Sunday, November 13, 2022 23rd Sunday after Pentecost **WELCOME** to Emanuel's Lutheran Church! It is our joy to have you worship with us today



PRELUDE

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who redeems us in Christ Jesus, whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: Amen.

- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,
- C: we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have ignored voices that call for your justice. We have neglected actions that witness to your righteousness. We have spoken and acted in ways that disrupt your beloved community. We truly repent of things we have done and left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Restore our troubled spirits, so that we may live in newness, follow the way of the Spirit, and build up the body of Christ. Amen.
- P: Rejoice and be glad! God hears the prayers of all who cry out, and restores us to life through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins,

in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "If You But Trust in God to Guide You" ELW 769

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.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Let us pray together.

C: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-2a

L: A reading from Malachi.

¹See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a}But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings."

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98

WORD

The congregation is invited to sing the bold verses and the refrain.



¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done [|] marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have [|] won the victory.

²O LORD, you have made ¹ known your victory,

you have revealed your righteousness in the sight [|] of the nations.

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the ¹ house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory ¹ of our God.

⁴Shout with joy to the LORD, ¹ all you lands;

lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing. R

⁵Sing to the LORD¹ with the harp,

with the harp and the ¹ voice of song.

⁶With trumpets and the sound ¹ of the horn

shout with joy before the ¹ king, the LORD.

⁷Let the sea roar, and ¹ all that fills it,

the world and those who ¹ dwell therein.

⁸Let the rivers ¹ clap their hands,

and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to 1 judge the earth.

⁹The LORD will judge the ¹ world with righteousness and the peo- ¹ ples with equity. **R**

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

L: A reading from Thessalonians.

⁶Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not

because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, 6"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." ⁷They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. ⁹"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ¹²"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor John

HYMN OF THE DAY "In the Bleak Midwinter" ELW 294

APOSTLES CREED

AM: Let us confess the faith of the church, using the words of the Apostles Creed. C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

AM: United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world. Reviving God, keep your church active in its mission and ministry. Encourage bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders to risk boldly in their proclamation and fill them with wisdom and endurance for challenging times.

Response to each petition: AM: Lord, in your mercy, C: receive our prayer.

AM: Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you. C: And also with you.

OFFERING HYMN	"Jerusalem, My Happy Home"	ELW 628

MEAL

OFFERING

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Giving information is located on the back of the bulletin.

OFFERING PRAYER

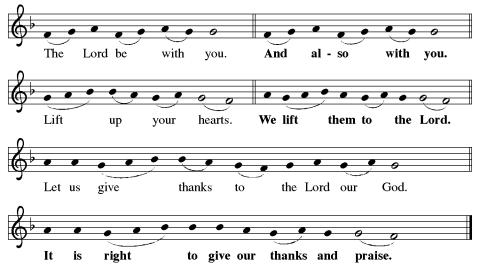
AM: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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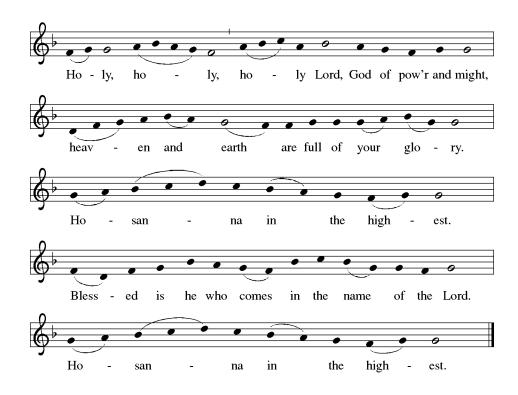
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PREFACE

SANCTUS

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

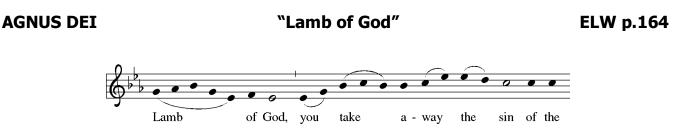
LORD'S PRAYER

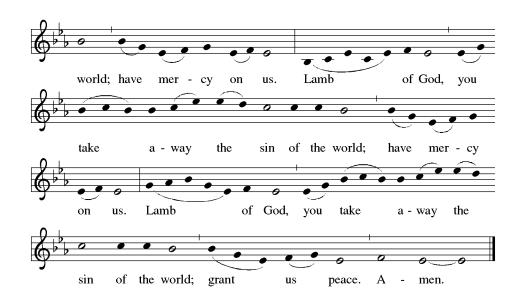
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Christ spreads a table before you. Gather here with all the saints.





