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REFORMED CHURCH

CELEBRATING THE SEASONS
IN SCRIPTURE & SONG
Reign of Christ Sunday
November 22, 2026-9:45 AM

## THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE — "All Hail the Power"
Lani Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP — *based on Ecclesiastes 3 & Hebrews 13*

There is a time for celebrating,
**and a time for mourning.**
There is a time to keep,
**and a time to throw away.**
There is a time for planting,
**and a time to pluck up what was planted.**
There is a time to break,
**and a time to build.**
Though the times and seasons change,
**Christ Jesus is the same—yesterday, today, and forever!**

*SONG OF WORSHIP — #433 "O Christ the Same"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who knows and numbers our days–
**we have a fraught relationship with time.**
**Sometimes we treat time as a commodity—**
**something we keep or spend.**
**Sometimes we treat time as an enemy—**
**something we fight against or mourn.**
**Some seasons we wish for time to pass quickly,**

**watching the clock, counting down the minutes.**
**Some seasons we lament how fast time passes,**
**rushing from one thing to the next.**
**In our fastness and our slowness,**
**remind us that each season, each day, each moment,**
**is your time;**
**each joy and sorrow, each worry and wonder,**
**each ordinary day or extraordinary moment,**
**is in your hands.**

*Please use this period of silence for personal reflection.*

By your Spirit, O God,
**fill us with your peace for the time we have been given,**
**and purpose us to fill that time**
**with your goodness and grace here on earth.**
**In the name of Christ, our example, we pray. Amen.**

SONG OF ASSURANCE "The Prayer of St. Francis"

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
The peace of Christ be with you.
**And also with you.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
Congregation, bless your children.
**You are God's beloved child. With you, God is well pleased.**

*SONG OF PREPARATION #477 "Come and Find the Quiet Center"

THE SEASONS IN SCRIPTURE & SONG

THE SEASON OF ADVENT — Matthew 1:1-6

"God Almighty, We Are Waiting"

Tune: #358 BEECHER

**God Almighty, we are waiting**
**for our savior to return.**
**As we hear these Advent stories**
**May our hearts within us burn.**
**Prophets speaking, angels singing,**
**Shepherds trembling at Christ's birth.**
**As we look for signs and wonders,**
**help us see you here on earth.**

**God Incarnate, we are waiting**
**for the fullness of your work.**
**Looking back and looking forward**
**to when Christ returns to earth.**
**As we live into your gospel,**
**may our lives point to your truth.**
**Sharing good news with all people,**
**neighbor, stranger; healed, renewed.**

THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS — Galatians 4:4-7

*#185 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" vv. 1 & 3

THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY — Matthew 2:1-12

*#231 "Arise, Your Light is Come" vv. 1 & 2

THE SEASON OF LENT — Lamentations 3:15-33

"How Long, O Lord, How Long"

*The congregation is invited to listen as the choir sings verse 1 & the chorus, joining with them on the second verse.*

O Lord our God to you we come
Will you still hide your face
We cry before you and on our knees we pray
How long O Lord how long

CHORUS
Till your glory fills our eyes
And our faith is turned to sight
Till our thirsty souls are satisfied
How long O Lord how long

**Our sorrows leave us weak and worn**
**Injustice seems to reign**
**Lord we are shaken and we are losing strength**
**How long O Lord how long CHORUS**

**But we will trust your steadfast love**
**your grace will be our song**
**you bring new mercies with ev'ry rising sun**
**How long O Lord how long CHORUS**

THE SEASON OF EASTER — 1 Peter 2:2-10
*#293 "Christ is Risen!" vv. 1 & 2

PENTECOST — Exodus 13:17-22
*"Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among"
Tune: #90 HYFRYDOL

**Come, O Spirit, dwell among us,**
**come with Pentecostal power;**
**give the church a stronger vision,**
**help us face each crucial hour.**
**Built upon a firm foundation,**
**Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,**
**still the church is called to mission**
**that God's love shall be made known.**

