NOVEMBER 1ST 2026 – 9:00 AM
ALL SAINTS' DAY
CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
WOODCLIFF LAKE, NEW JERSEY

A Special Welcome As We Celebrate All Saints' Day

[All text in *italics* is spoken by the leader. Please speak the **bolded** words if you desire.]

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All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

Worship is Livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube with cameras showing everything along the altar space (including the rail) as well as the front pews.

Breaking the Sound Barrier: We invite you to try one of our listening devices for those who need hearing assistance. Please speak to a worship leader if you need one.

Yellow Prayer Cards: You may write names for prayer on a yellow card from the pew rack in and place on the altar rail. Please be sure this prayer request is approved by the person for whom we are praying.

Coloring and Activities for Kids: We know it's not easy sitting during worship. Behind the back pew are two baskets full of red and blue activity bags. Inside are coloring sheets, books, puzzles, and more. Feel free to grab one and then return once our worship is over.

Nursery and Playroom: There is a self-serve Nursery for young children accompanied by their parents. The Nursery contains a bathroom with a changing table. These rooms are located along the hallway through the side door of the sanctuary.

Need an Offering Envelope? We have envelopes in the pews for you. Please include your contact information or envelope number. Offerings may also be paid via checking account online at www.clc4u.com/give, scan the QR cord, or mail to the church.

Weekly Newsletter: Stay up to date with everything happening at CLC and in our local community by signing up to our weekly newsletter at www.clc4u.com/Newsletter.

PRELUDE, WELCOME, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please stand as you are comfortable.]

CALL TO WORSHIP:

[based on work by Rev. Joanna Harader]

The earth shakes, the mountains quake-tempting our hearts to fear.
God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Storms rage, winds swirl
Still, God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Violence comes to light in our communities
and violence continues around the world-
causing us to wonder if our prayers for peace are futile.
Yet God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
For those mourning and rebuilding,
God is their refuge.
For those living in fear of their neighbors,
God is their strength.
For those currently in harms way,
God is present.
For the distraught, displaced, and those who are living on a prayer,
God is a very present help in trouble.
Therefore, we will not fear. We will worship our God.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

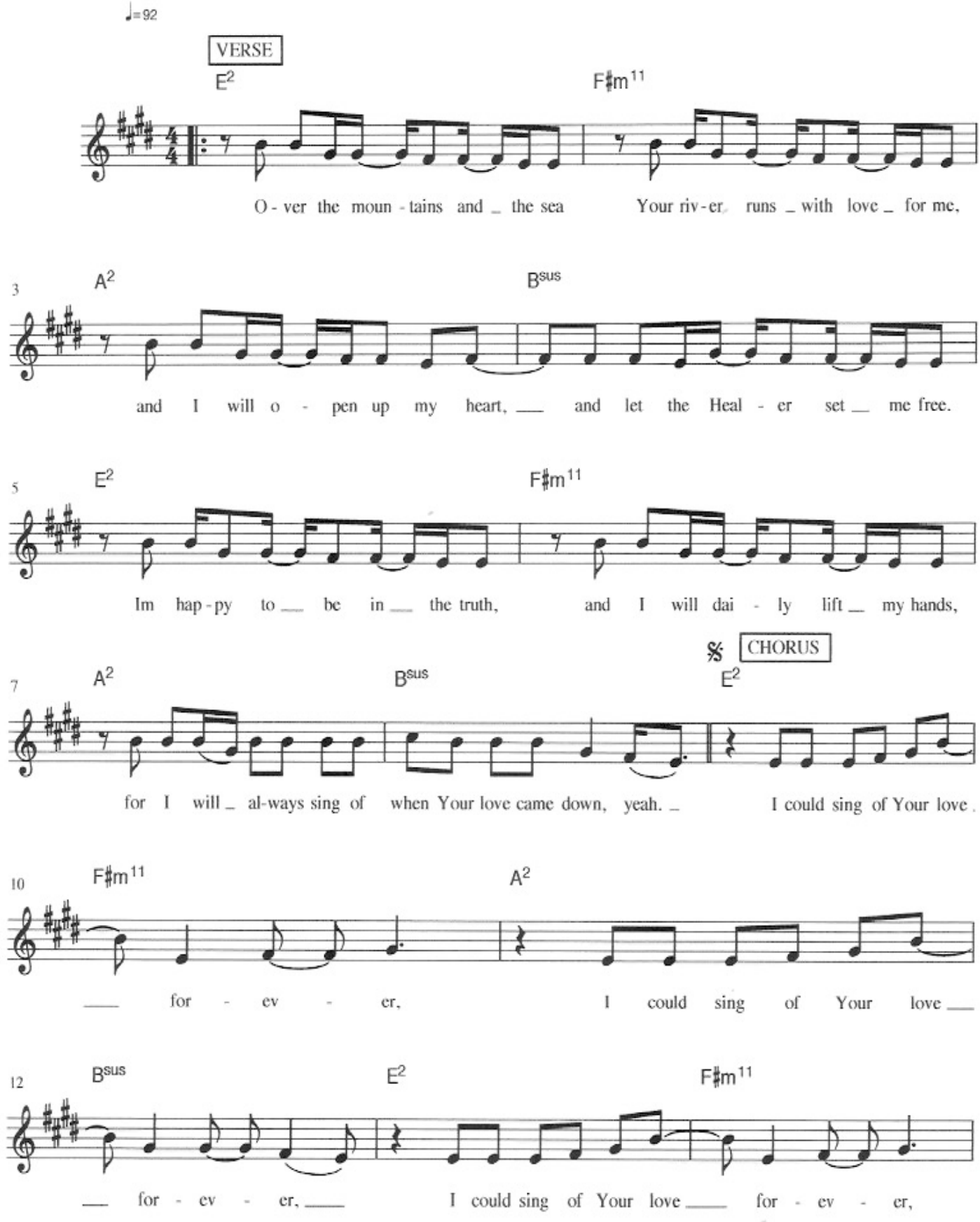
[Silence is kept for reflection.]

Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully

into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
Amen.

[Please remain standing as you are comfortable.]

GATHERING SONG – *"I Can Sing Of Your Love"*

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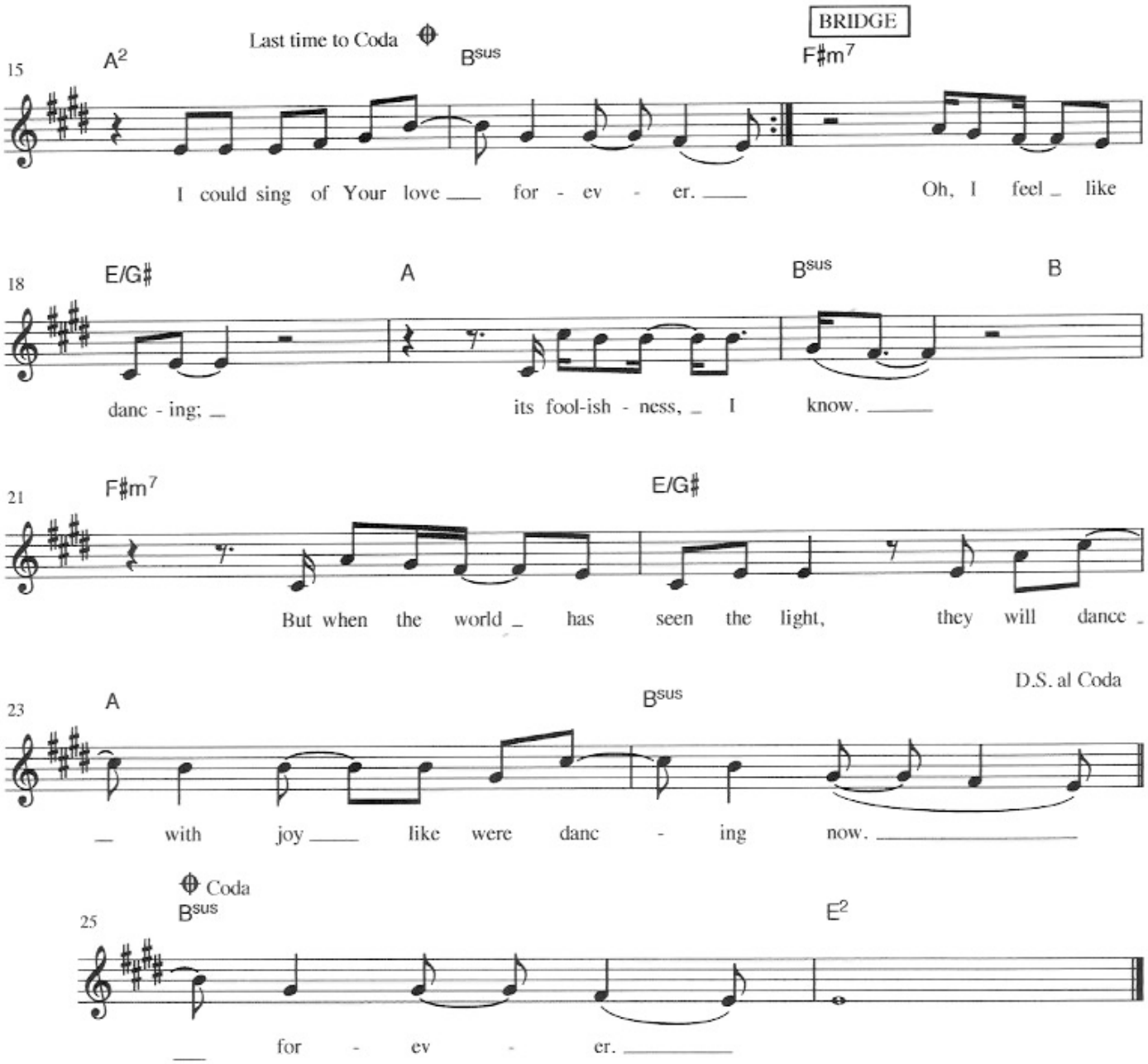
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THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

