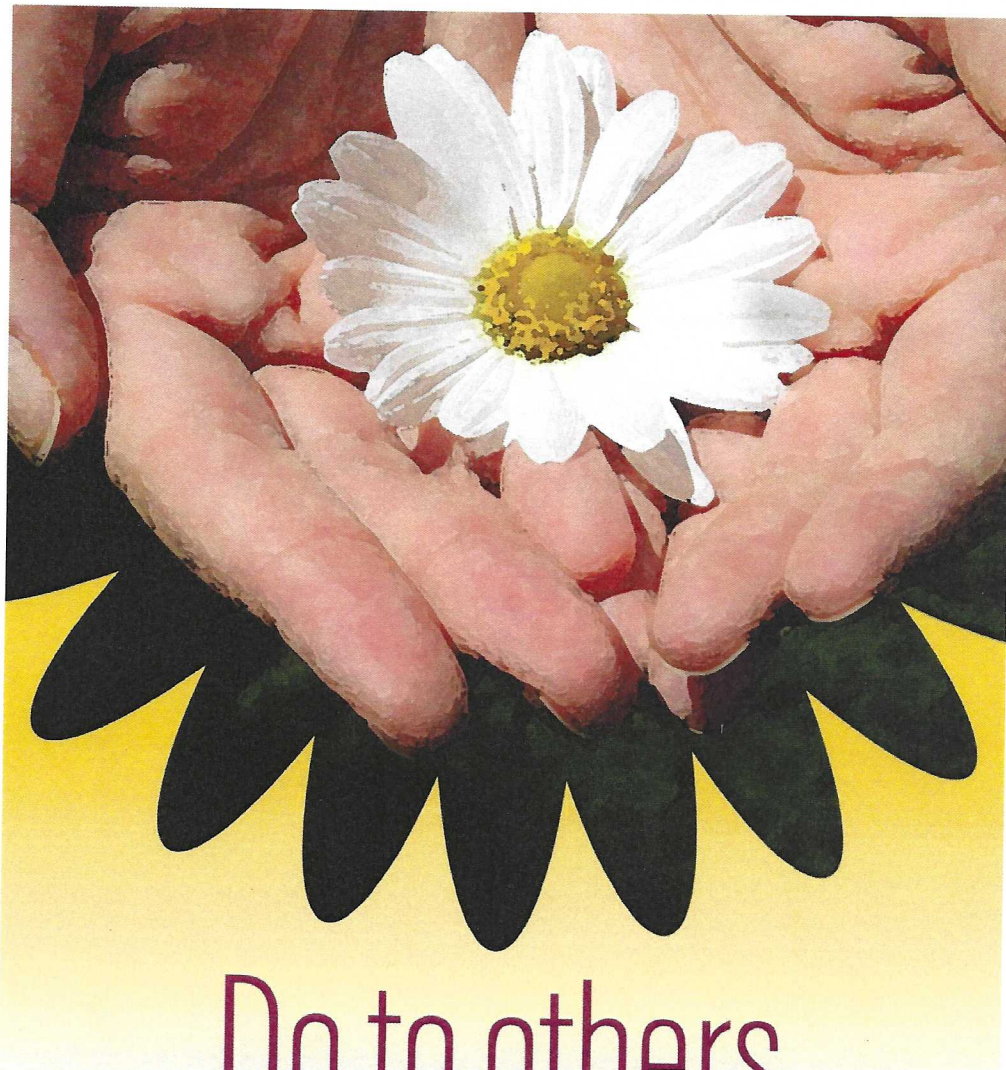


East Parish United Methodist Church

Established 1834

East Parish is a Church open to all, which nurtures and enables people to experience God's transforming love and serve others in Jesus' name.



Do to others

as you would have them do to you.

Luke 6:31

February 20, 2022
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

*The Book of Remembrance is opened to the Glory of God,
in loving memory of Gordon Gustavson.*

WELCOME

* **OPENING HYMN** *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”* #384

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 37)

L: Don't get upset over evildoers; don't be jealous of those who do wrong,

P: Because they will fade fast, like grass.

L: Trust God and do good; live in the land, and farm faithfulness.