**We would raise our alleluias**
**for the grace of yester years;**
**for tomorrow's unknown pathway,**
**hear, O God, our humble prayers.**
**In the church's pilgrim journey**
**you have led us all the way,**
**still in presence move before us,**
**fire by night and cloud by day.**

THE SEASON OF ORDINARY TIME

John 1:43-51

"Bind Us Together"

**Bind us together within your love**
**Bind us together within your holy love**
**As we shared in our sorrows**
**We will share in your joy**
**Bind us together in love**

**Bind us together and make us one**
**Bind us together and make us truly one**
**In your love in your peace**
**In your hope in your joy**
**Bind us together as one**

## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**
**your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**
**Give us today our daily bread.**
**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**
**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,**
**now and forever. Amen.**

*SONG OF RESPONSE #40 "For the Beauty of the Earth"
vv. 1, 2, 4, 5

*Tithes/offerings placed in the baskets at the entrance of the sanctuary are brought forward as a sign of our response to God's call on our lives.*

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG "My Friends, May You Grow in Grace"
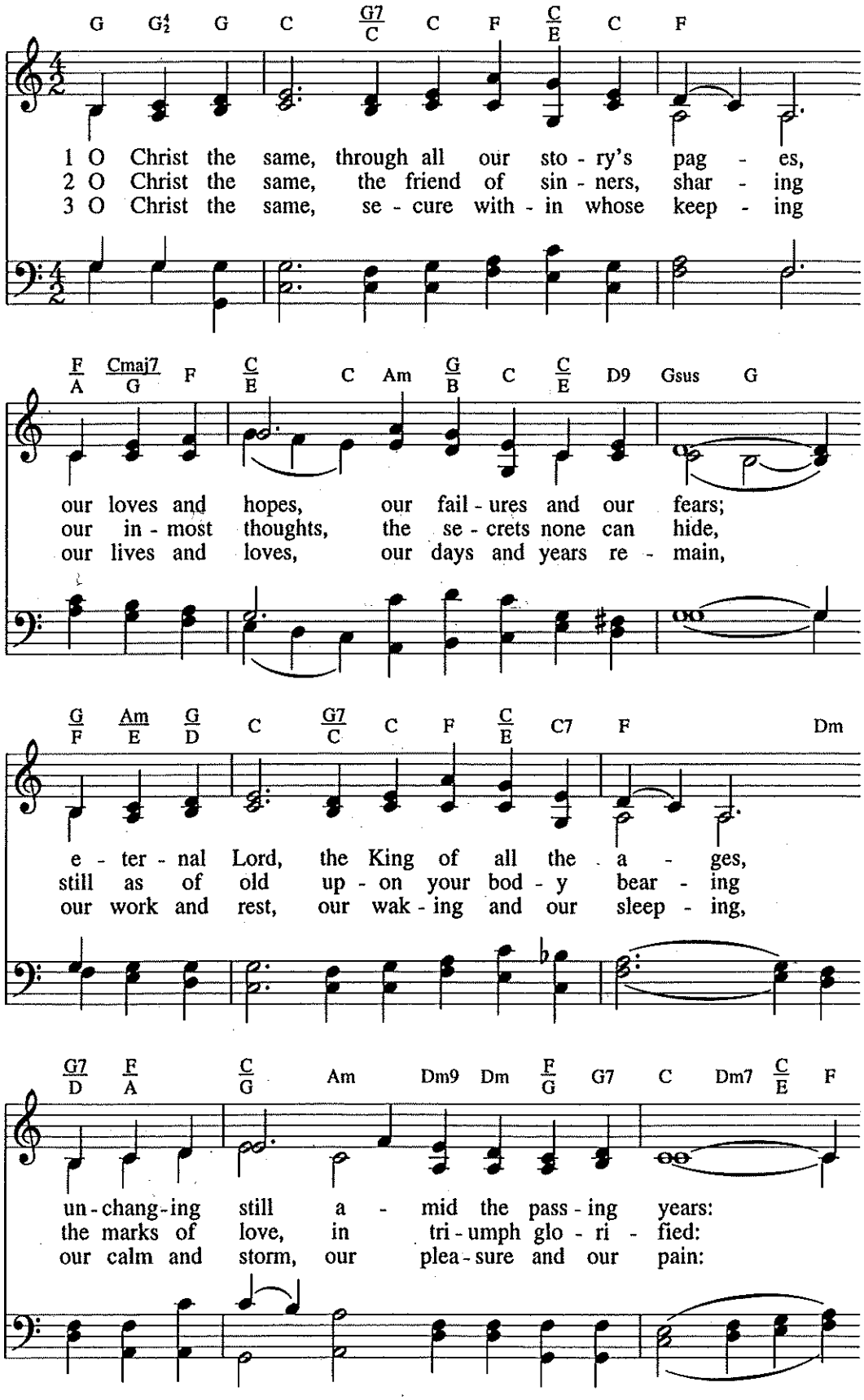
*The congregation is invited to stand and turn toward the center aisle, blessing one another in song.*

