

ST. PAUL'S

PRESBYTERIAN

For The Glory of God & The Joy of All Peoples

Evensong and Communion

On the Lord's Day Evening
November 15, 2026, at 6:00

To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire hope; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and yearn for fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whoever will come—this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Ringing of the Bells - *The sounding of the bells calls us to quiet our hearts before worship.*

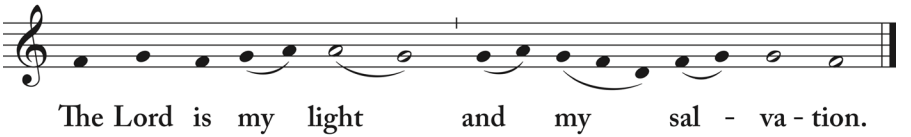
Instrumental Prelude — The Lord's My Shepherd
BROTHER JAMES' AIR
Arranged by Barbara Baltzer Kinyon

Silent Preparation

Entrance Anthem — The Lord Is My Light
Mode 6 melody; adapt. Bruce E. Ford

Cantor: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

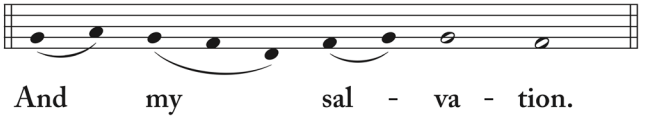
People repeat:



† *congregation standing*
¤ *congregation kneeling*
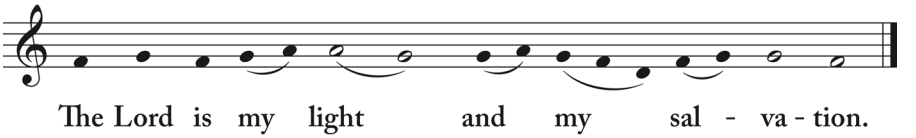
Cantor: The Lord is the strength of my life.

People:



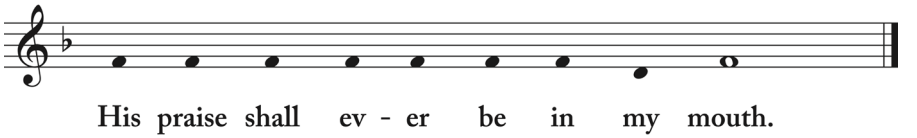
Cantor: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

People:



Cantor: I will bless the Lord at all times.

Cantor and People:



Entrance of the Light

Minister: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures forever.

Unison: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp to put it under a bucket, but on a lampstand, where it gives light for everyone in the house. And you, like the lamp, must shed light among your fellow men, so that they may see the good you do, and give glory to your Father in heaven."

Prayer for Light

Unison: **Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers, Creator of the changes of day and night, giving rest to the weary, renewing the strength of those who are spent, bestowing upon us occasions of song in the evening. As you have protected us in the day that is past, so be with us in the coming night; keep us from every sin, every evil, and every fear; for you are our light and salvation, and the strength of our life. To you be glory for endless ages. Amen.**

† **Hymn of Proclamation** — Be Thou My Vision
Hymn A • Trinity Hymnal #642 — SLANE

† **Scripture Lesson** — Proverbs 3:1-12
Pew Bible, page 528

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Homily — Mr. Timothy Miller

The Summary of Solomon's Wisdom

Litany for Evening

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: O Lord, our God, we thank you that you have brought this day to its close.

People: **We thank you, O Lord.**

Minister: We thank you that you give rest to body and soul.

People: **We bless you, O Lord.**

Minister: Your hand has been over us, guarding and preserving us.

People: Defend us, O Lord.

Minister: Forgive our feeble faith and all the wrong we have done this day.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: Grant that we may sleep in peace, and defend us from temptation of darkness.

People: Spare us, good Lord.

Minister: Into your hands we commend our loved ones, our homes, our bodies and souls.

People: O God, your holy name be praised. Amen.