[The congregation may sit.]

CHILDREN'S SERMON

[Kids are invited to come sit with Pastor Marc on the steps of the altar.]

FIRST READING FROM THE BIBLE: REVELATION 7:9-17

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.
10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
11 And all the angels stood 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 singing,
"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, robed in white, and where have they come from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
15 For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
16 They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,

[17] for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

[Please stand as you are comfortable.]

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 5:1-12
Glory to you, O Lord.

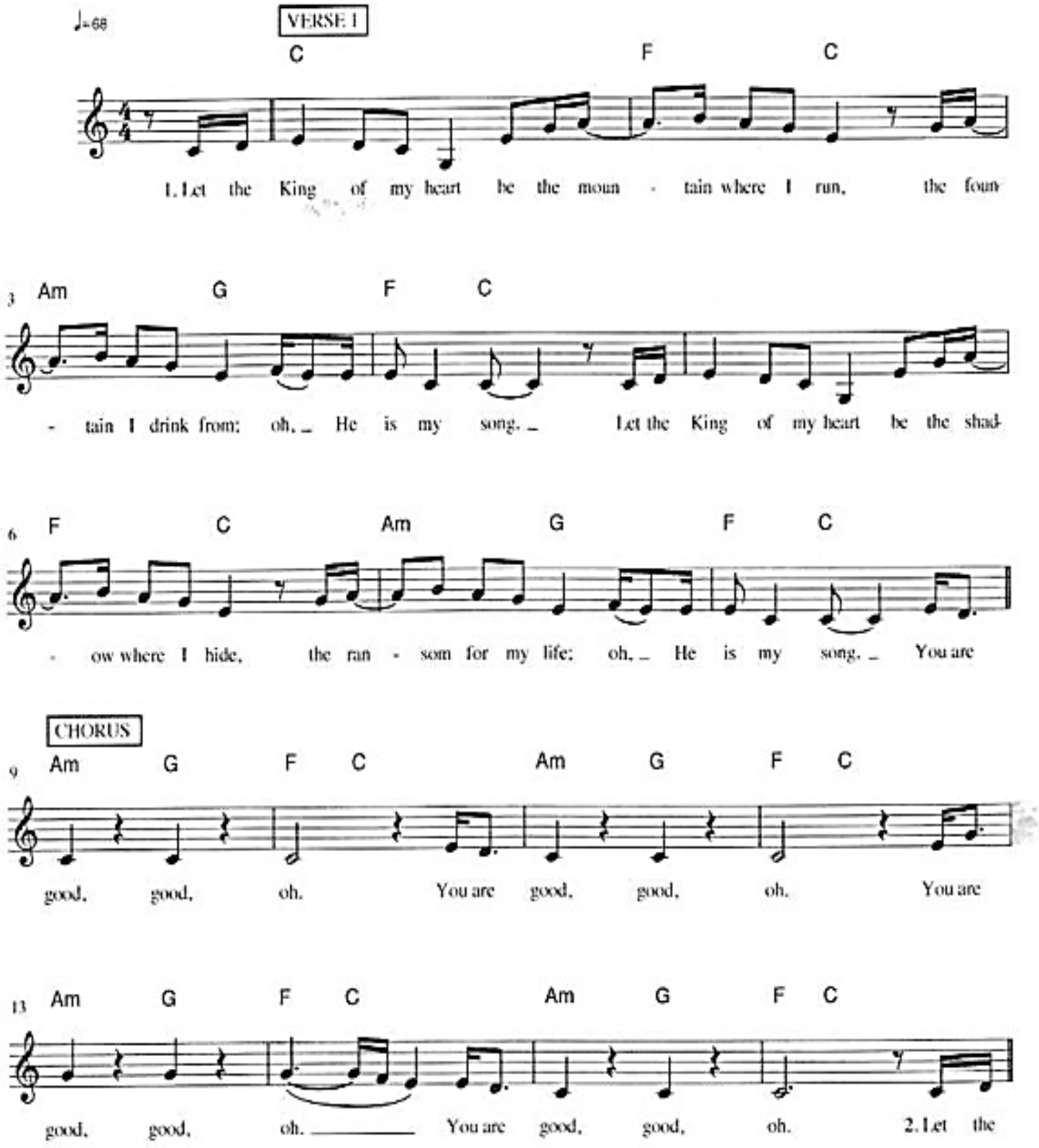
[1] When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. [2] And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
[3] "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[4] "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
[5] "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
[6] "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
[7] "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
[8] "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
[9] "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
[10] "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[11] "Blessed are you when people 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 in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

[You may be seated.]