COMMUNION

Communion will take place via continuous line (right side) and continuous kneeling (left side). We welcome all baptized persons to the Lord's Table who believe Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. Children are also welcomed to be brought forward to receive a blessing. For those taking communion via continuous line, please make your way up the right-hand side of the main aisle. Participants will be offered a wafer and invited to eat with these words, "the body of Christ given for you." If you would like a gluten free wafer, please ask the pastor or communion assistant for one and they will present you with a plate where you may retrieve the wafer. Each will then step, to the right, to the silver tray that contains glasses of white grape juice at the center and outer empty glasses for wine. Lastly, participants will step to the last assistant who will pour the wine and share these words, "the blood of Christ shed for you." Place your glass in the small silver bowl at the end of the first pew as you return to your seat. If you wish to come forward and not receive either element, please cross your arms for a blessing. For those kneeling for communion, please make your way up the left-hand side of the main aisle. The bread and wine will be presented to you as you kneel, following the outline above. Please place your communion glass in the small tray on the back side of the kneeler after you have drunk the juice or wine before departing from the rail as you are ready and return to your seat.

COMMUNION HYMN

"Deep River"

ACS 951 African American Spiritual

Refrain

Deep river, my home is over Jordan, deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

- 1 Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast, that promised land where all is peace? Oh, *Refrain*
- 2 Oh, when I get to heaven, I'll take my seat, and cast my crown at Jesus' feet. Oh, *Refrain*

TABLE BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

AM: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P: The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, + bless you now and forever.

C: Amen

SENDING HYMN

"How Firm a Foundation"

ELW 796

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world. C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given today in memory of Anne and Marvin Johnson by Phyllis Johnson and Melissa Barbre.

MUSICIANS TODAY: Karen Vogel, cantor; Chris Teague, guitar

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY, November 13, 2022: Preaching: Pastor John; Presiding: Pastor John; Assisting Minister: Jordana Gutierrez; Acolyte: Liam Teague; Communion Assistants: Marsha Schroeder, Bill Elley, Natalie Alexander, Steve Anderson, Deb Haug; Reader: Mike Haug; Ushers: Parker, Debbie Parker, Hughlene Micheli, Karen Weinstein; Altar Guild: Marsha Schroeder, John Van Deusen, Faye Van Deusen; AV/Tech: Walt Seidenschwarz; Council Greeter: Allan Bode; Hospitality: Cathy Anderson, Susan Yeatts, Judy Sagebiel

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SUNDAY, November 20, 2022: Preaching: Pastor John; Presiding: Pastor John; Assisting Minister: Karen Weinstein; Acolyte: Cason Ulrich; Communion Assistants: Liz Witten, Cindy Pique, Bev Seidenschwarz, Melissa Barbre, Elizabeth Jandt; Reader: Darlene Zies; Ushers: Jacqueline Springs, Rissa Springs, Ilene Cherry, Darlene Zies; Altar Guild: Marsha Schroeder, Cindy Pique; AV/Tech: Jonathan Zitelman; Council Greeter: Bill Meier; Hospitality: Gloria Hanna, Carol Hamilton, Doris Jefferies

EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY WORSHIP is in-person, online, and aired on KWED AM 1580 radio at 10:30 a.m.

COVID-19 SAFETY UPDATE: Masks are welcomed but no longer required on the church campus. Please refer to the entire updated *2022 Emanuel's Covid-19 Policy* on our website.

EMANUEL'S MISSION STATEMENT: "To be the church God is calling us to be by declaring God's love, serving others, and embracing all."

TRAVIS STREET ACCESS RAMP is UNDER CONSTRUCTION. If needed, please use the Gonzales Street ramp or enter through the Mountain Street door to access the elevator.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES SUNDAY MORNINGS

Children's Sunday School (1st Floor Green Room near elevator): Preschool to 5th graders are invited to join the Education Team for a rotation style Sunday morning education program starting at 9:15am. November Children's Sunday School (Preschool to 5th Grade): 11/6 – Noah's Ark – Science; 11/13-Noah's Ark – Creative Drama; 11/20 – Noah's Ark- Bible Skills; 11/27 – First Sunday of Advent - Art

The Heritage Class (307): Augsburg Fortress Quarterly Adult Bible Study led by various class members during the winter quarter. Fall study is *God's Exceptional Choice*. 9:15 a.m.

Joy Class (Women's Ministry Room): Bible stories and songs for adults with intellectual disabilities. Gathering at 9:15 on the First Sundays of the month.

