

# Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



We gather to celebrate and proclaim the death  
and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**P** = Pastor      **A** = Assisting Pastor

**C** = Congregation      **L** = Leader

## Gathering Hymn 819 “Come, All You People”

UYAIMOSE



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ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;

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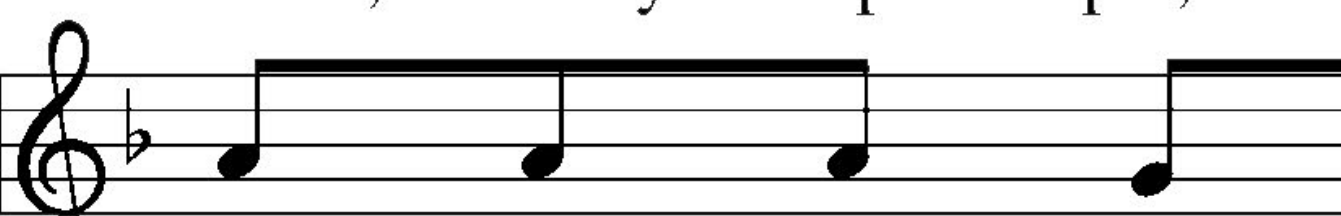
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## Welcome and Announcements

*Please stand.*

## Invocation

**P** Blessed be the Father, and the ✠ Son, and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, who forgives all our sin,  
and whose mercy endures forever.

**C** Amen.

# Opening Song “Come to the Waterfall”



Musical notation for the opening song "Come to the Waterfall". The score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). It consists of 11 lines of music. The lyrics are: "All who are weary, I will give you rest. For the hell that you're living now, you will be blessed. You search-ing in the des - ert will no longer faint. Old ti-red souls will find new strength. Come to the wa - ter - fall. Come to the wa - ter - fall. Come to the wa - ter - fall. Come to the wa - ter - fall. Fine Take cour - age now, my chil - dren, for you shall be restored and you who weep for jus - tice, oh, the Kingdom shall be yours. And the poor ones, victims of all this world's hate; Be - loved, your re - ward awaits. D.S. al Fine".

## Confession and Forgiveness

**A** Let us come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God’s mercy.

*Silence for reflection.*

**A** 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.

**A** 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.

## **Prayer of the Day**

**A** Let us pray. Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## **First Reading**

[Isaiah 40:21-31](#)

**L** Word of God, Word of Life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **Psalms 147:1-11, 20c**

Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!

The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem, and gathers the exiles of Israel.

The Lord heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

The Lord counts the number of the stars and calls them all by their names.

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; there is no limit to God's wisdom.

The Lord lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground.



Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make music upon the harp to our God, who covers the heavens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow upon the mountains. God provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they cry. God is not impressed by the might of a horse, and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner, but finds pleasure in those who fear the Lord, in those who await God’s steadfast love. Hallelujah!

**Second Reading** [1 Corinthians 9:16-23](#)

**L** Word of God, Word of Life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand.*

**Gospel Acclamation**



Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia, I am the light of the world.



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Those who fol - low me will not walk in dark - ness.



Those who fol - low me will have the light of life.