THE SERMON – "With, For, and Here." Rev. Marc A. Stutzel

[Please stand as you are comfortable.]

HYMN OF THE DAY – ***"King Of My Heart"***

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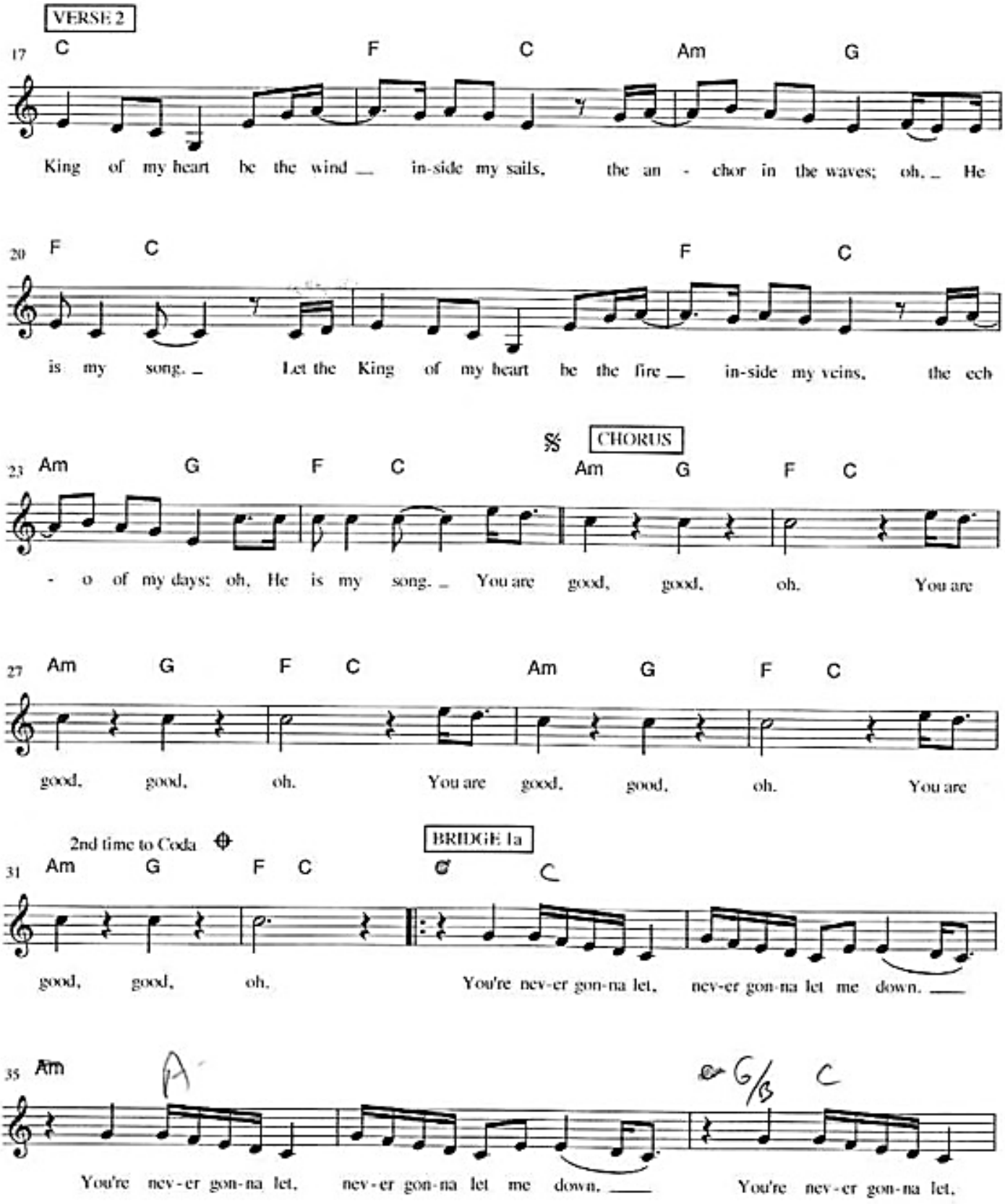
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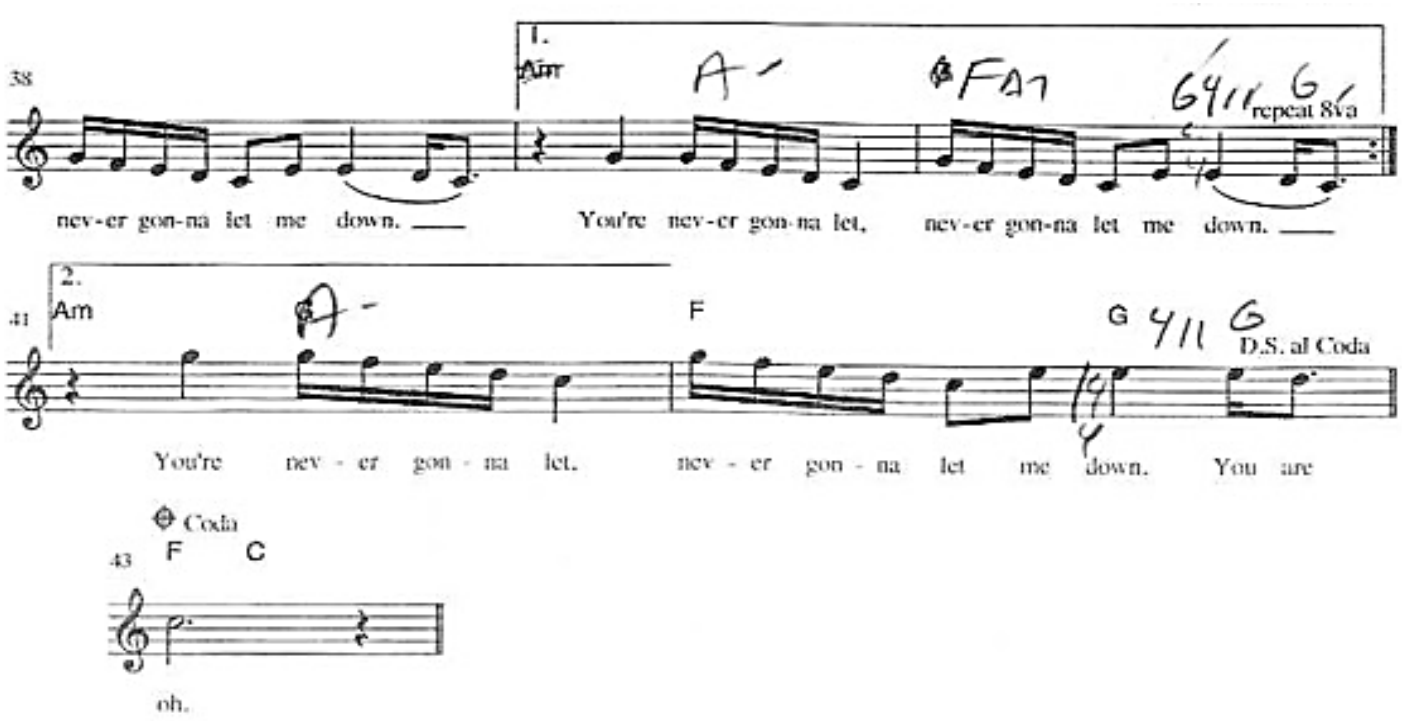

