

*Shepherd me, God;  
help me follow.*

*All I need is given;  
help me trust, receive and be grateful.*

*You lead me to rest and restoration;  
give me faith to drink deeply, to lie down.*

*You lead me on a path with heart;  
help me follow, for your sake.*

*Even through the darkest valley  
give me courage to trust and follow.*

*You are with me, your presence comforting  
in all my difficulties. Help me trust.*

*You prepare a feast for me despite my fears.  
You invite me to be at peace with my enemies.*

*You shower me with blessing;  
bathe me in gratitude.*

*Your goodness and mercy stick to me;  
help me trust I am in you always. Always.*

*Psalm 23 Help me follow by Steve Garnaas-Holmes*

# FREDERICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*The Fourth Sunday of Easter*

*April 26, 2026*

*10:30 am*

## GATHERING

*The people of God come together as the Body of Christ.*

### WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE     *“Alba”*

Granados, arr. McChesney

*(Handbell Choir; Amy Coldren, flute)*

### OPENING SENTENCES

Leader:       We have been through much, but the Lord has been with us,  
                  and so we give thanks and find peace.

**People:       The Lord is our Shepherd; we have everything we need.**

Leader:       Through shadow and light, through death and birth, through grief and joy,  
                  we have never been alone. We rest in that truth.

**People:       Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives,  
                  and we shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

*(. . . now and forever. Amen.)*

\*HYMN 35     *“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”*

LOBE DEN HERREN

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Gracious God, from before the foundation of the world,  
                  you called us by name and pledged your steadfast love.*

*But like ornery sheep, we stray from the fold.*

*You offer to lead us, but we prefer to lead ourselves.*

*Christ laid down his life,*

*yet we refuse to lay down our phones, our plans, our pride.*

*Forgive us, O God.*

*Call us back to the open gate of Christ’s redeeming love*

*that we may enter your Beloved Community and find restoration for our souls,*

*reconciliation with our enemies and the glory of abiding with you forevermore. Amen.*

**\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: . . . Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**\*SUNG RESPONSE "Alleluia"**

HONDURAS ALLELUIA

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
 A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Now the Lord is risen in - deed.  
 A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.

**\*THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

*(The people exchange signs and words of Christ's peace.)*

# WORD

*The people of God share God's Story.*

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*Reader: Steven Lapsley*

**FIRST LESSON**

Acts 2:42-47

**PSALM 23**

Ricardo Villarreal

*(The congregation sings the refrain as directed.)*

El Se - ñor es mi pas - tor; na - da me pue - de fal - tar.  
 My\_ shep - herd is the Lord; noth - ing in - deed shall I want.

**SECOND LESSON**

1 Peter 2:19-25

**ANTHEM** *“The Shepherd Psalm”*

Allen Pote

*The Lord is my shepherd, there's nothing I need, and by the still waters my shepherd will lead.  
In meadows of peace he brings me to rest, and shows me the way, the path that is blest.  
Then shadows of death I face without fear, for I know in my heart my shepherd is near.*

**GOSPEL LESSON**

John 10:1-10

**SERMON**

The Reverend Judy Johnson

**\*HYMN 506** *“Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!”*

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## TABLE

*The people of God respond to God's Word.*

**OFFERTORY** *“Softly and Tenderly”*

Raney, arr. Sherman

*Because of all that God has done for us and has given to us, we respond by offering our very lives to God out of great thanksgiving. Other ways to give include [online](#), by Venmo or by mail at FPC, 115 W 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Frederick, MD 21701.*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUNEN

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

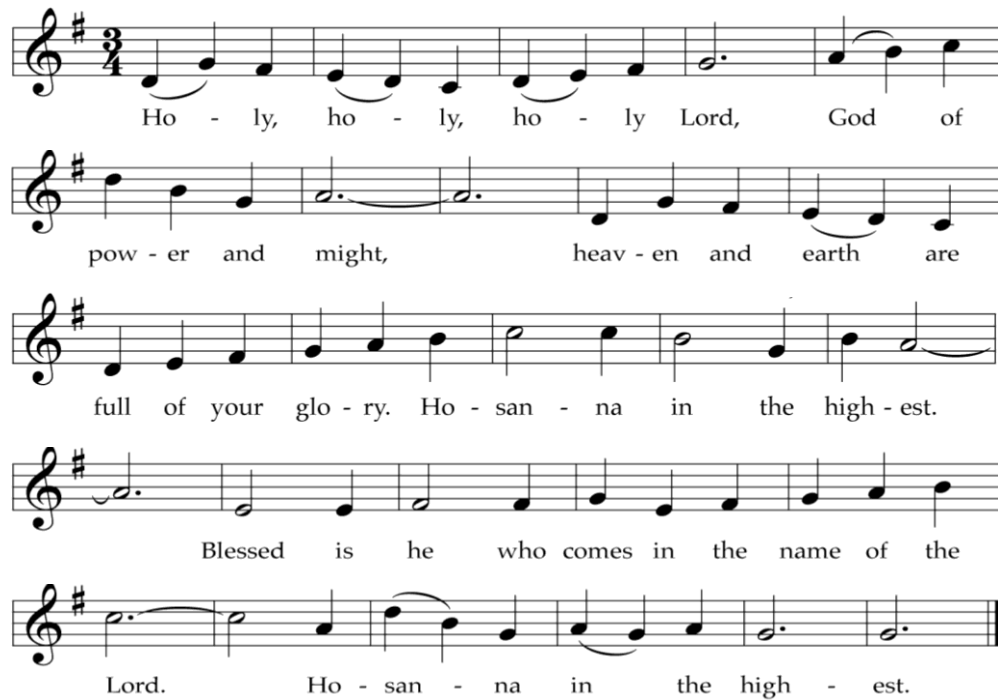
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*(The Great Prayer continues...)*

Leader: ... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*(The Great Prayer continues...)*

Leader: ... as we proclaim the great mystery of our faith:

People:



Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

*(The Great Prayer continues...)*

Leader: ... now and forever.

People:



A - men, a - men, a - men.

## 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 for ever. Amen.*

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD





***Welcome to Frederick Presbyterian Church and we hope that you will continue to join in our worship and ministry.***

***If you are new to Frederick Presbyterian, here are some things you may like to know . . .***

- **Please join us in Fellowship Hall for the spaghetti luncheon.**
- We welcome children to our worship services. However, if you prefer, childcare is available for infants and preschoolers during Worship beginning at 10:15 AM.  
To reach the nursery, exit the sanctuary side door through Heritage Hall.  
Follow the stairs up and pass the church office. Go through the double doors to the nursery straight ahead.
- Older children - Look for the special **WORSHIP ACTIVITY BAGS** and **CHILDREN'S BULLETIN** in the Narthex and Heritage Hall.
- Visit our website at: **www.frederickpresbyterian.org** for more information about Frederick Presbyterian.

***God's Peace and Blessing be with you!***

**Is today your first time at FPC? We especially welcome you today! To celebrate your visit, FPC will make a donation in your honor to a local ministry of your choice.**

***To choose your designated ministry, scan here:***



***Today's Flowers are given to the Glory of God  
in loving memory of Jen's mother, Joyce Quinn***

***by***

***Jen and John Eliot and family***



- \* Worship led by the Reverend Judy Johnson, Brian Bartoldus, Handbell Choir, Amy Coldren and Steven Lapsley
- \* Acolyte: Ivanna Ndingwan
- \* Cantor: Andrew Sillers
- \* Opening Sentences - *Call to Worship, Vol 59.1: Prayers of the People - Feasting on the Word, Year A, Vol 1*; Prayer of Confession - *Presbyterian Outlook* April 2026; Cover: Psalm 23 by Steve Garnaas-Holmes - *United Women in Faith and Creation Justice Ministries 2023 Earth Day Sunday Resource*
- \* Songs are used with permission from OneLicense.net - license number A-708024

**Mother's Day - Rescued Treasures Clothing Drive**

It's time for our Annual Rescue Mission Clothing Drive. As you sort through your closets as the weather gets warmer, consider donating clean, and in good repair clothing and small appliances to the Clothing Closet of the Frederick Rescue Mission.