**Gospel Announcement**

**P** The Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

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

**Gospel** [Mark 1:29-39](#) ✚

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

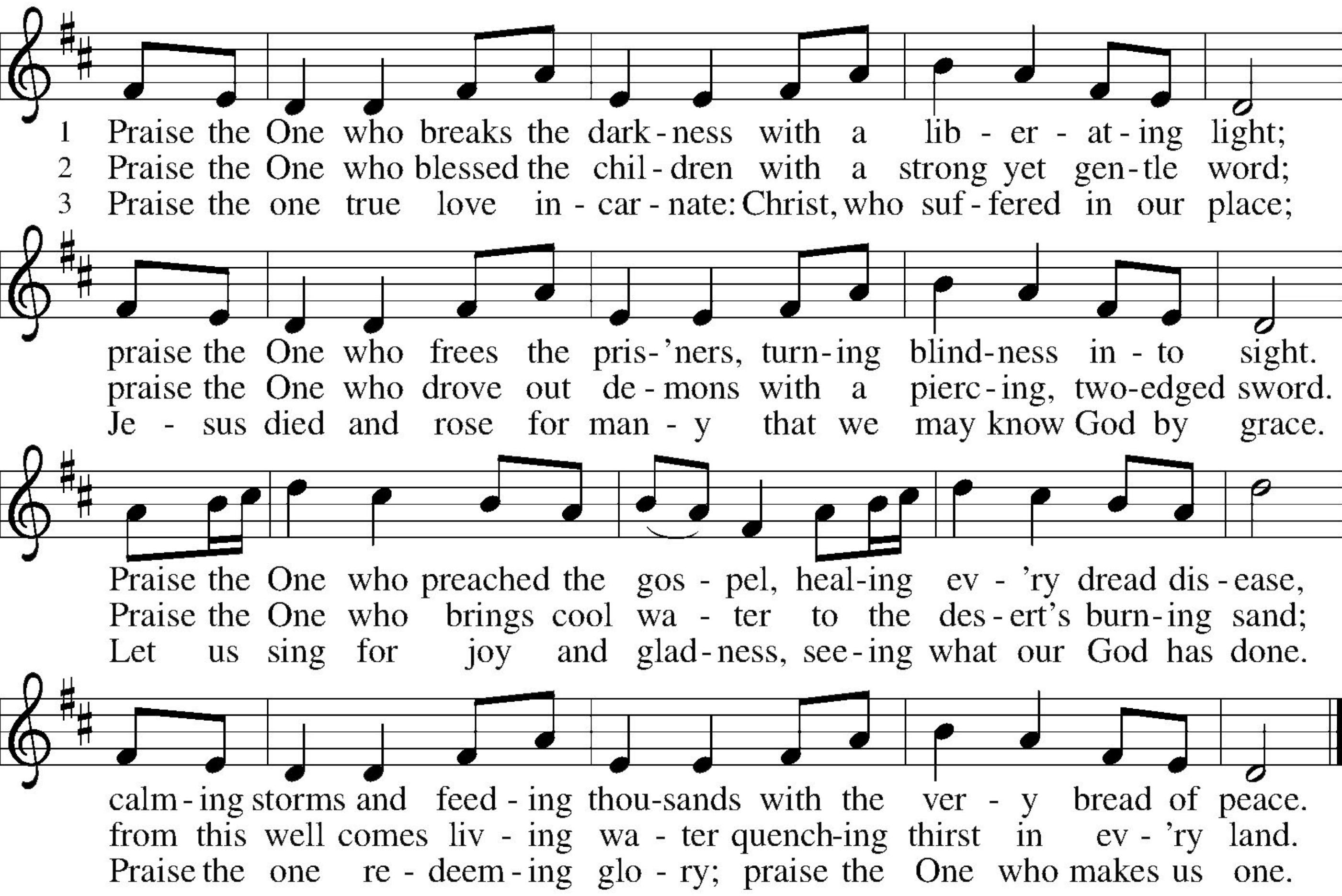
*Please be seated.*

Please stand.

## Hymn of the Day 843

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

NETTLETON



Please be seated.

## Installation of New Members

- P** Dear sisters and brothers in Christ, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for the individuals who will stand before us today, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation. A congregation is not a building, but is the people, the body of Christ in the world. To our new members, I ask you—do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God’s faithful people here in this place? If so, please respond, *“I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.”*

**P** To the whole congregation, I ask you—do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ? If so, please

respond, “*We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.*”

**P** Let us pray. O God, through the work of your Holy Spirit, you have called, gathered, and enlightened us in true faith. We thank you for the many gifts and talents that new members bring to the work of this congregation. Where two or more are gathered in your name, you are there amongst them. Continue to speak your gospel promises into our lives as we strive to make Jesus Christ known in our community and the world. Bless all you have gathered, that we may in turn be a blessing to others. All this we pray in the name in which we baptize; In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit; now and forever. Amen.