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of The Apostles' Creed.

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.

[The congregation may sit.]

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

[A brief silence.]

Fill your church with mercy and humility as we proclaim the gospel in our worship and witness in the world. We celebrate those who you have welcomed into your kingdom through the gift of baptism since last All Saints Day- **Mason Morello, Mack Morello, Cade Morello, Samuel Gold, Ronan Koch.** *Renew and inspire all who preach and teach among us including our bishops, Yehiel and Christa, and every chaplain serving in medical facilities. God, in your mercy,* **hear our prayer.**

Restore all lands suffering from ecological degradation. Protect soils and waterways including the Woodcliff Lake Reservoir which is just outside our doors. Point us toward innovative ways of living in harmony and joy with creation.
God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Unite the nations in their actions toward justice and peace. Help our elected leaders, including Donald the President, Mikie, NJ's governor, and those on school boards listen deeply for the needs in their communities. Surround our election process with wisdom and discernment. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Bring comfort and care to all who are in need, especially all who mourn this day. Sustain any who are weary, experiencing loneliness, or struggling with chronic illness especially...

Jason, Harry, David & Doris Crouse,
Faye Rekosik, Luanne McHale, Nancy Kerber,
Pat, Kevin, Feliks and Susanna,
Richard, Janice, Keith, Marie,
Billy Allison, Tina, Karen Bentsen, Caroline,
Jacquelynn Steele, Jean Helom, Edie Post & Michael Pierone.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Nurture programs and communities that support elders and those who are homebound. Bless caregivers, nurses, chaplains, social workers, and hospice staff. Guide this congregation's ministry with seniors and their families.
God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors. We give thanks for the faithful departed who are now at peace with you. We remember with joy these saints who have died since last All Saints' Day:
Arthur D Louis, Dorothy Dohrmann, Alice Sheer, Adelaide R Drubel, Miriam Valder, Arne Endresen, Donald D Rudie.

We also remember all the departed who are with the Lord forever. We invite all those who wish to come forward and light a candle in memory of a loved one.