P: Enjoy God, who will give what your heart asks.

L: Commit your way to God! Trust that God will act

P: God will make your righteousness shine like the dawn,

L: Be still before God, and wait.

P: Don't get upset when someone gets ahead by evil schemes.

L: God will help and rescue you. Salvation comes from God!

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Inexhaustible source of love and life, be with us in our time of worship as we seek the love it takes to walk in the ways of your begotten Child. Help us love our enemies and bless those who wrong us, for we cannot do so alone. Teach us the joy of treating others with all the same respect and goodness with which we hope to be treated. May our every word and deed make known that we are your beloved children and vessels of your love. Amen.

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE Genesis 45:3-11, 15
 Luke 6:27-38

SERMON

“Ways of Life”

Rev. Nancy Wichmann

* HYMN *“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”*

#89

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

You are invited to share your prayers of thanksgiving or petition. You may also send them to Pastor Wichmann at nan_wich@bellsouth.net; indicate whether or not they should be shared.

PRAYER THAT JESUS TAUGHT

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kin-dom 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 kin-dom, and the power and the glory now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Teacher of hard truths, it is difficult to let go of our anger toward those who prosper through deceit and unscrupulous ways; it is not easy to make ourselves believe that the meek will inherit the earth, when they are being crushed by the unjust systems stacked against them. We long to see the vindication of the righteous and the prosperity of those who work selflessly to bring your realm here on earth. We yearn for the day when all people will treat one another as they wish to be treated. Help us live into

that day, Holy One, even when it is difficult, that your love might shine like the sun through our lives and our ministries. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

When we treat others as we would have them treat us, Jesus calls us beloved children of the Most High. If God is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked, how much more will God be kind to those who love God and seek to live the Golden Rule? Rest in this assurance and be at peace. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

L: Let us be known as children of the Most High by sharing our love with all, as we pass the peace of Christ with the words "The peace of Christ be with you always."

P: And also with you.

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY

No. 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

#103

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE *"Let There Be Peace on Earth"*

#431

*Let there be peace on earth, And let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, The peace that was meant to be.
With God our Creator, children all are we;
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally,
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.*

POSTLUDE

**Indicates that we rise in body or in spirit.*

Many thanks to Claudia for sharing her musical talents with us this morning.

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

³ Joseph said to his brothers, “I’m Joseph! Is my father really still alive?” His brothers couldn’t respond because they were terrified before him.

⁴ Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me,” and they moved closer. He said, “I’m your brother Joseph! The one you sold to Egypt. ⁵ Now, don’t be upset and don’t be angry with yourselves that you sold me here. Actually, God sent me before you to save lives. ⁶ We’ve already had two years of famine in the land, and there are five years left without planting or harvesting. ⁷ God sent me before you to make sure you’d survive and to rescue your lives in this amazing way. ⁸ You didn’t send me here; it was God who made me a father to Pharaoh, master of his entire household, and ruler of the whole land of Egypt.

⁹ “Hurry! Go back to your father. Tell him this is what your son Joseph says: ‘God has made me master of all of Egypt. Come down to me. Don’t delay. ¹⁰ You may live in the land of Goshen, so you will be near me, your children, your grandchildren, your flocks, your herds, and everyone with you. ¹¹ I will support you there, so you, your household, and everyone with you won’t starve, since the famine will still last five years.’

¹⁵ He kissed all of his brothers and wept, embracing them. After that, his brothers were finally able to talk to him.

(Common English Bible)

Luke 6:27-38

²⁷ “But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; who is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your God is merciful.