¤ Confession of Sin and Silent Prayer

Unison: Most holy and merciful God, who has searched and known us, and are acquainted with all our ways, we confess before you our sinfulness and seek your forgiveness. We have failed in our duty; we have forgotten our high calling; we have fallen into many temptations. We have dishonored your name; we have injured our neighbors; we have hurt our own souls. Give us, we pray, the spirit of true repentance, that we may turn from our sins and forsake them with our whole heart; and in your great love, have mercy on us and absolve us from our guilt; for the sake of your dear Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

¤ Assurance of Pardon

Minister: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

Celebration of Communion

Minister: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

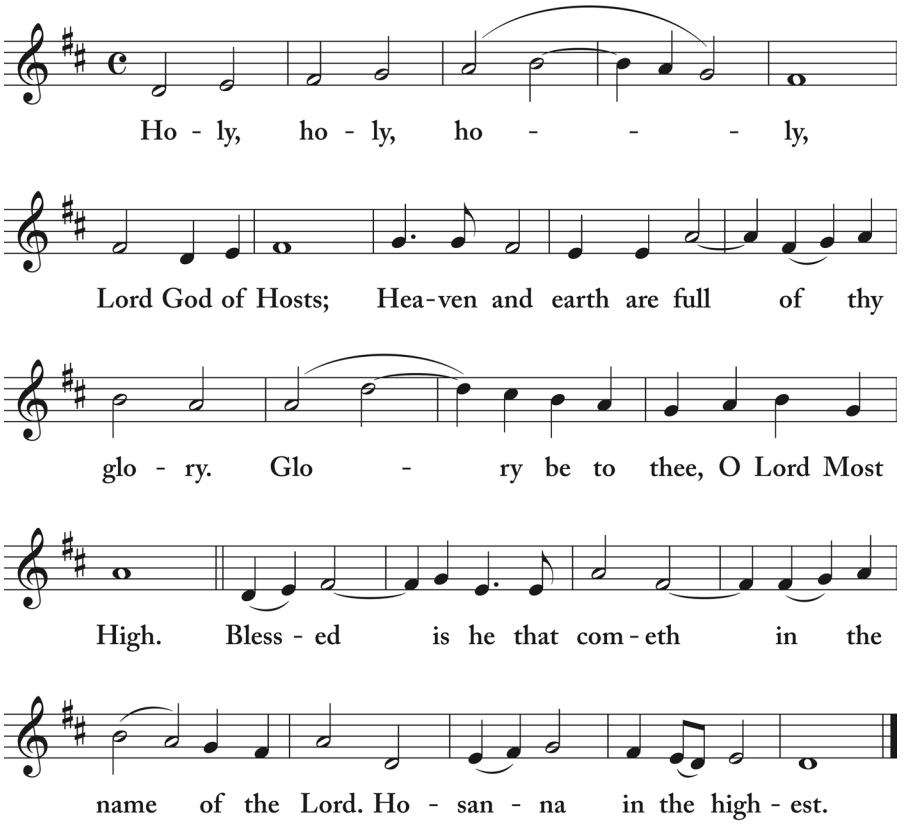
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord!

People: It is good and right so to do!

Minister: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. All your creatures praise you, and your faithful servants bless you, confessing before the rulers of this world the great name of your only Son. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your name as we sing,

† Sanctus

Healey Willan



Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Minister: Therefore, we proclaim the faith:
People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The elements will be served by the elders/deacons. Please refrain from partaking of the elements until everyone has been served.

Communion Hymns
The congregation is invited to sing as the sacrament is observed.

Hymn of Consecration — Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands
Hymn B • Trinity Hymnal #427 — HAMBURG

Hymn of Proclamation — He Will Hold Me Fast
Hymn C — Ada Habershon and Matt Merker

