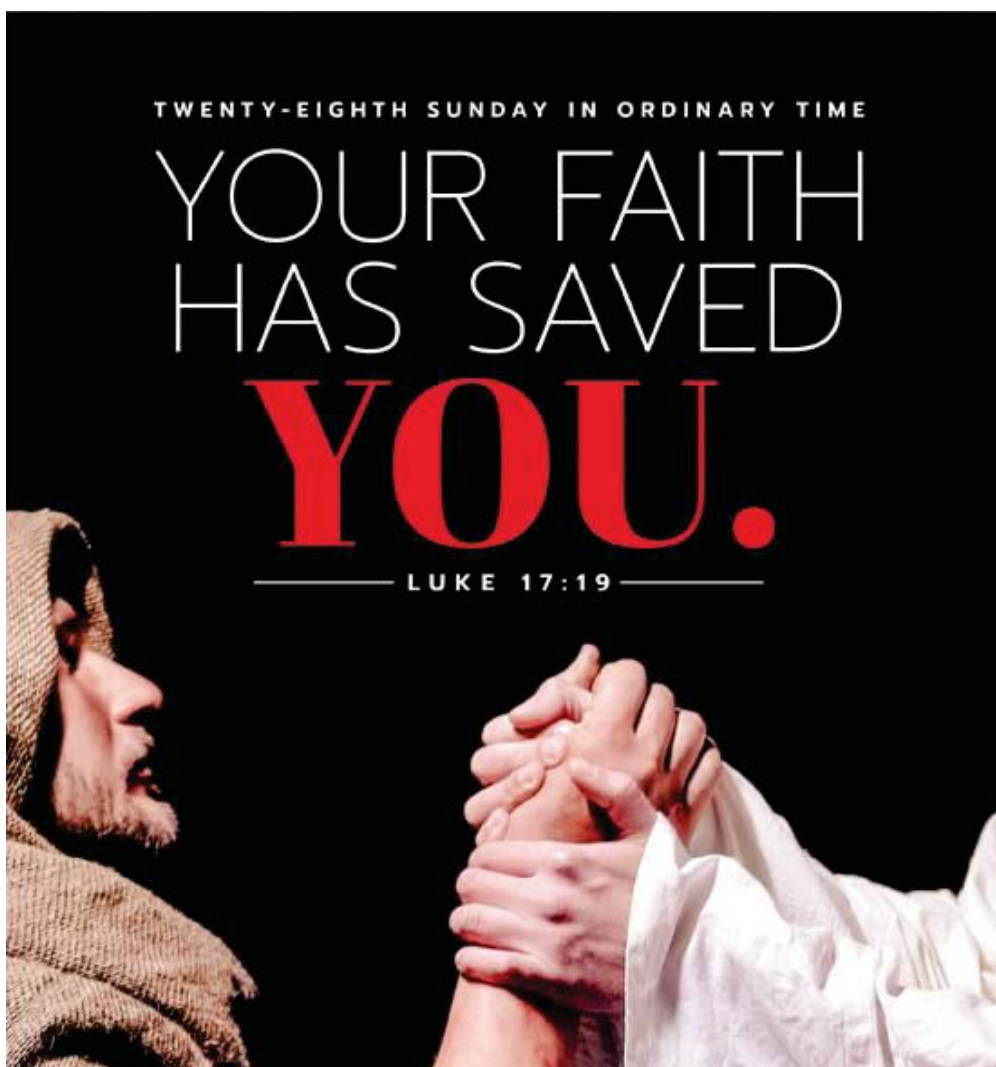


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St. Monica

Saturday | 4:00pm

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5:00pm (Spanish)

St. Lucy

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Sunday | 10:30am

Daily Mass

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Monday | 9:00am

6:00pm (Spanish)

Saturday | 9:00am

St. Lucy

Tuesday - Friday | 9:00am

Confessions

St. Monica

Monday | 6:30pm

Saturday | 9:30-10:30am

3:00-3:45pm

St. Lucy

Wednesday | 6:00pm

Saturday | 3:00-3:45pm

and by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Monica

Monday | 6:30pm

Saturday | 9:30am-2:30pm

St. Lucy

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Sunday | 10:30am



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ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, October 11