³⁷ “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

(New Revised Standard Version, adapted)

Prayer List

Church of Christ and ministries
and members of East Parish
United Methodist Church
All who struggle with their faith
Victims of the fire at Salisbury
Beach
Family and friends of John Kelly
Friends and family of Sandra's
Aunt Mary
Salisbury and Newburyport
Assisted Living, Nursing Home
and Memory Care Residents
Residents of Maris House & Link
House
Our members who are traveling
Joni McPhee
Steve Smith
Julie Allred
Kate (Jan's friend)
Gail (friend of Alana)
Alan Dane (George's friend)
Hailey Stone
Tom (Debbie and Steve's friend)
Sam Colby

Jeanette Cooper Hicks
Anita McMahon
Harmony Montgomery (7 yr old
girl missing from Manchester)
Dallas synagogue victims
Children, especially orphans
Victims of natural disasters.
Victims of sexual abuse and
assault
Division in The United Methodist
Church
For those whose voices are so
often ignored
For the slain everywhere and all
victims of violence
Deplorable treatment of refugees
and asylum-seekers on the
southern border of the US
All who have suffered with,
because of, or died from COVID-19
or addiction.
For our country, desperately in
need of unity and humanity

United Methodist Church Staff and Worship Leaders

Pastor.....	Pastor Nancy Wichmann (781)697-6344 (C)
Church Administrator.....	Joanne Sheehan eastparishumc@verizon.net
Leadership Committee	Sharon Gill (978) 270-1045
Building Monitor.....	Craig Fowler
Lay Leader.....	Jan Juntunen 978- 518-7881
Organist.....	Linda Ingram
Sexton.....	Steve Choate (978)462-4578
Coffee Hour Coordinator.....	Debbie Choate dcpertl@verizon.net (978)462-4578
Worship Committee.....	Debbie Choate dcpertl@verizon.net (978)462-4578

Ministers.....The Congregation

8 Lafayette Rd, Salisbury MA 01952 (978) 465-8940

Website: www.eastparishumc.org

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/eastparishumcSalisbury>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Until further notice, we will return to increased distancing and masks. Additionally, fellowship following service is suspended.

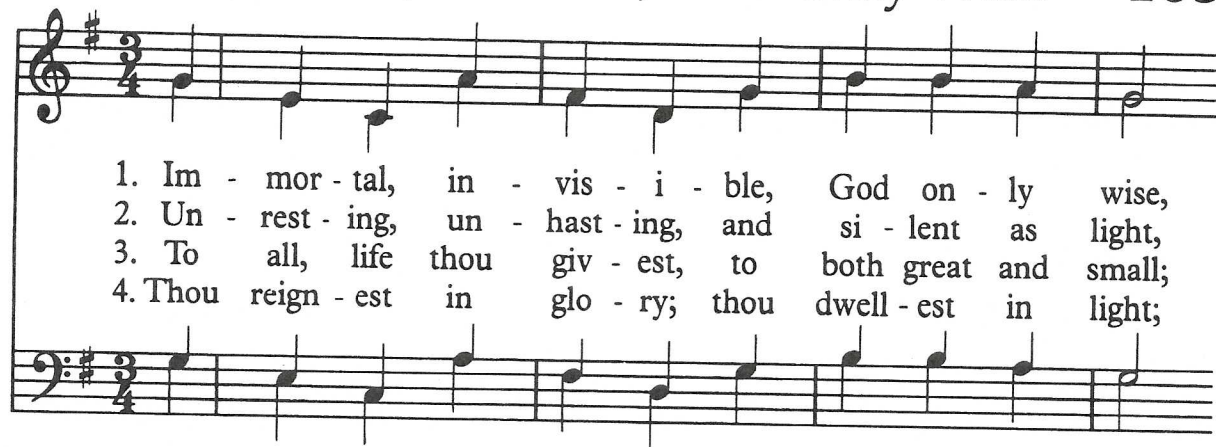
COMMUNION OFFERING – The Communion offering for February is chunky soups in a can or canned beans and shampoo/conditioner. Items will be collected throughout February and delivered the first week of March. Thank you for your ongoing support of Pettengill House. For March, the offering will be baking mixes (cookies, muffins, cakes, etc) and toothbrushes and toothpaste.

LENTEN STUDY – Experience Holy Friday from the perspective of those who watched Jesus die: Mary his mother; the Beloved Disciple from the Gospel of John; Mary Magdalene and the other women from Galilee; the two men, usually identified as thieves, crucified with Jesus; the centurion and the soldiers; Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. Jews and Romans, friends and strangers, the powerful and the powerless, the hopeful and the despairing. We will be doing this study after worship March 6 – April 10.

