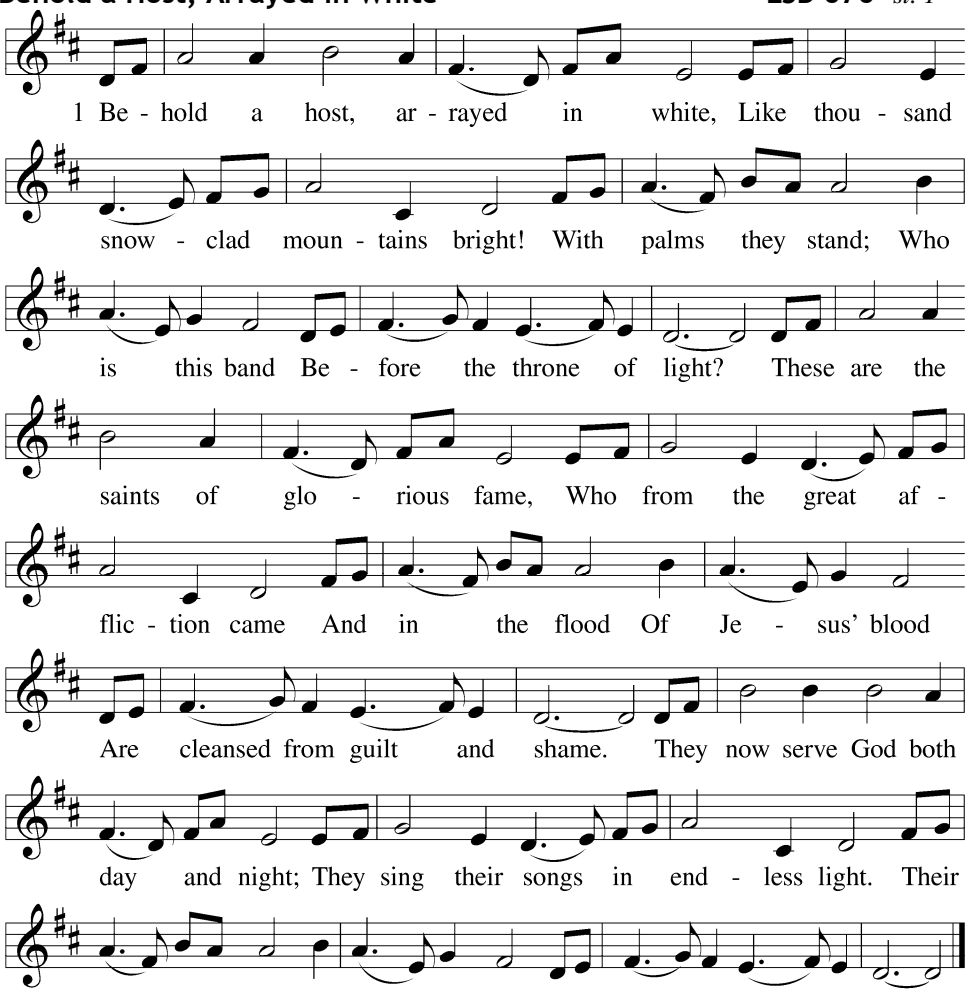WORSHIP SERVICE FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026

Behold a Host, Arrayed in White **LSB 676** *st. 1*



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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Opening Sentences *Psalm 30:4–5*

P Sing praises to the LORD, O you His saints,

C **and give thanks to His holy name.**

P For His anger is but for a moment,

C **and His favor is for a lifetime.**

P Weeping may tarry for the night,

C **but joy comes with the morning.**

Confession and Absolution *Matthew 5:3*

P As saints and yet sinners, we call upon the mercy of God, our heavenly Father. O almighty God,

C **You rule and reign with justice. As Your people, we should love all Your decrees. Yet our hearts are hard. We prefer our ways to Your ways. We shout our freedoms but whisper Your correction. You call us salt and light, yet over and over we choose the darkness. Forgive us, Father, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus. Renew our hearts that we might rejoice as the saints You call us to be.**

Pause for silent reflection

P To make sinners into saints of His kingdom, God in His mercy sent forth Jesus, who declares, "blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." The blood of Jesus has opened the door to the Kingdom where He rules and reigns, now and forever. As a called and ordained servant of the living Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

WORD

God With Us

1. Who are we, that You would be mindful of us?
What do You see, that's worth looking our way?
We are free, in ways that we never should be
Sweet release, from the grip of these chains

Pre-Chorus
Like hinges straining from the weight
My heart no longer can keep from singing

Chorus
All that is within me cries, For You alone be glorified
Emmanuel, God with us
My heart sings a brand new song,
The debt is paid these chains are gone
Emmanuel, God with us

