sown, un-to joy or sor-row grown.  
 from his field shall in that day all of-fens-es purge a-way;  
 Gath-er then thy peo-ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin,



God, our mak-er, doth pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied.  
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap-pear.  
 give his an-gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
 there, for-ev-er pu-ri-fied, in thy gar-ner to a-bide.



Come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.  
 Lord of har-vest, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be.  
 but the fruit-ful ears to store in his gar-ner ev-er-more.  
 Come, with all thine an-gels, come, raise the glo-rious har-vest home!