**My friends, may you grow in grace,**
**and in the knowledge of our Lord, and Savior.**
**My friends, may you grow in grace,**
**and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.**
**To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.**
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*POSTLUDE "Now Thank We All Our God"
Milton Detjen

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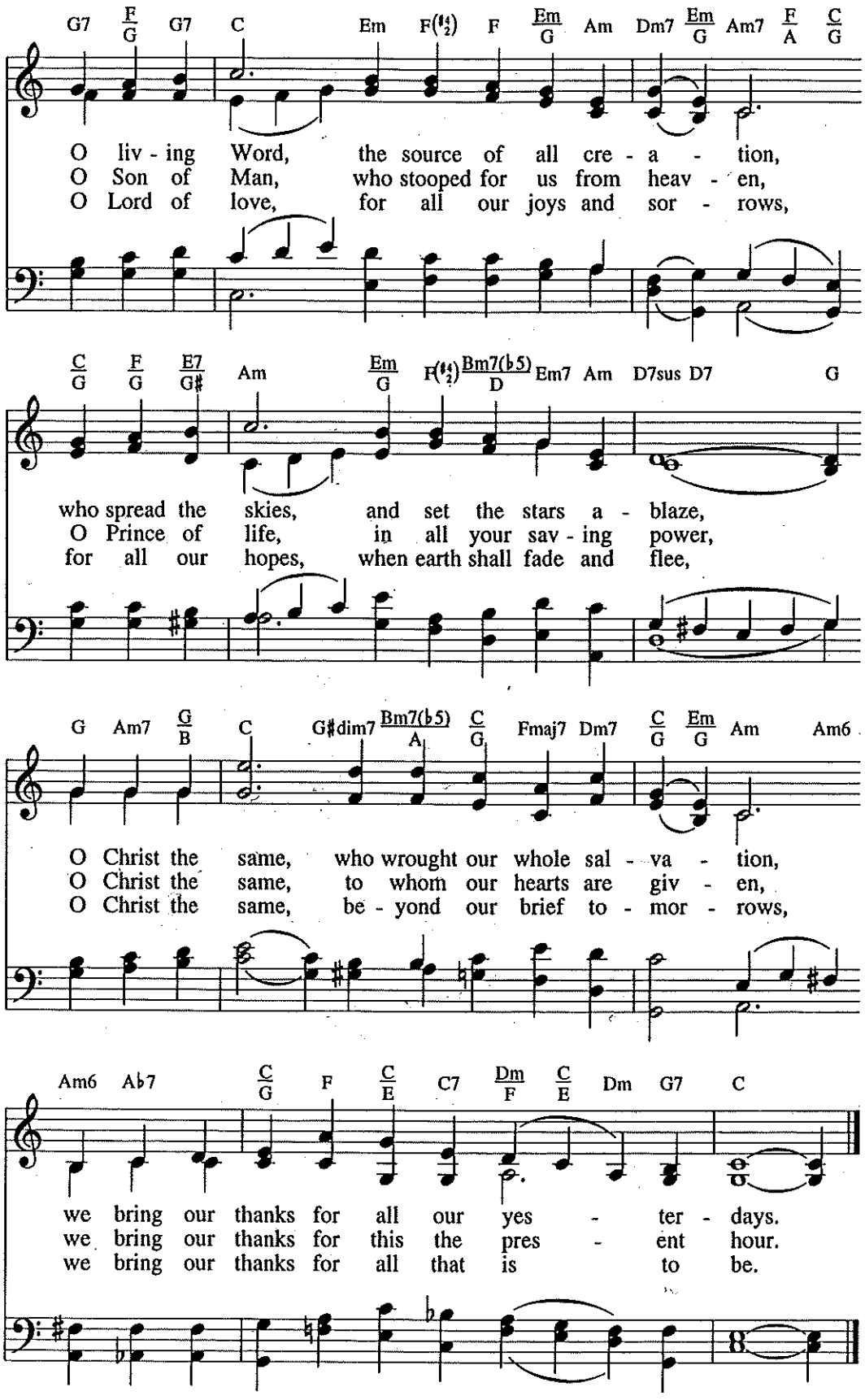
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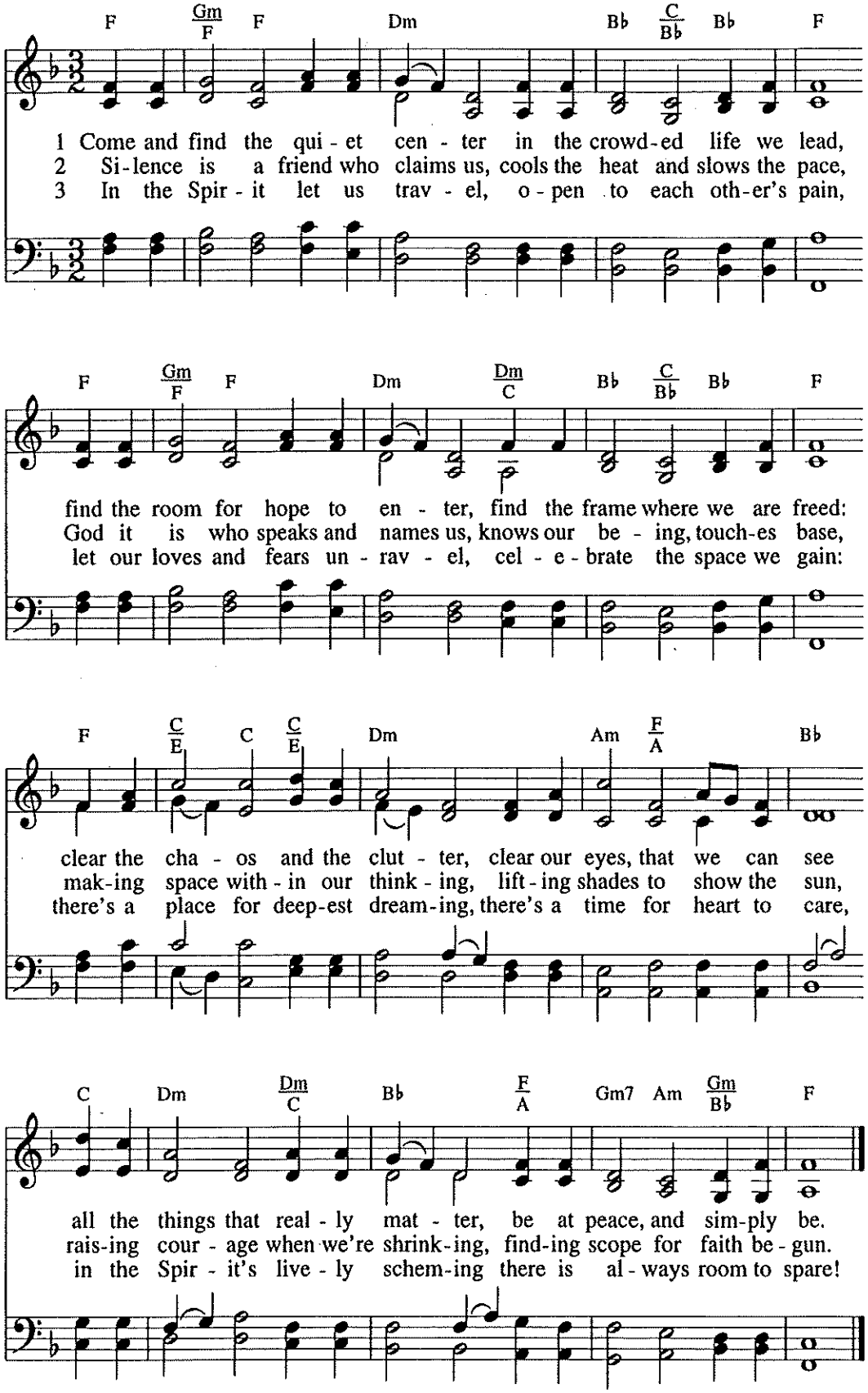