9:00am Aline Duncan, Valorie Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. Hurley Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. Mecleor Raza

4:00pm Charles Dobeck
(INSTALLATION MASS)

Sunday, October 12

9:00am Patricia Benjamin, Claire O'Connell, Manual & Fernanda Cordeiro

12:00pm Beth & Frank Monaco (Living) , Sharon & Randy Wetzel (Living), Donna & Joe Vicari (Living), Heather & Brian Crouse (Living) , The Leslie Family (Living)

5:00pm Por los feligreses de Santa Mónica y Santa Lucía

Monday, October 13

9:00am The Holy Souls in Purgatory

6:00pm Por los feligreses de Santa Mónica y Santa Lucía

Saturday, October 18

9:00am Albert, Russell, and Roland Raza, Joan Raza, Kenneth Duncan, Dale Duncan

4:00pm Stanislaw Arabudzki, Todd Tisdale, Marie Bisson

Sunday, October 19

9:00am Walter & Dorothy Miranowicz, Walter Miranowicz Jr, Joseph Miranowicz, and James Griffin

12:00pm Paul Valliere, Aime Halde, Ethel Halde, Beth & Frank Monaco (Living), Heather & Brian Crouse (Living)

5:00pm Por los feligreses de Santa Mónica y Santa Lucía

ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, October 11

4:00pm For the Parishioners of St. Lucy & St. Monica

Sunday, October 12

10:30am Pasquale Petralia, Lisa Tiberio-MacLean, James Tiberio, Margaret J. Covey, Palmerino DelliColli, Buster & Boomer Moynihan
(INSTALLATION MASS)

Tuesday, October 14

9:00am Filomena Gennaro, Alfonzo Bueo

Wednesday, October 15

9:00am Eileen Fitzgerald

Thursday, October 16

9:00am Guido & Guida Iannalfo

Friday, October 17

9:00am Eileen Fitzgerald

Saturday, October 18

4:00pm Bruce Beverley, Eugene Pryce, Dee Pomerleau (Living)

Sunday, October 19

10:30am For the Parishioners of St. Lucy & St. Monica



PRAYER CORNER

Holy Father's Intention for October | For collaboration between different religious traditions: Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

Our own intentions | Patrice K., Kim P, Michelle R.

For those who have died | Please pray for those whose funerals we recently offered. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Faith and Gratitude

It is not accidental that the ten lepers stood at a distance. On one level, this was simply because the law of Moses required people with skin disease to keep apart from others. But their physical position also seems to suggest a spiritual distance from Jesus. They are reluctant to come too close to him.

Jesus respected their caution and, without seeking to touch them...he simply sent them to the priests, those authorized to determine whether skin disease has been cleared up. All ten carried out this act of faith.... Somewhere along the way, they found to their amazement that they had in fact been healed! But nine of them simply continued on the way. They showed no particular interest in the one who healed them, no desire to find out who it was who had such life-giving power, not even the common courtesy to thank him.

But one leper *turned back*—a verb that suggests the turning of conversion. He gave what Scripture often describes as the right human response to God's mighty deeds: loud praise and thanks, publicizing to everyone within earshot the wonderful things the Lord had done for him. *I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds (Ps 9:1). My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to you; my soul also, which you have redeemed (Ps 71:23).*

No longer isolated and socially alienated, the healed man has become an evangelist, one who tells others of the wonderful works of God! He is no longer distant from Jesus. He draws near and falls on his face at Jesus' feet—a posture of worship, suggesting that he somehow knows he is in the presence of the Lord, the divine Physician. This man, Luke points out, happens to be a Samaritan. He had therefore been doubly outcast—an unclean leper and a member of a despised people. But now he has been brought into a relationship with Jesus and, by implication, with the disciples who surround him. The shame and loneliness associated with his former condition are gone. His heart is overflowing with gratitude and joy.... He received far more than a physical cure. He experienced a profound healing on every level of his being.

Mary Healy

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- **Volunteers needed** - Help is needed at the Raffle Tables; Canned Food Drive; Popcorn Machine; Bakery Table; and our Book Sale. Please contact us if you can donate 1 or 2 hours on October 25th. Please call **Judi at 978.314.8353**

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Please consider bringing Thanksgiving dinner items to either church & leaving them in the baskets for food donations. The items we could use are, stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, gravy, canned vegetables, quick bread or cake mixes. Once again we thank you for your continued support and generosity to "Help us Help People."