**Bag or box your items and bring them to FPC before Worship on Mother's Day, May 10<sup>th</sup> .**

Place them on the sidewalk next to the manse. The Rescue Mission will have a large truck in front of the church to receive our donations. If you have any questions, please contact [Susan Mangold](#) at 240-315-5235.

**FPC Family Outdoor Event**  
**Saturday, June 6, 2026**  
**Kayaking from Riverside Park to Pinecliff Park**  
**9:00 - 1:00** (approximately, schedule TBD)



The section of the Monocacy River we'll be navigating is known for its calm waters and lack of significant currents, making it ideal for a leisurely paddle. Whether you prefer kayaks (sit in/sit on top), canoes, paddle boards, or any other vessel, you're welcome to join in on the fun. Plus, fishing is permitted in this area, so don't forget to bring your fishing gear if you're inclined to reel in a catch!

**I encourage you to pack snacks, drinks and binoculars for eagle and wildlife sightings along the way. Additionally, bring a packed lunch and drinks if you plan to stay for our picnic lunch at Pinecliff.**

*If you plan to attend, kindly let me know in advance. We also welcome those who may not have their own watercraft but are interested in joining; **please indicate if you'll need to borrow equipment or have equipment to loan.***

Feel free to spread the word and invite your family & friends to join us for this memorable day on the river.

Jonathan Lyons [jp846a@gmail.com](mailto:jp846a@gmail.com) 301-748-2358

*The Deacons invite YOU...*

*The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Strawberry Shortcake Social*

*Fresh picked strawberries, homemade shortcake, ice cream, and whipped cream*

*Sunday, May 31*

*Immediately after Worship*  
*Outside in front of the church*

*Invite a friend to join you!*

*Strawberry Shortcakes YUMMM!*



**2026 FPC Weekend Get-Away**

The FPC Weekend Get-Away is **September 25 - 27** at the Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center in Harrisonburg, VA.

**Some say it is the BEST weekend of the year!!**

Please note that reservations require a deposit, however full payment is preferred. The registration form and payment MUST include a note that the payment is for the FPC Weekend Get-Away. Forms can be found in Heritage Hall or online.

Payment can be made [online](#), via [Venmo](#), mailed to the church, or dropped in the offering plate. If paying online or by Venmo, please send the form electronically to Lisa Myers, [ericlisamg1@gmail.com](mailto:ericlisamg1@gmail.com).

# 35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly  
 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

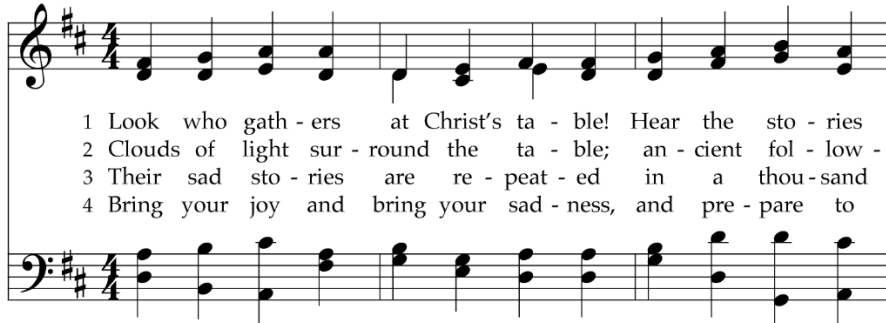
a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so  
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his  
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -  
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

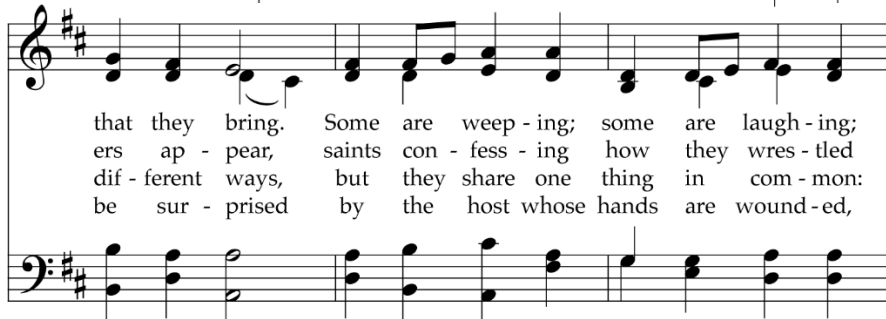
tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1-6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