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G7 F/G G7 C Em F(♯½) F Em/G Am Dm7 Em/G Am7 F/A C/G
O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en,
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,
C/G F/G E7/G♯ Am Em/G F(♯½) Bm7(♭5)/D Em7 Am D7sus D7 G
who spread the skies, and set the stars a - blaze,
O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing power,
for all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee,
G Am7 G/B C G♯dim7 Bm7(♭5)/A C/G Fmaj7 Dm7 C/G Em/G Am Am6
O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en,
O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,
Am6 A♭7 C/G F C/E C7 Dm/F C/E Dm G7 C
we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.
we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.
we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

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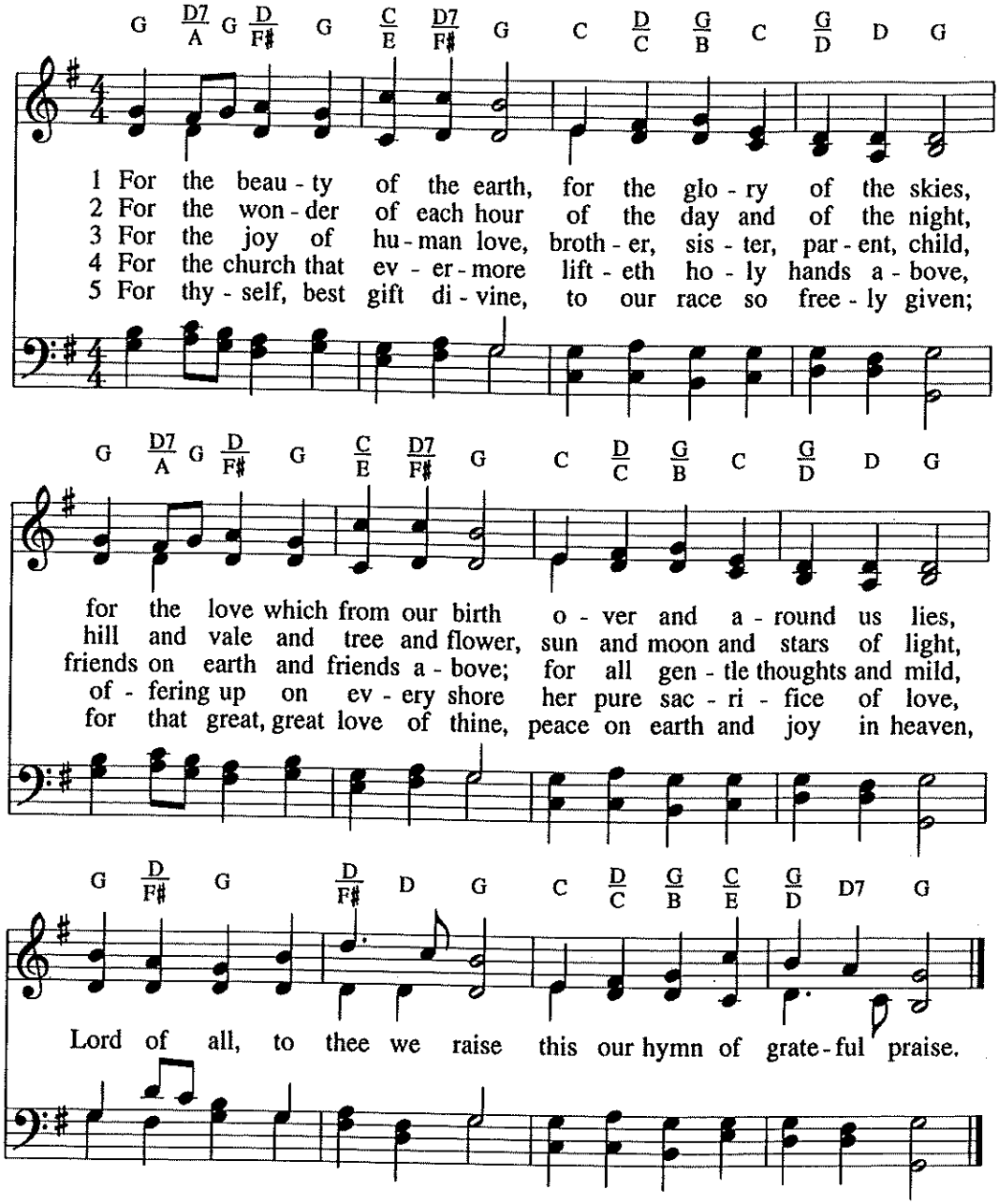



WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray (1931- )
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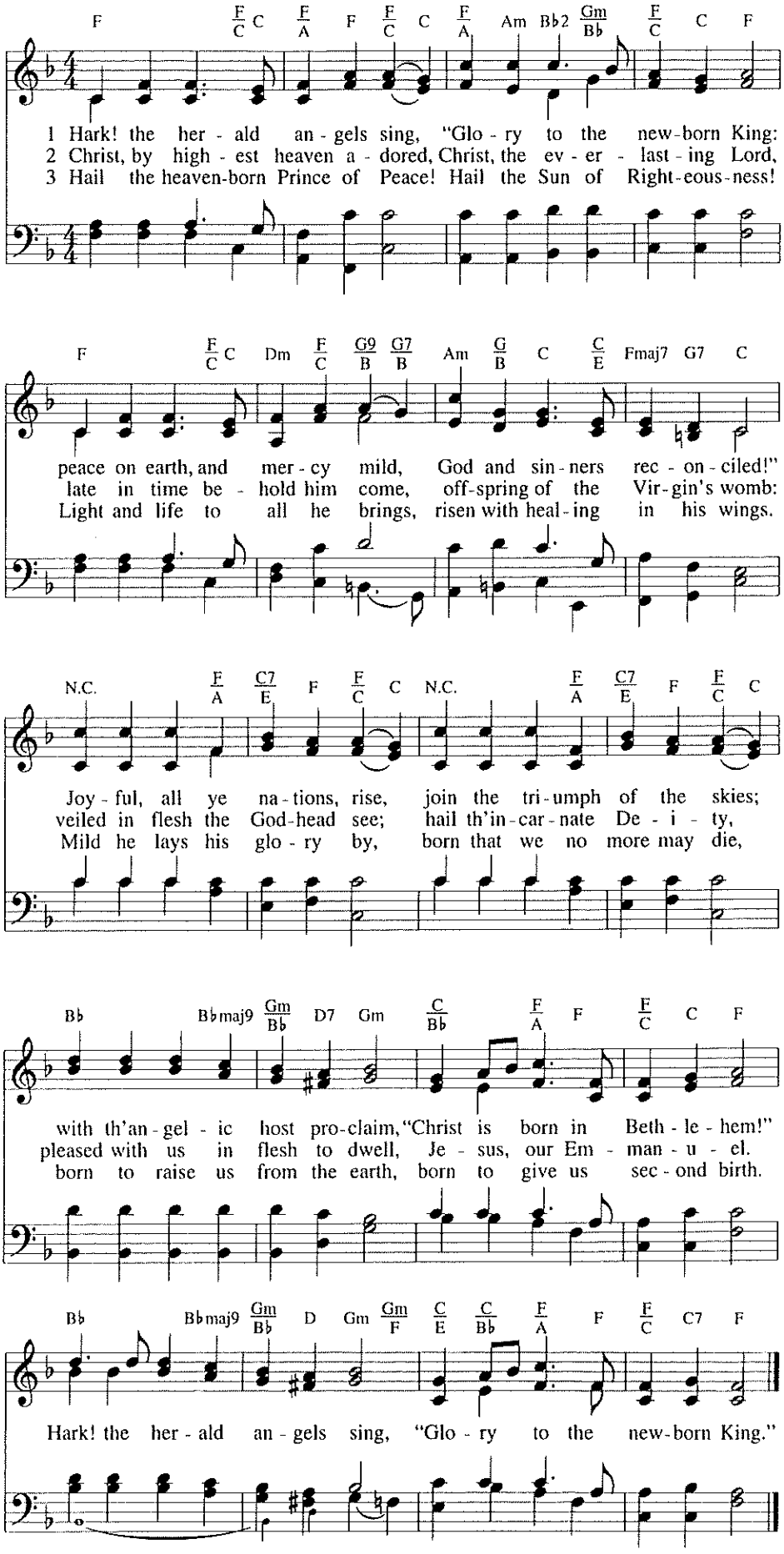
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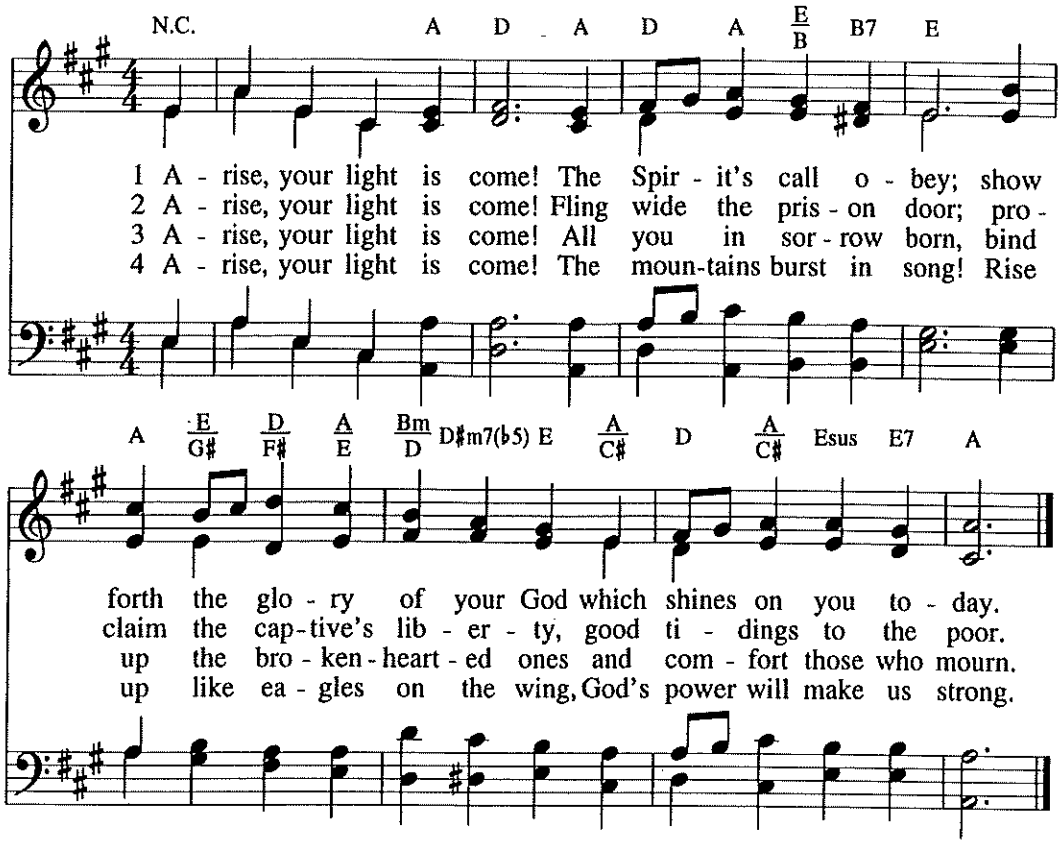