Society of St. Vincent De Paul

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Monday, Oct 13 for the Holiday

SECOND COLLECTION

Next week's second collection supports Catholic World Missions. By Baptism, all Catholics are called to participate in the mission of the Church and share their faith as missionaries. World Mission Sunday gathers support for the pastoral and evangelization programs and needs of more than 1,150 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. The funds gathered on World Mission Sunday are distributed in the pope's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith—a Pontifical Mission Society. Please visit www.propfaithboston.org for more information.

OFFERTORY | SEP 27/28

St. Monica - \$7,540.00 St. Lucy - \$5,097.00

Weekly Offertory needed to sustain parish operations: St. Monica - \$10,000 | St. Lucy - \$6,000



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Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Our annual novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe: Patroness of the Americas, Star of the New Evangelization, and Patroness of the unborn will begin on October 15th.

Place: St. Lucy Church | 6 p.m. | Wednesdays
October 15, 2025 - December 10, 2025

- Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
- Rosary
- Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Novena prayers
- Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
- Confessions



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



MARRIAGES | Please call the Parish Offices at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date and before booking a reception hall.

BAPTISMS | Please call the parish offices at least two months in advance of your desired baptism date.

St. Monica | 2:00pm

1st Sunday of Month (Spanish) & 2nd Sunday of Month

St. Lucy | 2:00pm

3rd Sunday of the Month



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Monday	10/13/2025	Fr. Joseph D'Onofrio	Ryan Henderson SJS Boston
Tuesday	10/14/2025	Fr. Michael Medas	Nicholas Hershbine SJS Portland
Wednesday	10/15/2025	Fr. Benito Moreno	Jake Livingstone SJS Boston
Thursday	10/16/2025	Fr. Ronald St. Pierre	Joseph Maurer SJS Rochester
Friday	10/17/2025	Happy Birthday Archbishop Henning!	Christian Ortez RMS
Saturday	10/18/2025	Fr. Alonso Macias Zakoda	Rafeal Rubio RMS

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Reading I

2 Kings 5:14-17

Naaman went down and plunged into the Jordan seven times at the word of Elisha, the man of God. His flesh became again like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean of his leprosy.

Naaman returned with his whole retinue to the man of God. On his arrival he stood before Elisha and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel. Please accept a gift from your servant."

Elisha replied, "As the LORD lives whom I serve, I will not take it;" and despite Naaman's urging, he still refused.

Naaman said: "If you will not accept, please let me, your servant, have two mule-loads of earth, for I will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any other god except to the LORD."

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done wondrous deeds;
his right hand has won victory for him,
his holy arm.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

The LORD has made his salvation known:
in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.
He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness
toward the house of Israel.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation by our God.
Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands:
break into song; sing praise.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Reading II

2 Timothy 2:8-13

Beloved:

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal.

But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory.

This saying is trustworthy: If we have died with him we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him. But if we deny him he will deny us. If we are unfaithful he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself.

Alleluia

1 Thessalonians 5:18

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

In all circumstances, give thanks,
for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

As Jesus continued his journey to Jerusalem, he traveled through Samaria and Galilee.