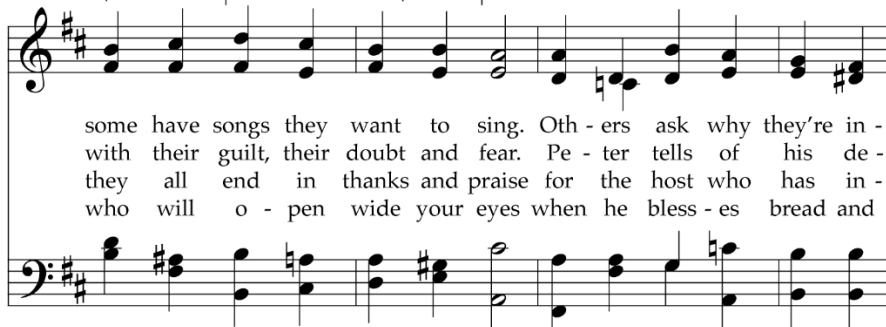
# 506 Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!



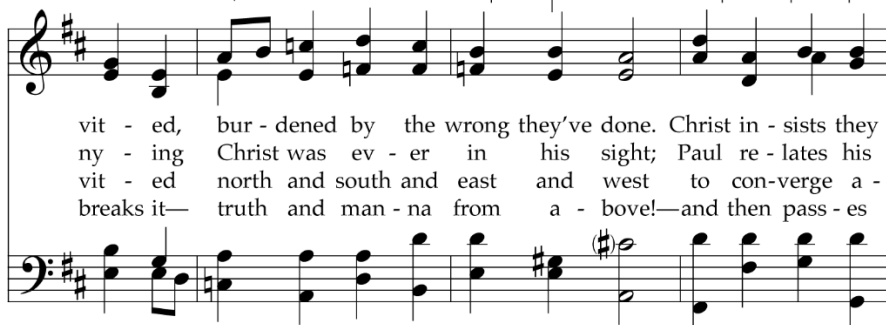
1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries  
2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -  
3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand  
4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to



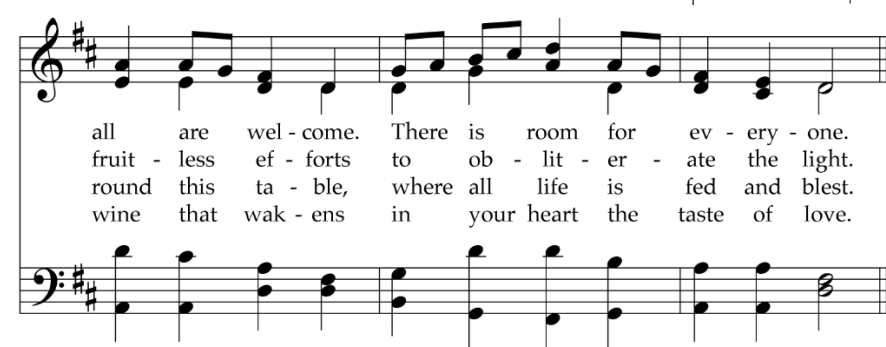
that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;  
ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled  
dif - ferent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:  
be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,



some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -  
with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -  
they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -  
who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and