† **Prayer of Thanks**
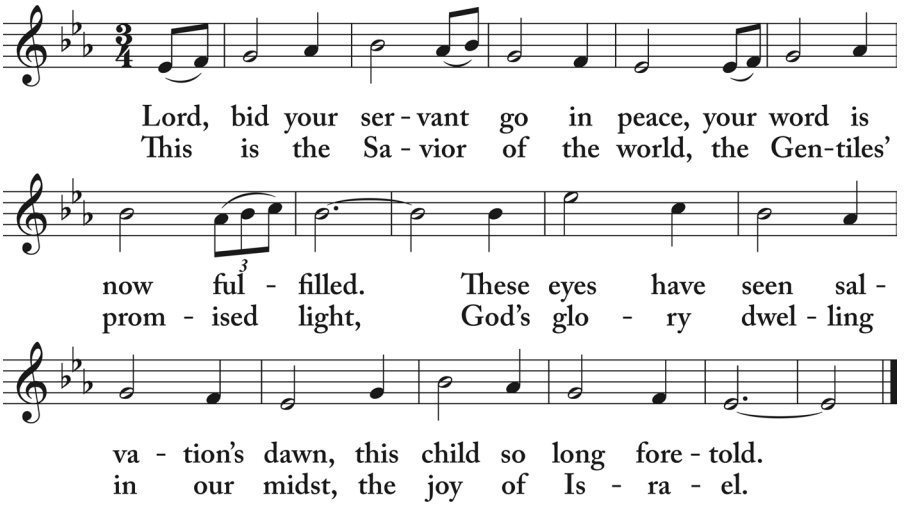
Unison: Dearest Lord, Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for satisfying our hungry hearts with this holy meal shared in the Spirit with your Son who is the true bread from heaven. Grant that we who have received the sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Soloists: *Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep and tend the sick, dear Lord Christ. Give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; all for your love's sake. Amen.*