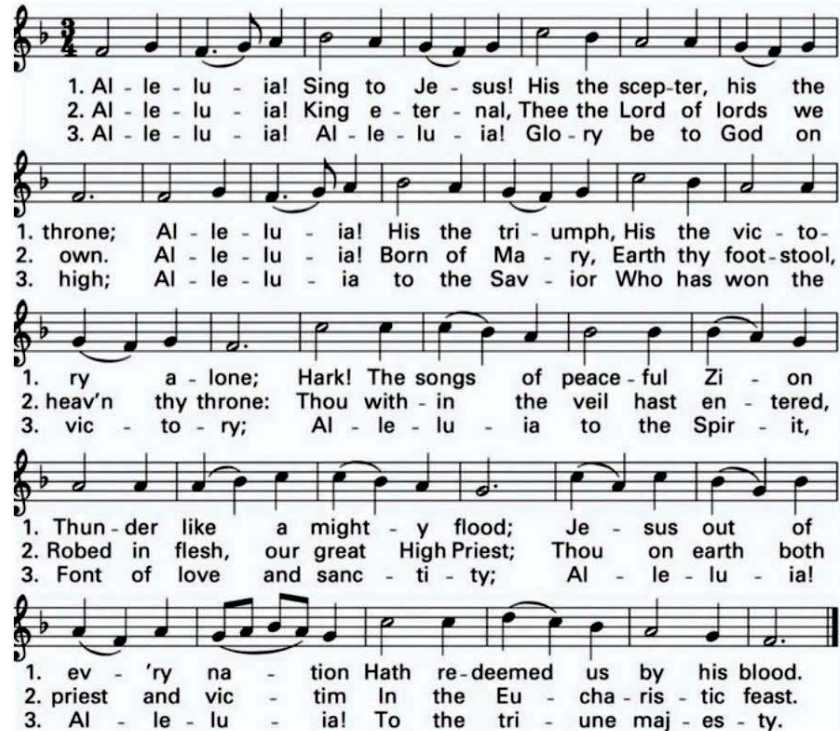
As he was entering a village, ten lepers met him. They stood at a distance from him and raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" And when he saw them, he said, "Go show yourselves to the priests."

As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan.

Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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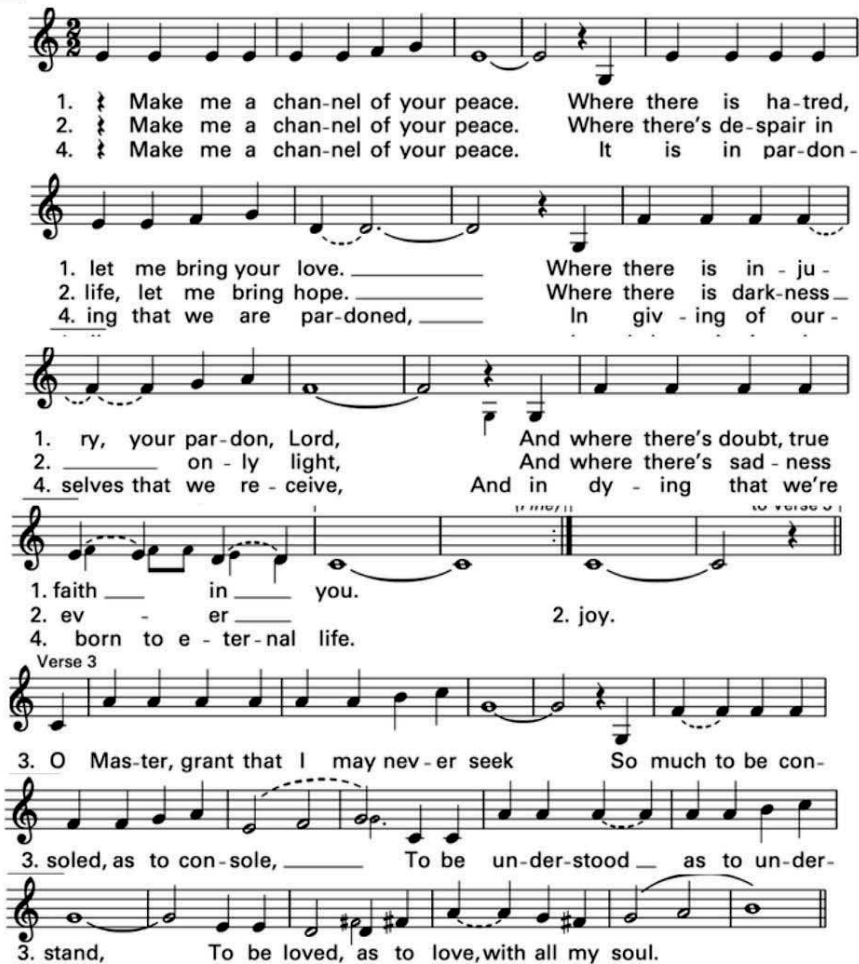
1. Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus! His the scep-ter, his the
 2. Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Thee the Lord of lords we
 3. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on

1. throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the tri - umph, His the vic - to-
 2. own. Al - le - lu - ia! Born of Ma - ry, Earth thy foot-stool,
 3. high; Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has won the

1. ry a - lone; Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on
 2. heav'n thy throne: Thou with - in the veil hast en - tered,
 3. vic - to - ry; Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it,

1. Thun - der like a might - y flood; Je - sus out of
 2. Robed in flesh, our great High Priest; Thou on earth both
 3. Font of love and sanc - ti - ty; Al - le - lu - ia!