2. Lord You know, Our hearts don't deserve Your glory
Still You show, A love we cannot afford

Pre-Chorus
Like hinges straining from the weight
My heart no longer can keep from singing

Chorus
All that is within me cries, For You alone be glorified
Emmanuel, God with us
My heart sings a brand new song,
The debt is paid these chains are gone
Emmanuel, God with us

BRIDGE
Such a tiny offering, compared to Calvary
Nevertheless, we lay it at Your feet *REPEAT*

Chorus
All that is within me cries, For You alone be glorified
Emmanuel, God with us
My heart sings a brand new song,
The debt is paid these chains are gone
Emmanuel, God with us

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Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with your spirit.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

First Reading

Revelation 7:9–17

9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes
and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm
branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the
throne, and to the Lamb!" 11 And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the
four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying, "Amen!
Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and
ever! Amen."

13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have
they come?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great
tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 "Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.
16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.
17 For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Hebrews 12:1–2, 18–24

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and
sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the
founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the
shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

18 For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest 19 and
the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to
them. 20 For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be
stoned." 21 Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." 22 But you have come to
Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal
gathering, 23 and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to
the spirits of the righteous made perfect, 24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled
blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Handbells — This Little Light of Mine

Verse — *Hebrews 12:1a, 2a*

P Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us [look] to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.

C **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Holy Gospel — *Matthew 5:1–12*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

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

[1]Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.
[2]And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
[3]"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[4]"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
[5]"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
[6]"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
[7]"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
[8]"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
[9]"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
[10]"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[11]"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. [12]Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Offering

Revelation Song

1) Worthy is the…Lamb who was slain
Holy, holy is He
Sing a new song
…To Him Who sits on
heaven's mercy seat

Chorus
Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything,
And I will adore You

2) Clothed in rainbows…of living color
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and
Glory and power be, to You the only wise King

Chorus
Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything,
And I will adore You

3) Filled with wonder
…awestruck wonder,
at the mention of your name
Jesus your name is power,
breath and living water,
such a marv'lous mystery

Chorus 2x
Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything,
And I will adore You

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Sermon

Confirmation

The pastor addresses the catechumens.

P Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord's bidding. Jesus said, "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

R *Yes, I do.*

P Do you renounce the devil?

R *Yes, I renounce him.*

P Do you renounce all his works?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

R *Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.*

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?
R *Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.*

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
R *Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*

P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?
R *I do.*

P Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?
R *I do.*

P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?
R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?
R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?
R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
C **Amen.**

The catechumens kneel to receive the confirmation blessing. The pastor places his hands on the head of each catechumen and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead while saying:

P *[Name]*, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life T everlasting.
R *Amen.*

The pastor may read a text of Holy Scripture as a remembrance of confirmation. After all the catechumens have received the blessing, one or both of the following collects are prayed.

Stand

P Let us pray.
Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

P Peace T be with you.
C **Amen.**

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Revelation 14:13

P Alleluia! I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this:
C **Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."**

P "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors,
C **for their deeds follow them!" Alleluia!**

P On this All Saints' Day, we remember our hope in Jesus Christ, His grace, and His assurance of everlasting life, and we remember those saints who in death have claimed the crown of righteousness promised to all who trust in Christ as Lord and Savior.

Names of departed saints from the past year are read aloud, accompanied by a tolling bell if desired.
Lois Jensen, Pearl Schultz, Walter Woebke, Melvin Nielsen, Conley Wolterman, Sallie Miesner, Roger Jepsen, Curly Kruse

Prayer of the Church

P Just as the saints above surround the throne, we gather to plead for Your mercy, O Lord, for ourselves, our community, our nation, and our world.

Heavenly Father, You have called us Your children, and so we are. Fix our eyes on Your love, that we might be pure as Christ is pure and walk in hope of the glory yet to be revealed. Blessed are Your saints, O Lord.
C **Keep us faithful unto everlasting life.**

P Merciful Savior, You opened Your heart to the poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, and the persecuted. Be the strength of the weak and the consolation of the hurting, [*especially . . .*]. Blessed are Your saints, O Lord.
C **Keep us faithful unto everlasting life.**

P Eternal King, as an uncountable multitude sings of the salvation that belongs to the Lamb on the throne, make us aware of the struggles of Christians of every tribe and language, that we might support them with our prayers and charity. Blessed are Your saints, O Lord.
C **Keep us faithful unto everlasting life.**

P Compassionate Christ, as You remember those who mourn, make us tender to care for those who grieve. Wipe away their tears with the hope of heaven and sustain them in body and soul until the day when pain and death are no more. Blessed are Your saints, O Lord.
C **Keep us faithful unto everlasting life.**

P Faithful Lord, teach us a new song to sing, that as Your saints in this place we might impact our families and neighborhoods, displaying Your goodness and declaring Your Gospel. Blessed are Your saints, O Lord.
C **Keep us faithful unto everlasting life.**