WEEKDAY STUDIES

Faith Circle (Women's Ministry Rm): 3rd Tuesdays at 2:30; **Joy Circle** (Women's Ministry Rm): 2nd Thursday at 9:30; **Ladies Aid** (Women's Ministry Rm): 1st Wednesdays at 2:00 except in July

PASTOR MARCUS OUT serving on the ELCA National Council **Wednesday, November 9 through Sunday, November 13** in Chicago. Pastor John Van Deusen will be on call for any pastoral care emergencies, 830-305-5658.

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS from the pen of the Mission Interpreter. Despite its moniker, **ELCA World Hunger** is involved in doing a great deal more than providing food to people after natural disasters and to those in need because of crop loss and war and violence. The rescue ship *Sea-Eye 4*, which picks up refugees in the Mediterranean, was outfitted with funds from that arm of our church. Read vol 2, issue 38 of *Sharing the Good News* in our Weekly E-News or a narthex copy.

THANK YOU to everyone who purchased **tamales** in support of our children, youth, and family ministries! Over 400 dozen tamales were ordered, sorted, bagged, and picked up this past week. A huge thank you to Hughlene Micheli and our Vicars for their help getting everything where it needed to go. If you were not able to pick up your order on Monday, please see Vicar Jordana or Vicar Connor and they will get you your order. Thank you again for your continued support!

"HEALING HOLIDAYS: Making Your Grief Count" is **Sunday, November 13** from 3-5pm in the Family Life Center. Grief during the Holidays is always challenging, and even more so in the past years. Learning to navigate a changing world combined with the sorrow of our loss causes us to grieve on many levels. This workshop will help families embrace their grief, while strengthening characteristics of resilience. Presenter: Darwin Huartson, M. Div., BCC. RSVP to *Donna Simmons*.

SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB Thanksgiving Luncheon is **Thursday, November 17** at 11:30 in the Women's Ministry Room. Everyone is to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

DAY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER: Order from Marco's Pizza on **Thursday, November 17** and Marco's will give a percentage of the sales generated by you back to our program! Make sure when placing your order to mention you are supporting Emanuel's Lutheran Day School. Everyone is able to order online under the fundraiser tab for either delivery or pick up at <u>www.marcos.com</u>. You can also call 830-560-9999.

THE NEA BIG READ: SEGUIN this year is reading the book "Heartland" by Sarah Smarsh. Emanuel's is proud to be joining TLU, the Seguin Public Library, and other local groups as we broaden our understanding or our world, our neighbors, and ourselves through the power of a shared reading experience. Free copies of "Heartland" are available in the narthex and church office. Please join our book discussion led by Cathy Anderson on **Sunday, November 20** at 9:15 in the Family Life Center.

ADVENT DECORATING will begin immediately following worship on **Sunday, November 20.** Our goal for the day is to assemble and decorate both trees, fluff and hang the wreaths and garland, and hang the Chrismons. Anyone who is available to lend a hand, *even for just 10 minutes,* would be greatly appreciated.

ALL MINISTRY TEAM MEETING NIGHT is **Monday**, **November 21** at 6:30pm in the Women's Ministry Room. All of Emanuel's Ministry Teams now gather on a single evening each month to collaborate, plan, and schedule for upcoming events and ministry projects. Council Members act as team leaders/coordinators, but Ministry Teams are open to, and run by, everyone in the congregation.

BLUE SANTA GIFT WRAPPING: As Christmas and the season of giving nears, we are excited to have the opportunity to join others in the community by wrapping gifts for Blue Santa. Emanuel's Lutheran Church and Day School would like to show up as a group on the following nights. **November 29**, 5:30-7 and **December 8**, 6-7:30 @ Faith Lutheran's gym. Please contact Sarah Kennedy at (281) 734-3845 or sarah13kennedy@gmail.com to share your interest and receive updates as the time comes.

ADVENT NOONDAY SERVICE AND LUNCH: *This Will be a Sign for You* on Wednesdays, **November 30, December 7, 14 & 21** at 12:05 p.m. in the sanctuary. Join us for a time of prayers, song, and food as we prepare for the coming of Christ. Discussion of the lesson and light lunch to follow in the Women's Ministry Room.

TLU VESPERS SERVICE: Emanuel's friends will be joining the TLU School of Music for Christmas Vespers on **December 2, 3, & 4** in Jackson Auditorium as we welcome the holiday season. Contact Donna Simmons if you need assistance ordering tickets.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is **Sunday, December 11, 2022**, immediately following the celebration of Holy Communion. This meeting will take into consideration with potential action the 2023 proposed budget, church council nominees and synod delegates.