1. ev - 'ry na - tion Hath re-deemed us by his blood.
 2. priest and vic - tim In the Eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 3. Al - le - lu - ia! To the tri - une maj - es - ty.

OFFERTORY HYMN


1. ‡ Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where there is ha-tred,
 2. ‡ Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where there's de-spair in
 4. ‡ Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It is in par-don-

1. let me bring your love. _____ Where there is in - ju -
 2. life, let me bring hope. _____ Where there is dark-ness
 4. ing that we are par-doned, _____ In giv - ing of our -

1. ry, your par-don, Lord, And where there's doubt, true
 2. _____ on - ly light, And where there's sad - ness
 4. selves that we re - ceive, And in dy - ing that we're

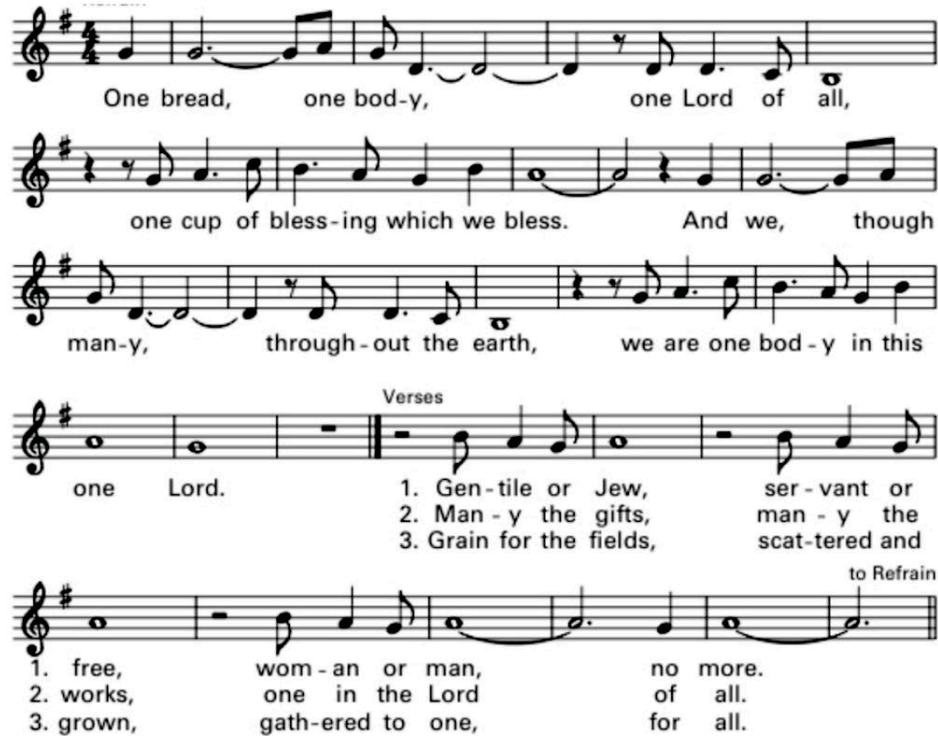
1. faith _____ in _____ you.
 2. ev - er _____ 2. joy.
 4. born to e - ter - nal life.

Verse 3

3. O Mas-ter, grant that I may nev - er seek So much to be con -

3. soled, as to con-sole, _____ To be un-der-stood _____ as to un-der-

3. stand, To be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

COMMUNION HYMN


One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all,
 one cup of bless-ing which we bless. And we, though
 man-y, through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this