P For Your daily mercies, for our Baptism into Christ, for the faithfulness of Your church, and for the hope of Your return, we give You all glory and honor, O Lord, now and forevermore.
C **Amen.**

SACRAMENT

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer *LSB 162*

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

Distribution Hymns

Who You Say I Am

Verse 1
Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

Chorus 1
Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Verse 2
Free at last
He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

Chorus 2
Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Bridge
I am chosen not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me
I am who You say I am
(REPEAT)

Chorus 2
Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am
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NO LONGER SLAVES

Verse 1
You unravel me with a melody
You surround me with a song
Of deliverance from my enemies
Till all my fears are gone

Chorus
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God

Verse 2
From my Mother's womb
You have chosen me
Love has called my name
I've been born again into Your family
Your blood flows through my veins

Chorus
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God

Bridge
You split the sea so I could walk right through it
My fears were drowned in perfect love
You rescued me so I could stand and sing
I am a child of God
You split the sea so I could walk right through it
My fears were drowned in perfect love
You rescued me so I could stand and sing
I am a child of God, I am a child of God

Chorus
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God

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Cornerstone

Verse 1
My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus Name

Verse 1
My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus Name

Chorus
Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviours love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all

Verse 2
When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

Chorus
Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviours love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all

Chorus
Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviours love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all

Verse 3
When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

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Blessed Be Your Name

1) Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

2) Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name
Pre-chorus
Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord, still I will say
Chorus
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

3) Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

4) Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name
Pre-chorus
Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord, still I will say

Chorus
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Chorus
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

BRIDGE
You give and take away, You give and take away
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name

BRIDGE
You give and take away, You give and take away
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name

Chorus
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Chorus
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
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Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.
Through this Meal, O Father, You once again mark us with the mercy that makes us Your saints. Fed and fueled by the gifts of Christ, prepare us for every good work, that we might know that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will separate us from Your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Closing Sentences
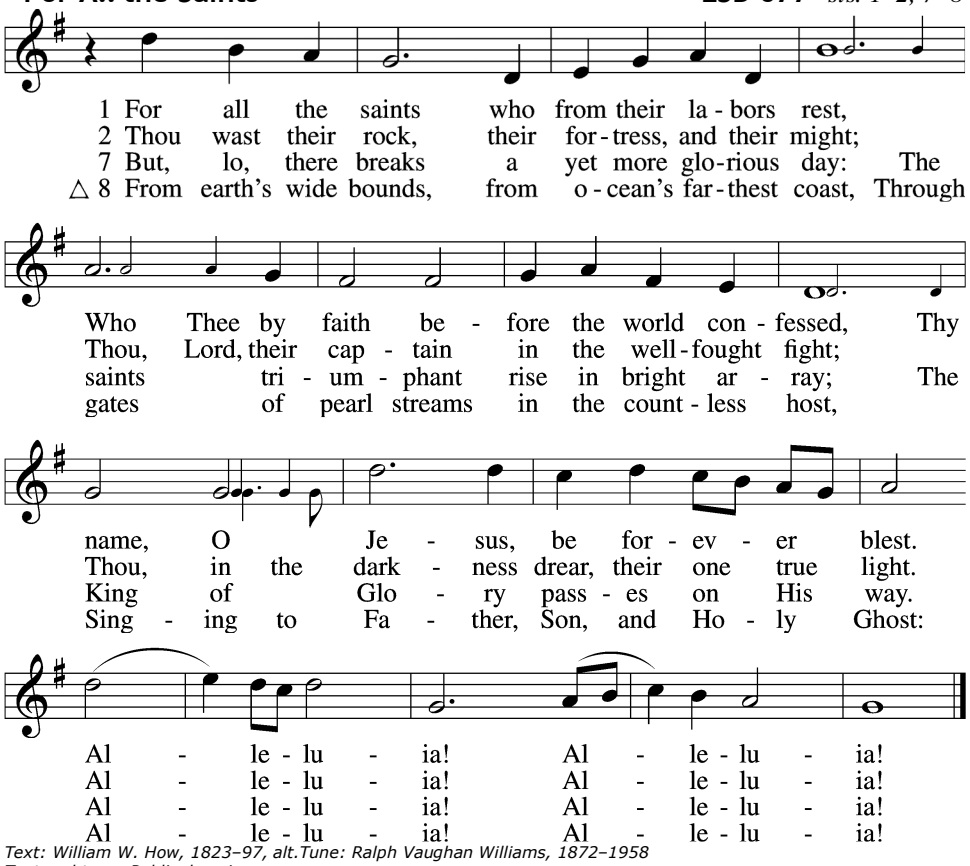
Psalm 116:15, Revelation 14:

P Alleluia! Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints!
C **They follow the Lamb wherever He goes. Alleluia!**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
C **Amen.**

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