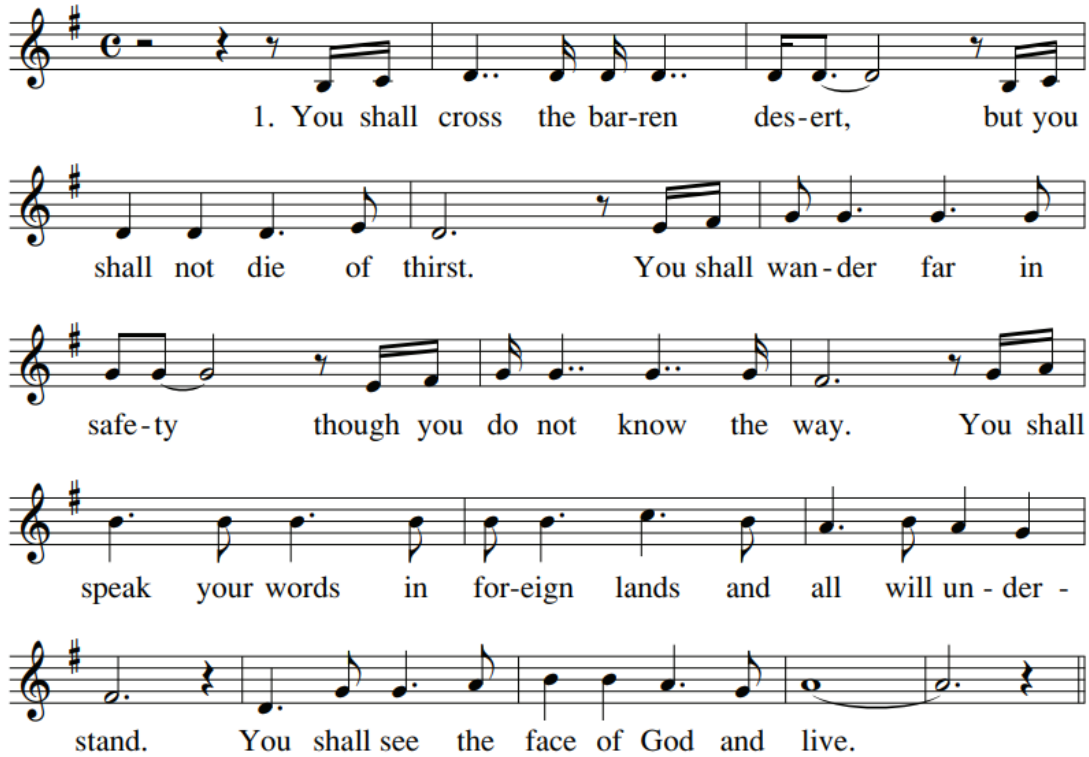
vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they  
ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his  
vit - ed north and south and east and west to con - verge a -  
breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!—and then pass - es



all are wel - come. There is room for ev - ery - one.  
fruit - less ef - forts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.  
round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.  
wine that wak - ens in your heart the taste of love.

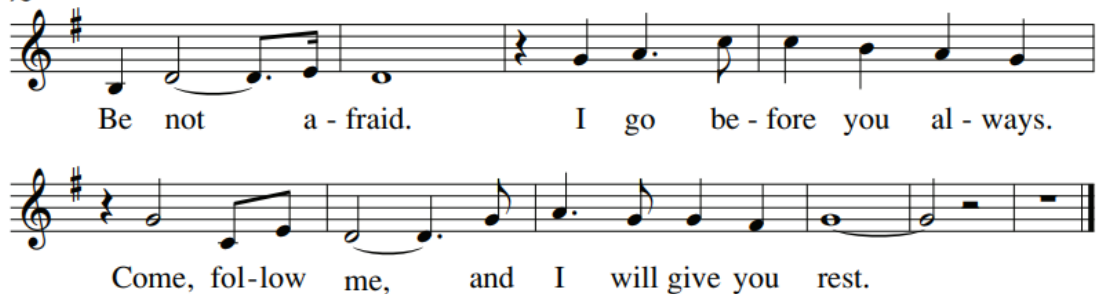
# Be Not Afraid

## Verse 1



1. You shall cross the bar-ren des-ert, but you shall not die of thirst. You shall wan-der far in safe-ty though you do not know the way. You shall speak your words in for-ign lands and all will un-der-stand. You shall see the face of God and live.

## Refrain



Be not a - fraid. I go be - fore you al - ways.  
Come, fol-low me, and I will give you rest.