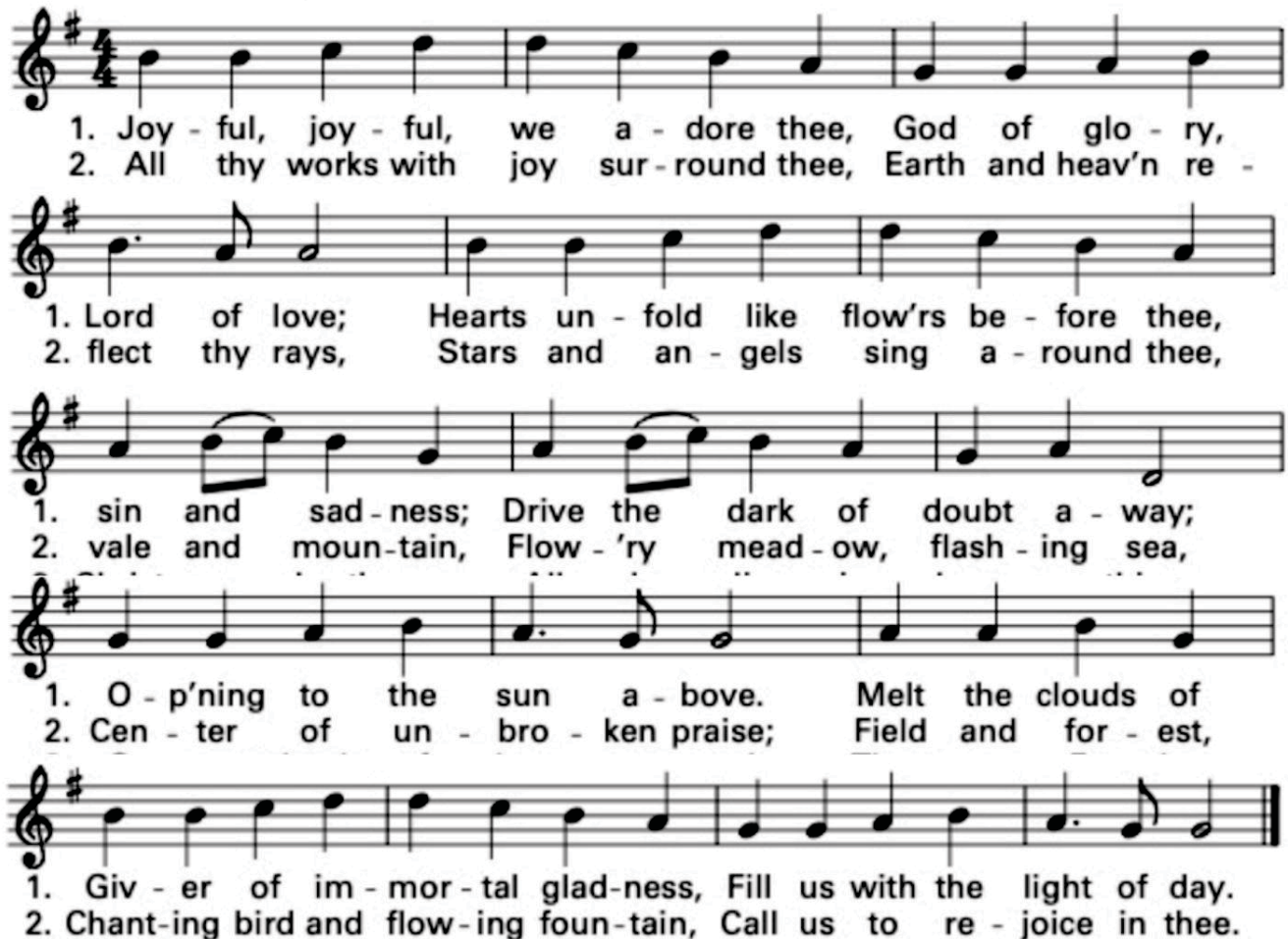
Verses

one Lord.

1. Gen-tile or Jew, ser-vant or
 2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the
 3. Grain for the fields, scat-tered and

to Refrain

1. free, wom-an or man, no more.
 2. works, one in the Lord of all.
 3. grown, gath-ered to one, for all.

RECESSIONAL HYMN


1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry,
 2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, Earth and heav'n re -

1. Lord of love; Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee,
 2. flect thy rays, Stars and an - gels sing a - round thee,

1. sin and sad-ness; Drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 2. vale and moun-tain, Flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,

1. O - p'ning to the sun a - bove. Melt the clouds of
 2. Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise; Field and for - est,

1. Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day.
 2. Chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, Call us to re - joice in thee.

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