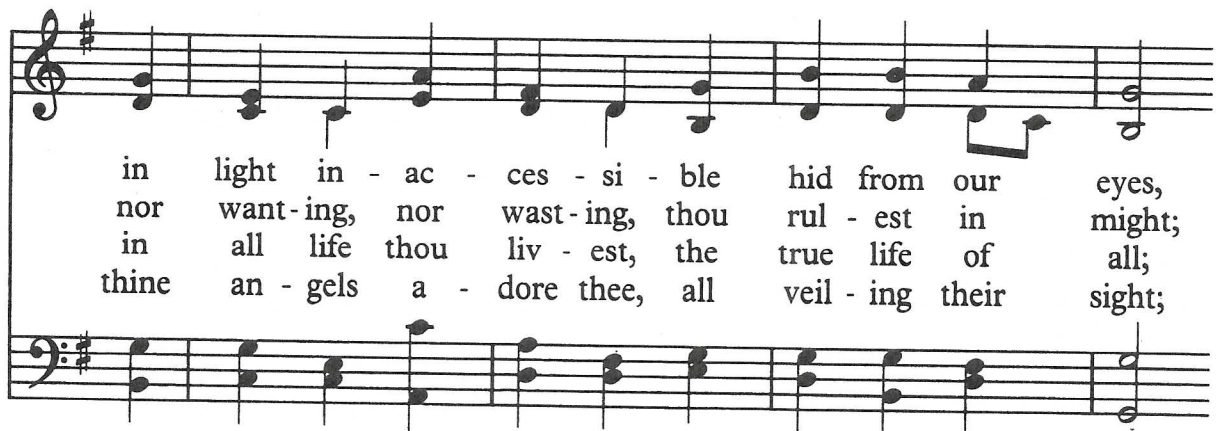
WEEKLY OFFERINGS – There is an offering plate present at the back of the sanctuary for pledges and donations during worship. You may also drop a donation off at any time through the mail slot in the annex door. You may mail it to 8 Lafayette Rd., Salisbury, MA 01952. Or you can set up monthly payments through your bank (“bill pay”).

If you wish to become a member of our church family, or to be baptized, contact Pastor Wichmann at nan_wich@bellsouth.net.

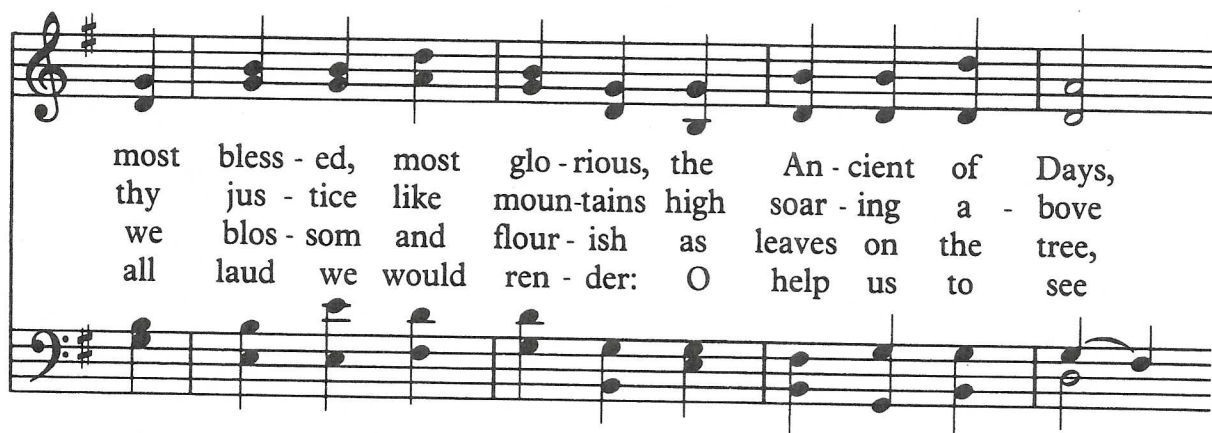
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 103