[As you wish, please come forward in one line. A basket of candles sits in the front pew. Please take a candle, light it from the Christ candle, and place it on the sand table before the altar. Music will play during this time of remembrance. Once all the candles are lit, the prayers continue.]

Fill us with songs of thanksgiving and praise until we too are gathered at your side.
God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together. **Eternal God,**
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

I invite you to take a look at everyone who surrounds you in your sacred space. Let us send a blessing to one another via the peace sign, wishing that the peace of Christ may be with them.

Let us now think about all who are worshiping in the sanctuary, online, or at a different time than right now. In our hearts, let's send to your entire faith community a blessing and wish that the peace of Christ may be with them.

Finally, let the blessing we offer each other go out to our families, friends, neighbors, and the entire world. With God's help, our hearts are big enough to extend peace that far. Let us embody the peace of Christ after we leave worship today.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

[This is the Lord's Table. You are welcome and invited to it. **The Communion Assistant can come to the altar to help serve.** Please stand as you are comfortable.]

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, present here and connecting across space and time itself – let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

You are here, not because you are perfect, but because, through Christ Jesus, you are welcomed and loved.

[The congregation may sit.]

HOLY COMMUNION

[All are invited to the Table where Christ is bodily present in the bread and drink.
When space is available at the rail, please come forward to kneel or stand.
Please space yourselves generously along the rail.
Bread will be distributed first (gluten free wafers are available),
followed by wine and grape juice in individual cups.
Children and all who have not received First Communion can request a blessing.
For those joining at home or in your seats, we invite you to commune yourself
when Pastor Marc is served at the end.]

[A medley of music will be played while communion is distributed.]

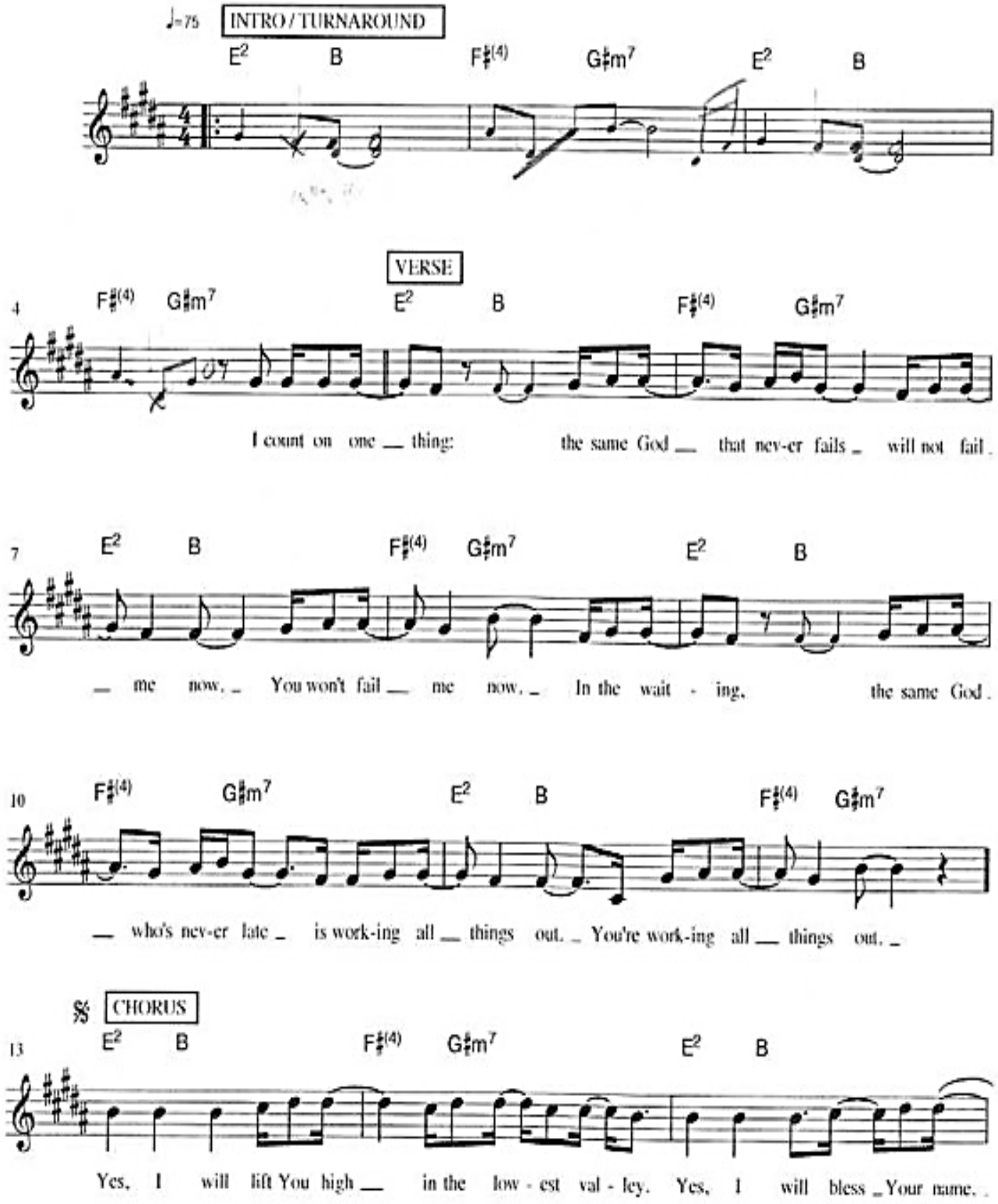
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