CALLING ALL COOKIE BAKERS! The Congregational Care Team is seeking home baked treats for our homebound members to be delivered in December. Please bring your sweet treats to the church office by **Tuesday, December 12**. We will repackage to make sure everyone gets a nice assortment.

Advent and Christmas Sneak Peek

November 20, Sunday Advent Decorating immediately following worship November 27, Sunday 1st Sunday of Advent, Advent Wreath Making November 29 & December 8 Blue Santa Gift Wrapping at Faith Lutheran November 30, Wednesday Advent Noonday Service & Lunch December 1, Thursday Holiday Stroll Parade in Downtown Seguin December 2,3 & 4, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday Vespers Service at TLU December 4, Sunday 2nd Sunday of Advent "Elf-tastic" Youth & Family event at Spirit of Joy December 7, Wednesday Advent Noonday Service & Lunch December 9, Friday Choir singing at the Red Barn Country Christmas December 11, Sunday 3rd Sunday of Advent December 14, Wednesday Advent Noonday Service & Lunch December 18, Sunday 4th Sunday of Advent, Day School sings at Worship December 21, Wednesday Advent Noonday Service & Lunch Longest Night Service at St. Andrews December 24, Saturday, Christmas Eve Family Worship Service at 4pm Traditional Worship Service at 7pm

December 25, Sunday, Christmas Day Lessons and Carols Worship Service at 10:30am

GIVING AT EMANUEL'S: Donations and tithes to the church may be given by: envelopes in the pews; mailed to Emanuel's Lutheran Church, 206 N. Travis Street Seguin, TX 78155, online through https://tinyurl.com/emanuelsgiving, or scanned with QR Code below.



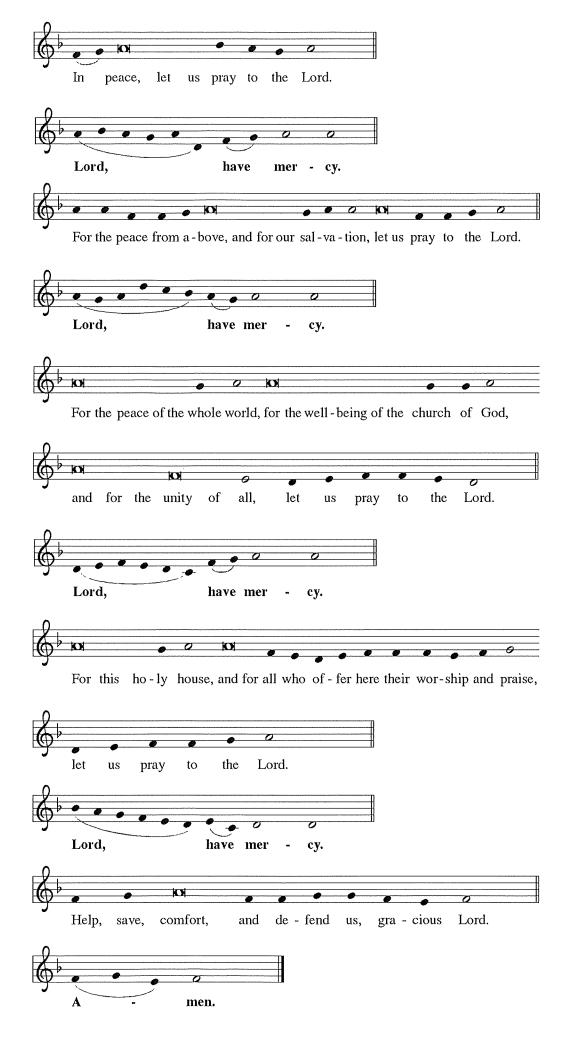
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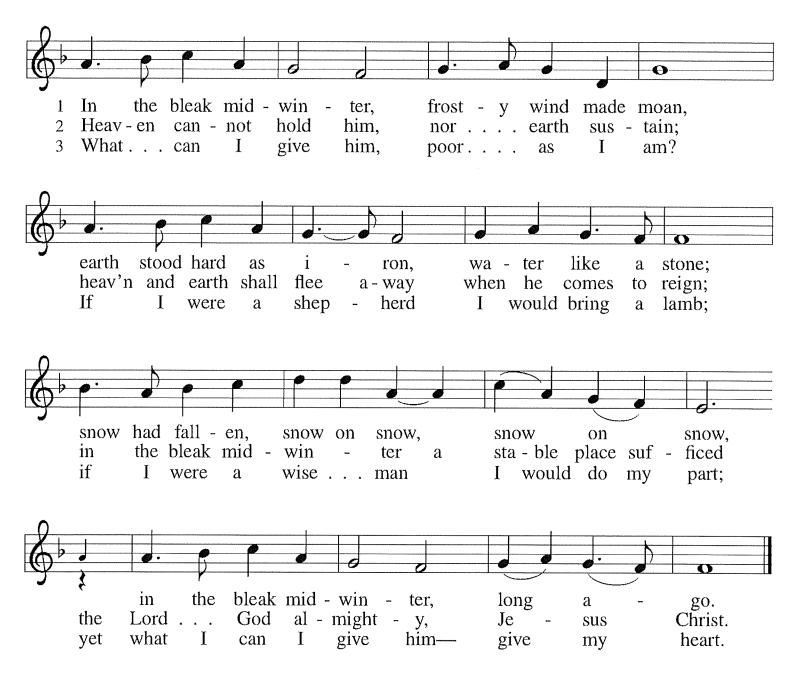