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MUSIC: Conrad Kocher (1786-1872); arr. William H. Monk (1823-1889)

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# 185 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing



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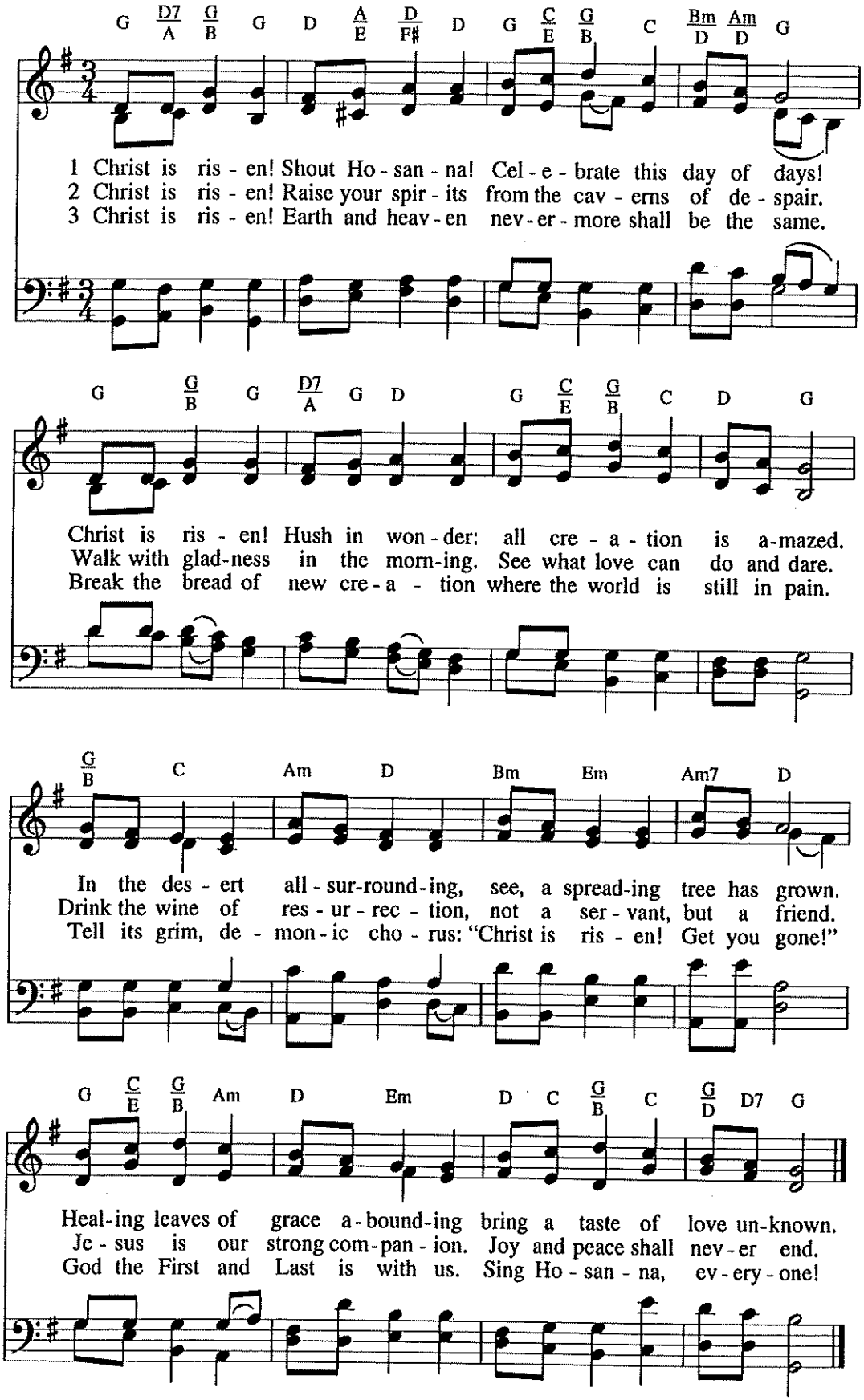



WORDS: Ruth Duck (1947- )
MUSIC: William H. Walter (1825-1893)

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FESTAL SONG
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# Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 293




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