[Please stand as you are able once communion is complete.]

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together. **Holy God,**
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost,
bind the injured,
and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out,
awake to your presence,
now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING SONG – ***"Yes I Will"***

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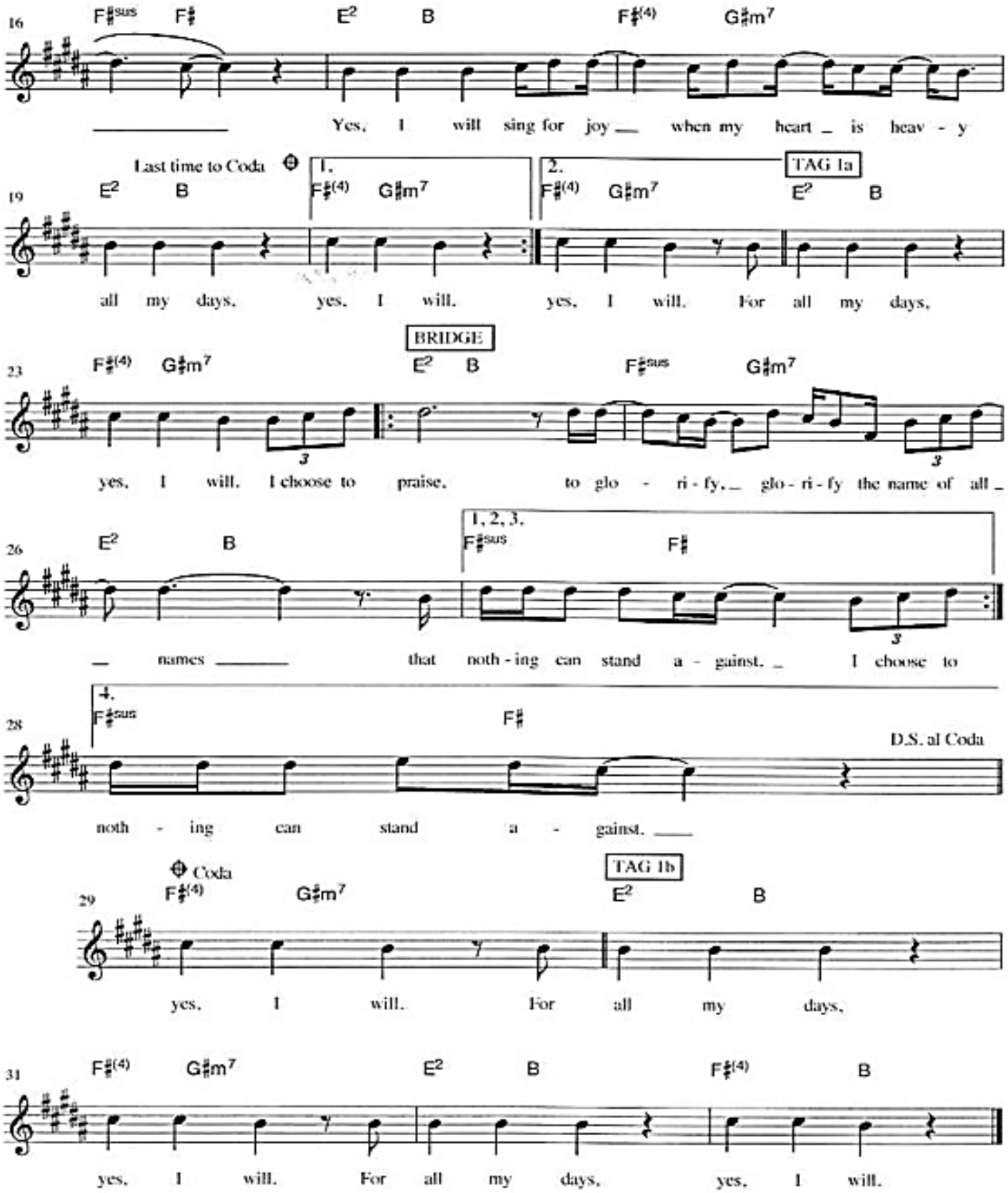
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BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