† **Benediction**

† **Dismissal Hymn**
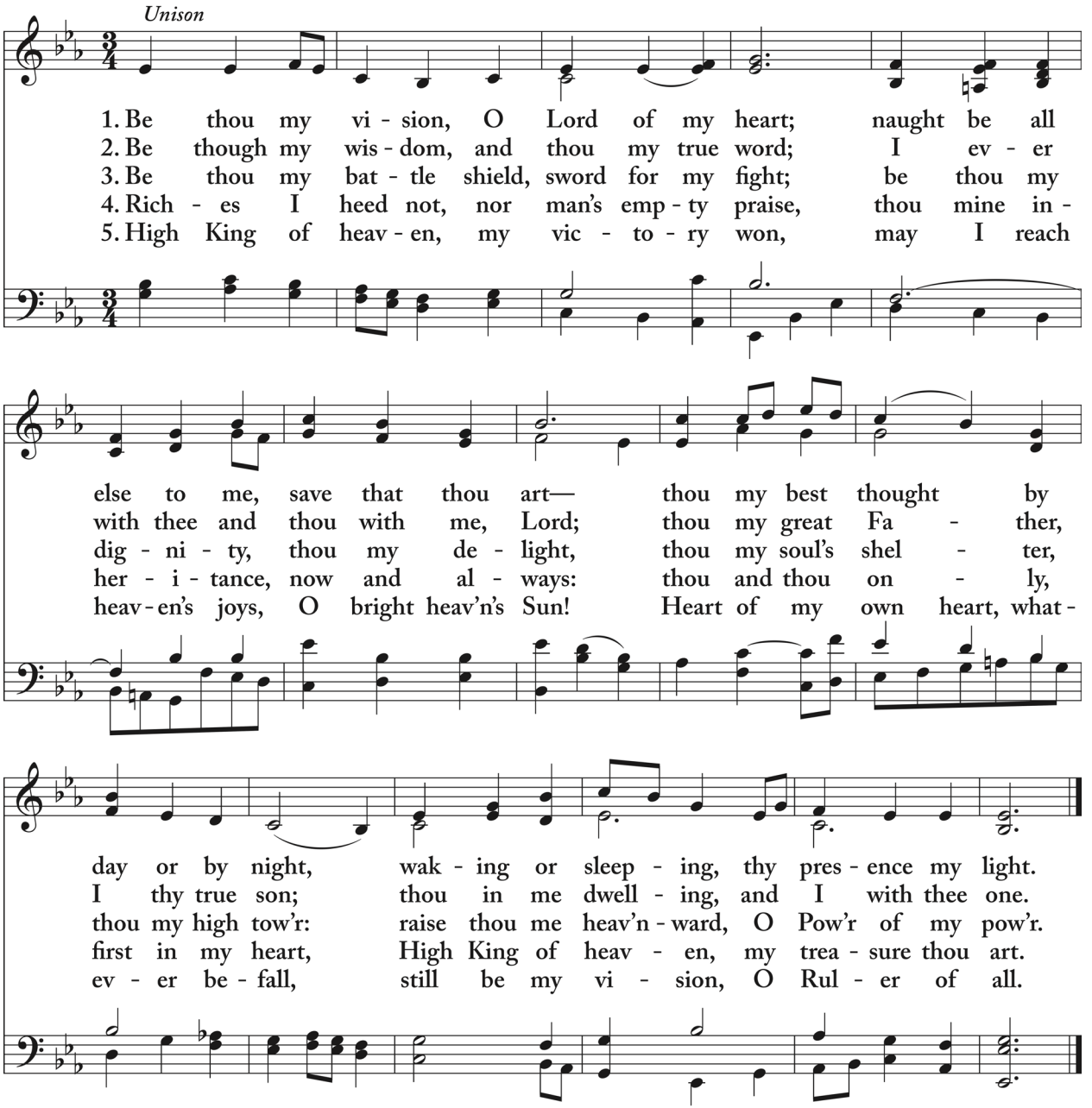
Plainsong, Tone 8



Postlude

Be Thou My Vision

Whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. Phil. 3:7
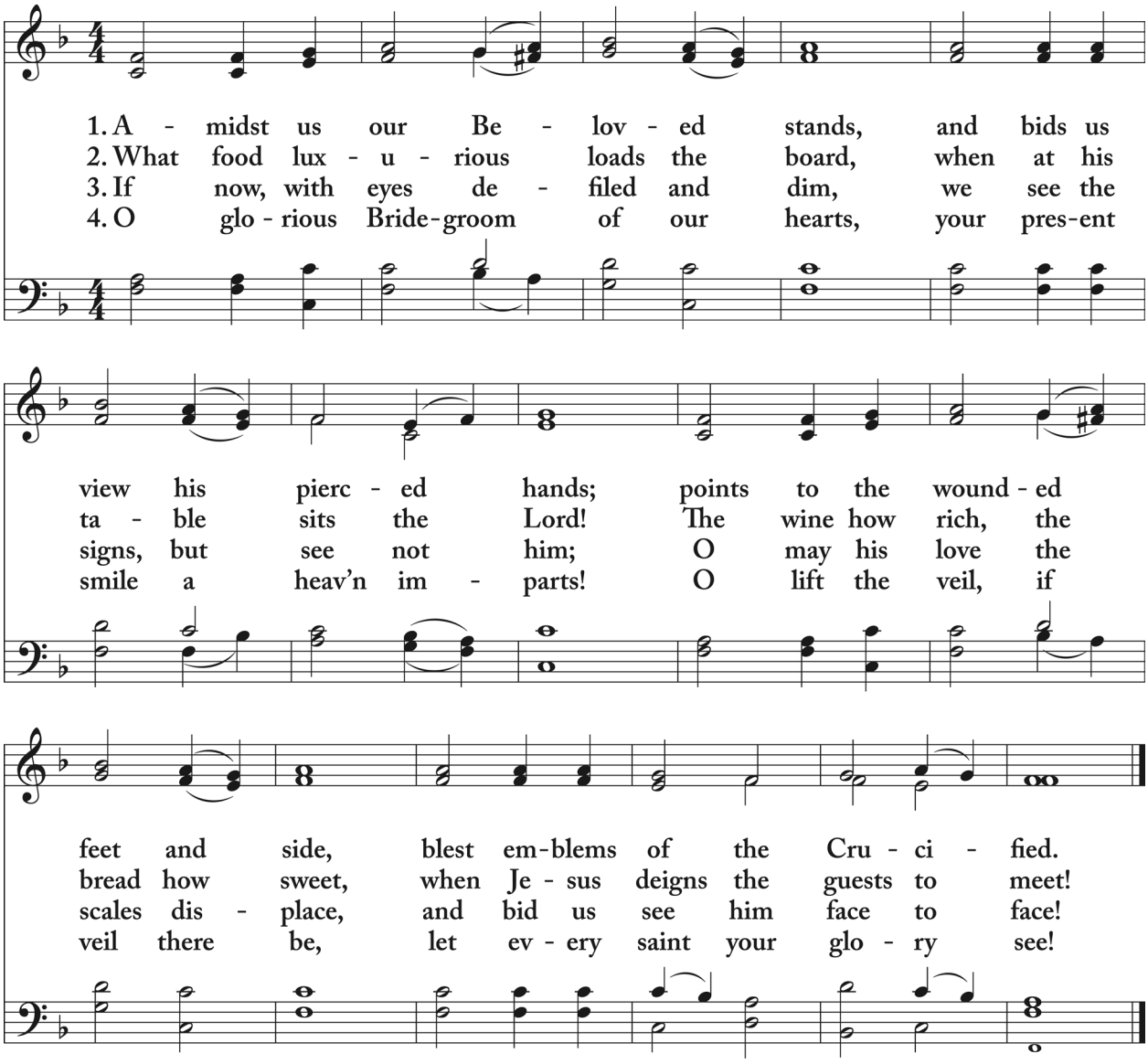


Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th cent.
Tr. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905
Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912
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SLANE 10.10.10.10.
Traditional Irish melody
Arr. by David Evans, 1927

Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands

Jesus came and stood among them and said..., "Put your finger here; see my hands."
John 20:26, 27
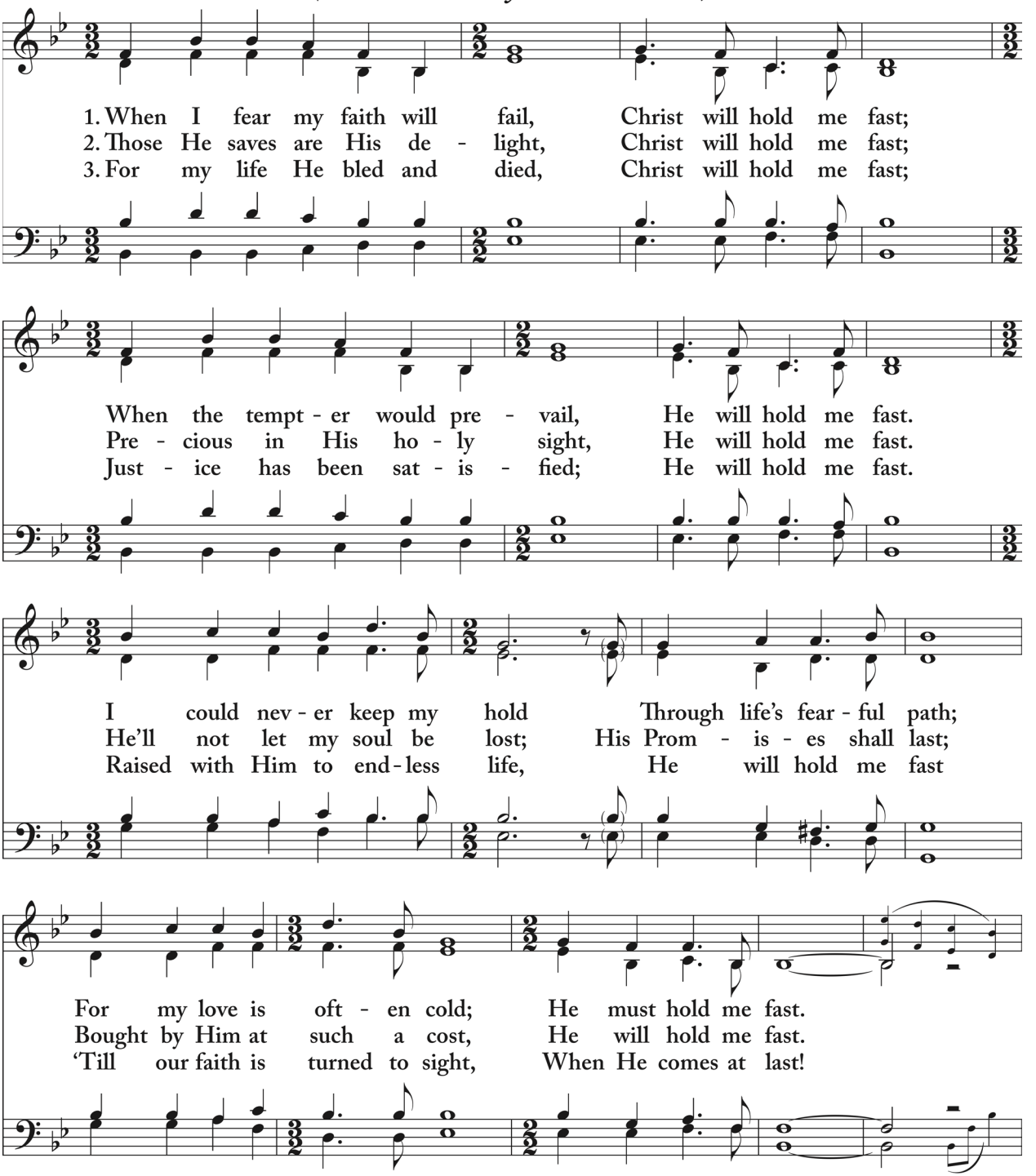