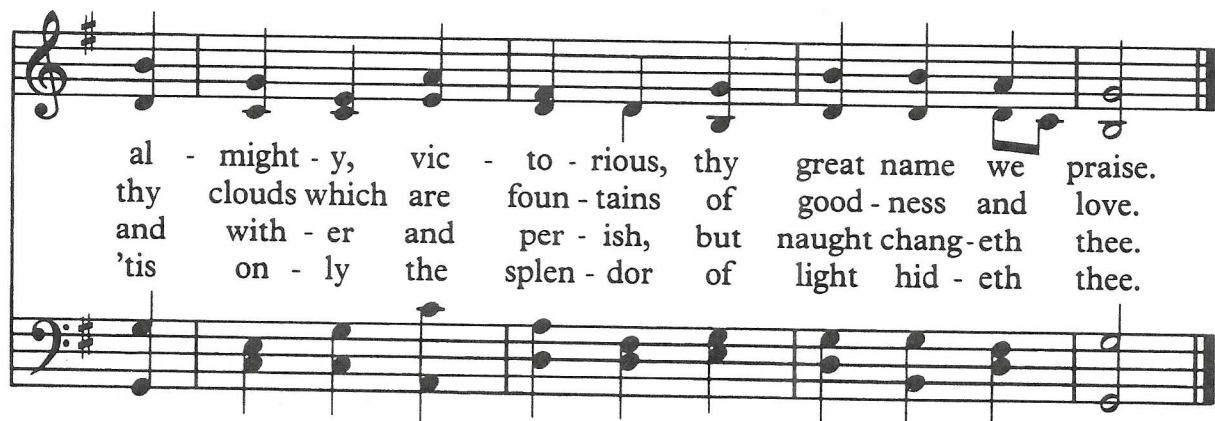
1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3. To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

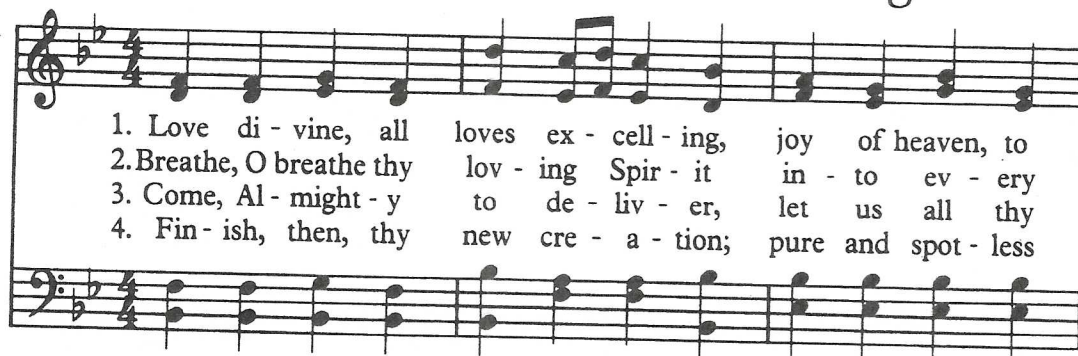


most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

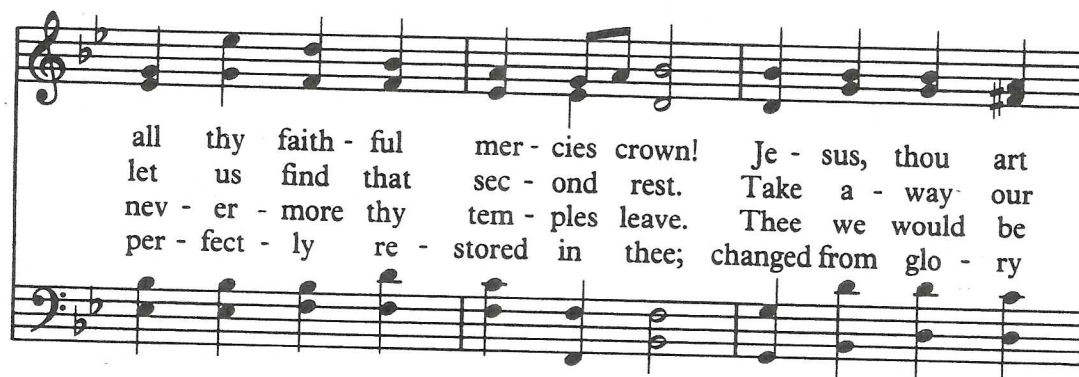
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