May God give you grace never to sell yourself short; grace to risk something big for something good; grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but Love. The Blessing of God Almighty, + Father Son and Holy Spirit be with us now and remain with us this day and always.
Amen,

Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A SPECIAL HELLO TO EVERYONE ATTENDING CLC TODAY FOR THE FIRST TIME. We are blessed by your presence and pray you will be blessed in this space. If you wish, fill out the orange card ("We're glad you're here!) in the back of the pew in front of you. And if you need to talk to Pastor Marc, please reach out!

AED: If a medical emergency occurs and an AED is needed, one is located on top of the church mailboxes next to the church office and choir room.

ENRICH YOUR WORK WEEK AND ENHANCE YOUR PRAYERS: read these appointed selections in preparation for the 24th Sunday after Pentecost, November 8th: *Amos 5:18-24, Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16, Psalm 70, Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13.*

ALTAR FLOWERS: If you would like to sponsor flowers for future weeks ($60 per Sun. through our florist or you can bring two bouquets of your own) in honor or memory of loved ones, sign your name on the flower chart in the narthex.

CARE COMMITTEE BLANKET DRIVE: When a crisis comes, an intentional loving response can make all the difference. Church World Service runs a variety of programs reaching out to the most vulnerable all around the world. Their CWS Blanket program (cwsblankets.org) was created to let people going through natural and human made disasters they are not alone. For $10, you can provide a seasonal blanket for someone who needs to leave their home due to a human or natural disaster. A collection plate is in the Narthex.

SPECIAL GIFTS COMMITTEE: We need your ideas on how to honor the memory of Anna and Dominic Ricci while living out the kingdom of God. Pick up a "special gifts" application in the mailboxes by the church office to let us know what projects we can support with our Special Gifts fund.

CLC WOMEN - DECORATING CUPCAKES: Do you wish you could decorate cupcakes like the ones you find in specialty bake shops? Well, you are in luck, because Jane Conboy, one of our congregation members, has offered to share her expert decorating skills with us! You can either participate in the decorating or watch it happen. This event will take place on Sunday November 15th at 2 pm here at church. Anyone 14 yrs of age or older can participate (younger kids can accompany an adult participant). Cost is $15 for a cupcake kit (all supplies provided to decorate 4 cupcakes). We have a hard limit of 15 people who can decorate (but no charge and no limit for the number of people who would like to observe). RSVP and pay by November 1. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex or you can call/email the church office (make sure to speak to Evie and not simply leave a voicemail).

BRAIN HEALTH ON SUNDAY, TODAY AT 12 NOON: We've rescheduled our event on Brain Health for Sunday, November 1st. Join Marymae Henley, a clinician who works Clinical Research Center of New Jersey to learn what's normal and what's not when it comes to brain health as well as 8 steps to a healthier brain. Invite your neighbors to church and have them stick around for this great info session. Please let the church office know if you will be there.

CAREGIVER COFFEE HOUR: Our support group for caregivers will meet on Saturday, November 14th at 10 am. We'll invite Sydney Struble from Center of Mind Body Balance to teach us how to take care of ourselves through breathing. Breathwork is a powerful practice that utilizes specific breathing techniques to influence your mental, emotional, and physical state. It can help reduce our stress, enhance our vitality, and take care of our soul. Please contact the church office if you plan to attend. This event is open to the community so feel free to invite your friends.

ASSISTING MINISTERS TODAY:

9:00 am

Musician – David Scance

Altar Guild – Meredith Drobinske

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, November 1st
Worship at 9:00 am & 10:30 am
Sunday School, 9:45 am
Brain Health Alzheimer's event, 12:00 pm

Monday, November 2nd
SCA Fencing Event, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, November 3rd
Knit One, Crochet Too, 10:00 am

Wednesday, November 4th
Worship Committee meeting, 10:00 am
Chancel Choir, 4:45 pm

Sunday, November 8th
Worship at 9:00 am & 10:30 am
Confirmation Class, 9:45 am

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