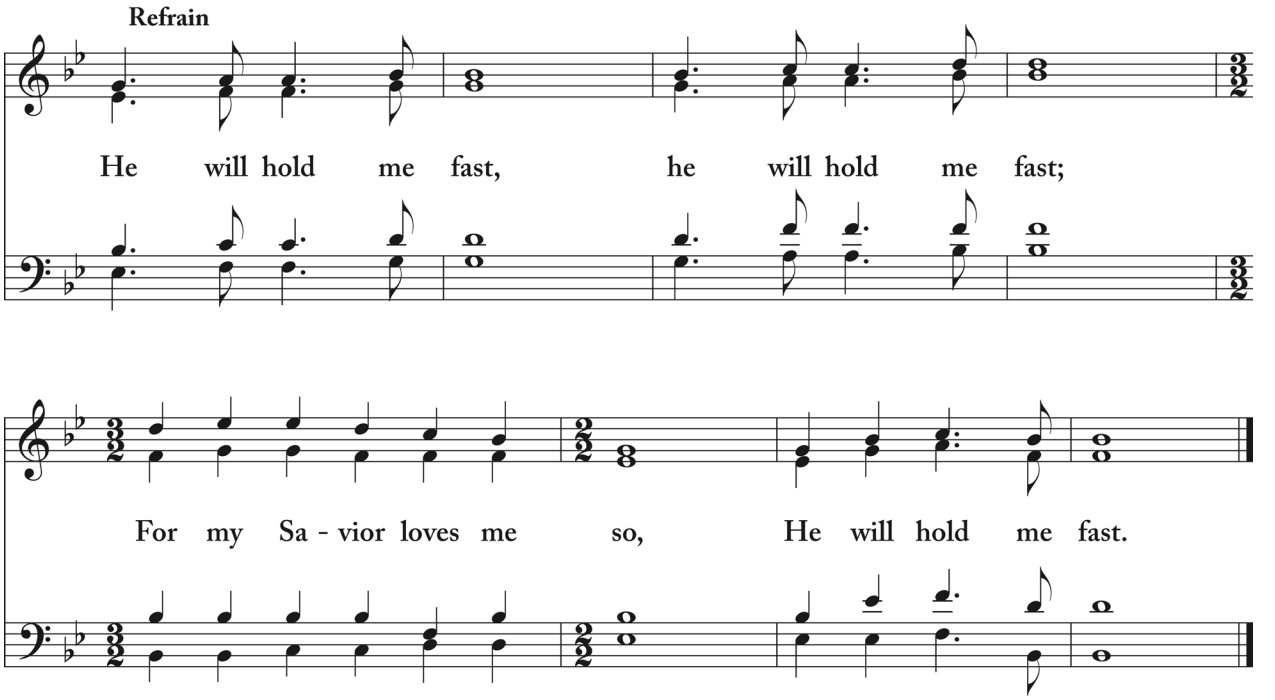
Charles H. Spurgeon, 1866
Alt. 1990, mod.

HAMBURG L.M.
Gregorian chant
Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1824

He Will Hold Me Fast

(When I Fear My Faith Will Fail)





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