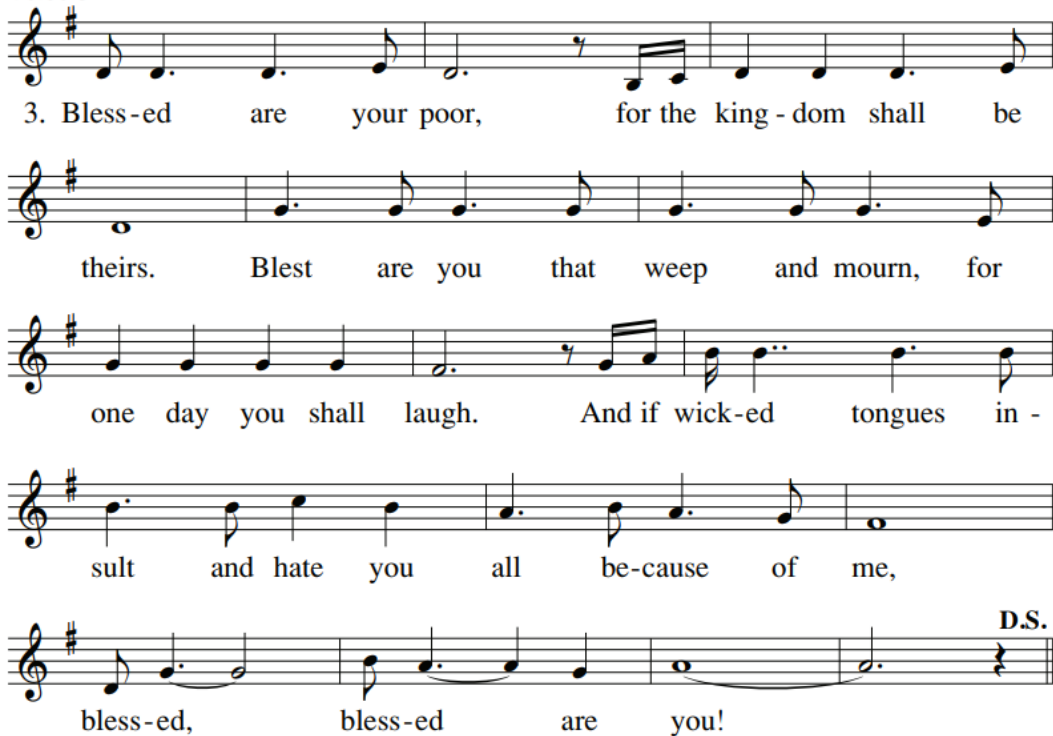
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Verse 2



2. If you pass through rag - ing wa - ters in the  
sea, you shall not drown. If you walk a - mid the burn - ing flames,  
you shall not be harmed. If you stand be - fore the  
pow'r of hell and death is at your side,  
know that I am with you through it all. **D.S.**

Verse 3



3. Bless - ed are your poor, for the king - dom shall be  
theirs. Blest are you that weep and mourn, for  
one day you shall laugh. And if wick - ed tongues in -  
sult and hate you all be - cause of me,  
bless - ed, bless - ed are you! **D.S.**

# Come to the Table of Grace 507

Capo 3: (D) (A) (Bm) (D7/A) (G)  
 F C Dm F7/C B<sup>b</sup>

1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the

(A) (D) (A) (D) (Em)  
 C F C F Gm

ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's

(D/A) (G) (D/A) (A7) (D) (G) (D)  
 F/A B<sup>b</sup> F/C C7 F B<sup>b</sup> F

not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

- 2 Come to the table of peace...
- 3 Come to the table of love...
- 4 Come to the table of hope...
- 5 Come to the table of joy...

The simple, formulaic nature of this song makes it especially suitable for use during the communion portion of the Lord's Supper. Because it can be learned readily and does not require reference to a printed source, it frees people to sing before and after receiving the elements.

# I Come with Joy

515

Capo 3: (D) (G) (A) (D) (Bm)  
 F B $\flat$  C F Dm

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
 2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are  
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has

(Asus) (Am) (G) (F $\sharp$ m) (D)  
 Csus Cm B $\flat$  Am F

free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in  
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the

(Em) (D/F $\sharp$ ) (G) (A) (Am7) (D)  
 Gm F/A B $\flat$  C Cm7 F

love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
 Christ's com-mu - nion bread, in Christ's com-mu - nion bread.  
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This text affirms that Christian unity is not achievement but gift, one renewed each time we gather for the Lord's Supper. Each of us enters as an "I" and leaves as part of "we." The unadorned language of this text is well matched to the simple shape note tune that sets it here.

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 MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1977  
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 Music Arr. © 1977 Hope Publishing Company

DOVE OF PEACE  
 8.6.8.6.6