Congratulations to these newest members of First Lutheran Church! I think it is appropriate to welcome them with our applause. Please be sure to greet them after the service ends today. Would the congregation please stand as we continue with our profession of faith using the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

*Please stand.*

## **Apostles’ Creed**

**A** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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 the Church

**A** With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*Following each petition:*

**A** Lord, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

*The prayers conclude:*

**A** Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C** Amen.

## Sharing of the Peace

**A** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

*Please be seated.*

## Offering

Song

“Hold On to Me”

Verse 1 When the best of me is barely breathin’

When I’m not somebody I believe in

Hold on to me

When I miss the light the night has stolen

When I’m slammin’ all the doors You’ve opened

Hold on to me, Hold on to me

Chorus Hold on to me when it’s too dark to see You

When I am sure I have reached the end  
Hold on to me when I forget I need You  
When I let go, hold me again

**Verse 2** When I don't feel like I'm worth  
defending

When I'm tired of all my pretending  
Hold on to me

When I start to break in desperation  
Underneath the weight of expectation  
Hold on to me, Hold on to me (*Chorus*)

**Verse 3** I could rest here in Your arms forever  
'Cause I know nobody loves me better  
Hold on to me  
Hold on to me (*Chorus*)

*Repeat Verse 3*

*Please stand.*

## **Offertory Prayer**

**A** Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

## **Words of Institution**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**A** 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,



**Amen.**

**A** Come to the table prepared for sinners.

**© Let us taste of God's goodness and mercy.**

*Please be seated.*

# Communion

Hymn 471

# “Let Us Break Bread Together”

# BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;  
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;  
 3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.  
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 let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

# Song

# “Healer”

Refrain

Heal - er, heal - er, come and

heal this world. Heal - er,

heal - er, come and heal this world.

Verse

May we all \_\_\_\_\_ of - fer up our hands. May we  
May we all \_\_\_\_\_ lay our weap - ons down. May we  
May we all \_\_\_\_\_ of - fer up our hands. May we

to Refrain

all, \_\_\_\_\_ all to - geth - er stand.  
all \_\_\_\_\_ our com - mon ground.  
all, \_\_\_\_\_ all to - geth - er stand.

*Please stand.*

# Blessing

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

**C Amen.**

# Prayer after Communion

**A** Let us pray. Jesus Christ, host of this great feast, you have given us your very self in this bread and wine. Nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this Sacrament, that through the body and blood of your Son all may know the comfort of your abiding presence.

**C** Amen.

# Benediction

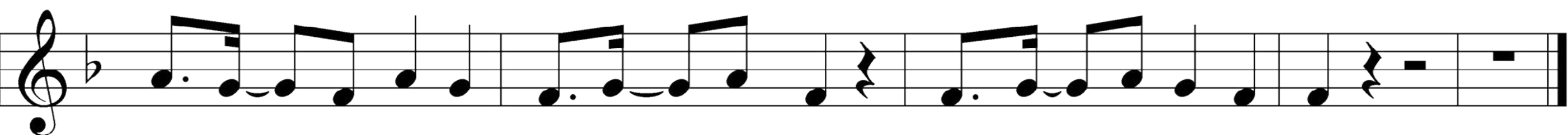
**A** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

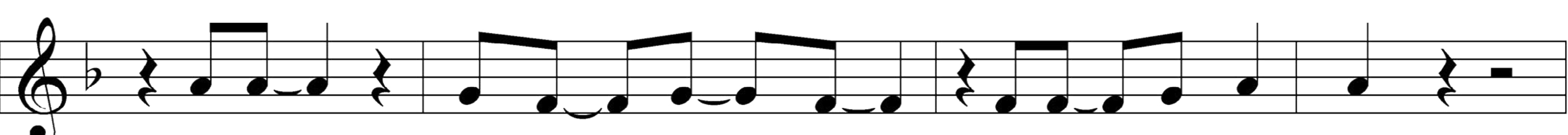
# Sending Song “For All”



Your love, your love has no bor-ders. Your love, your love has no walls. Your love, your



love has no lim-its. You love the world. Your love is here for all.



For all	who are	wand - 'ring,	for all	who are	weak,
For all	who are	strug - gling,	for all	who have	dreams,
For all	who have	plen - ty,	for all	who have	need,
For all	who are	suff - 'ring,	for all	who seek	change,



for all	who seek	shel - ter,	for all	who seek	peace.
for all	who are	cap - tive,	for all	who are	free.
for all	who are	doubt ing,	for all	who be - lieve.	
for all	who are	sin - ners,	for all	who are	saints.

# Dismissal

**A** Go in peace. We are sent in the freedom of Christ.

**C** Thanks be to God!