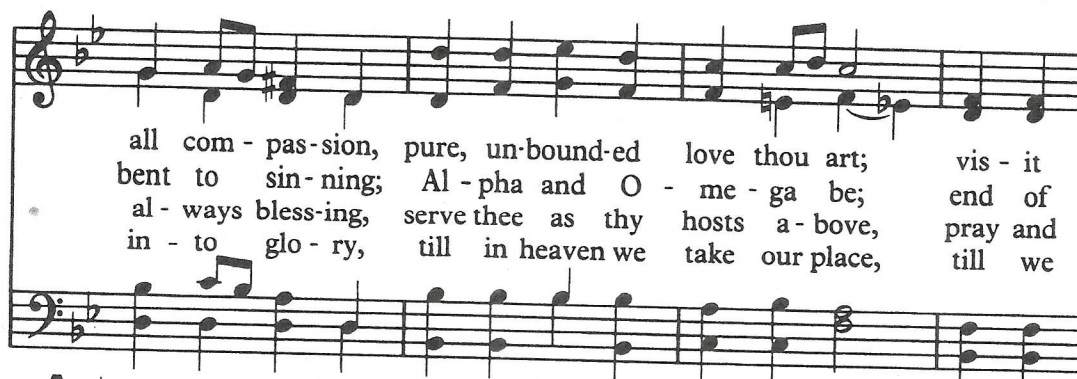
1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



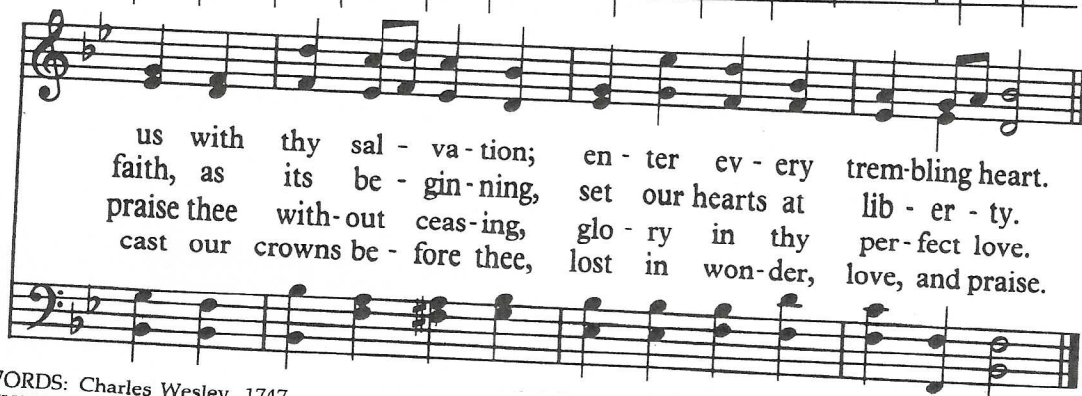
earth come down; fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing;
 trou - bled breast! Let us all in thee in - her - it;
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er,
 let us be. Let us see thy great sal - va - tion



all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown! Je - sus, thou art
 let us find that sec - ond rest. Take a - way our
 nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be
 per - fect - ly re - stored in thee; changed from glo - ry



all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it
 bent to sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of
 al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray and
 in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place, till we



us with thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1. Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore thee, God of glo-ry, Lord of love;
 2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re-flect thy rays,
 3. Thou art giv-ing and for-giv-ing, ev-er bless-ing, ev-er blest,
 4. Mor-tals, join the might-y cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan;

hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, open-ing to the sun a-bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 well-spring of the joy of liv-ing, o-cean depth of hap-py rest!
 love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, bind-ing all with-in its span.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flow-ery mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Thou our Fa-ther, Christ our bro-th-er, all who live in love are thine;
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife;

Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day!
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth-er, lift us to the joy di-vine.
 joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward, in the tri-umph song of life.