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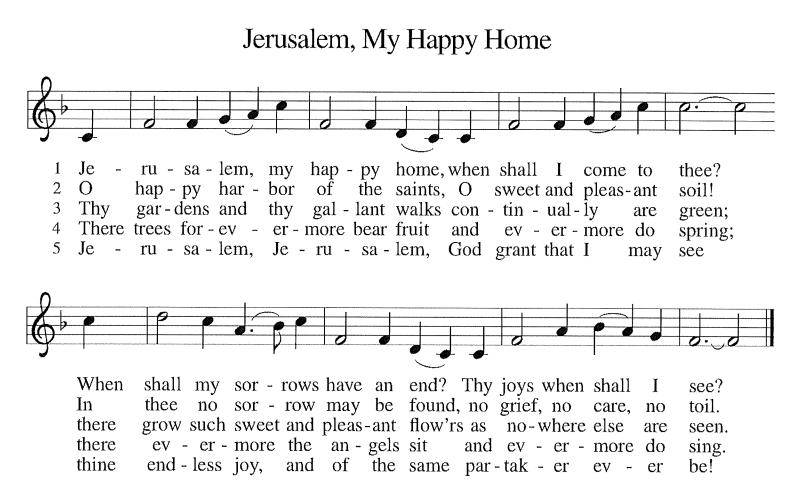
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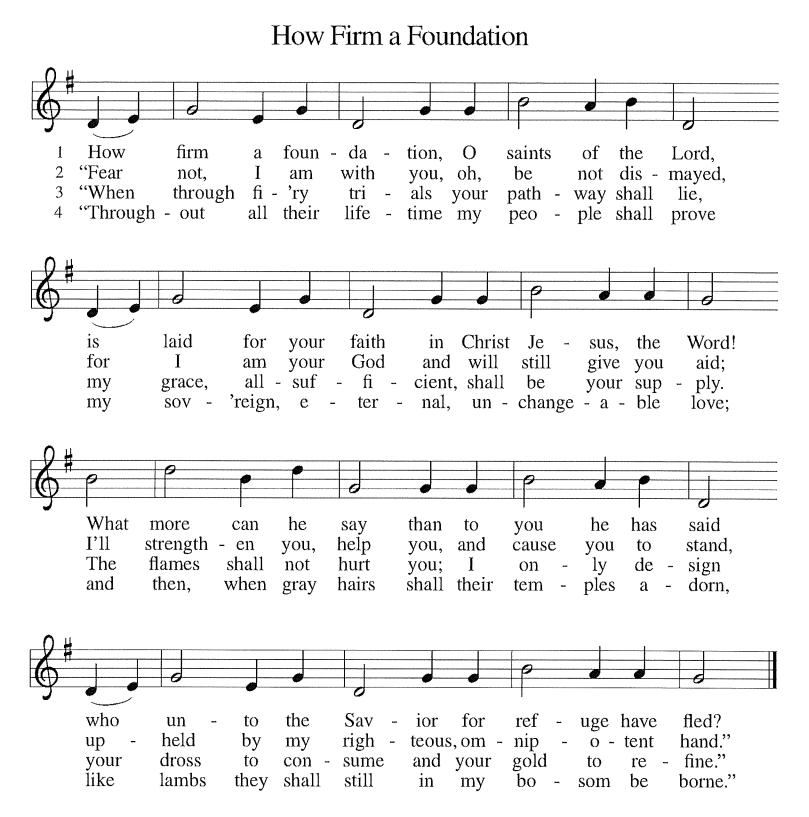
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Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti, 1830–1894 Music: CRANHAM, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934



Text: F. B. P., 16th cent. Music: LAND OF REST, North American traditional



Text: J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, alt. Music: FOUNDATION, Early American