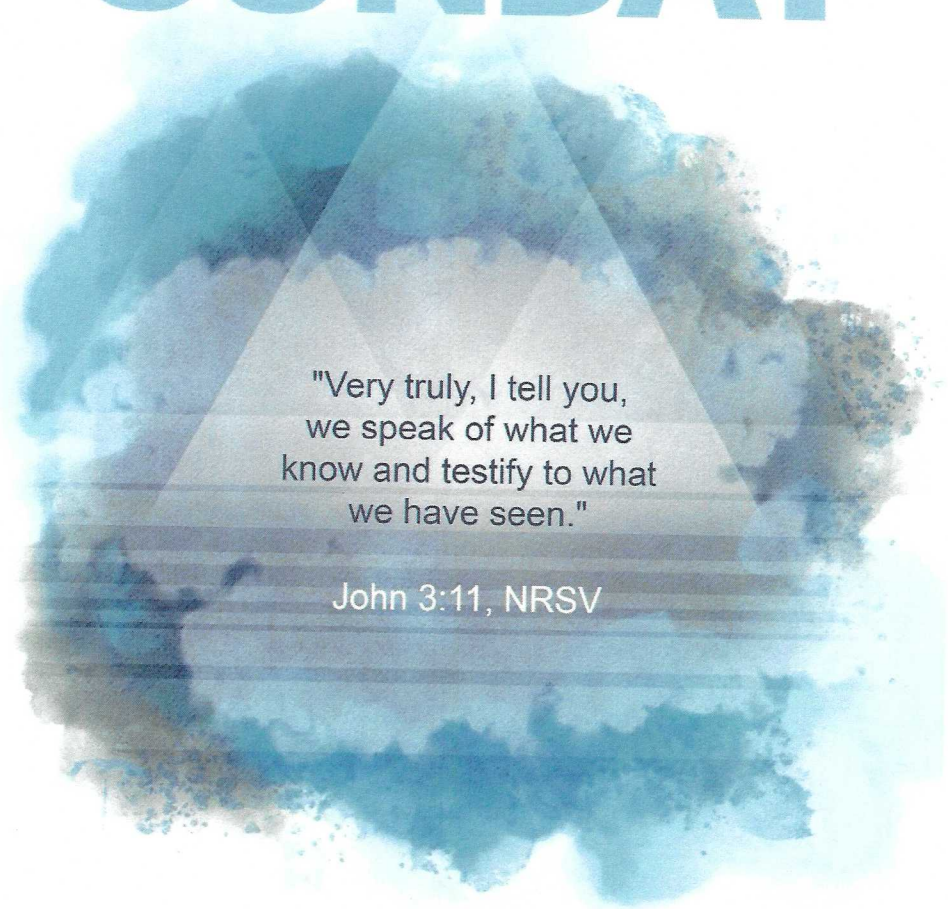


East Parish United Methodist Church

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.

Trinity SUNDAY



"Very truly, I tell you,
we speak of what we
know and testify to what
we have seen."

John 3:11, NRSV

Trinity Sunday
May 30, 2021

*The Book of Remembrance is opened to the Glory of
God, in loving memory of Miss Hilma Mooney.*

PRELUDE

"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*** OPENING HYMN** *"Maker, in Whom We Live"* **#88 (insert)**

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from the Athanasian Creed)

L: O Lord, our Sovereign God, You are neither made nor fashioned by anyone.

P: **Wonderful beyond measure, You are faithful Father, servant Son, and enlivening Spirit.**

L: Holy Lord, beautiful and dynamic, Intimately united as a society of love,

P: **You are our Creator and cause, You are our perfect Savior, You are our Intercessor and giver of spiritual gifts.**

L: The Lord of all has called us forth; Our Triune God has made us good.

P: **Hallelujah, bless the Lord. Hallelujah, praise God's holy name!**

OPENING PRAYER (Unison, UMH 76)

Holy God, you have given us grace, by the confession of faith of your holy church, to acknowledge the mystery of the eternal Trinity and, in the power of your divine majesty, to worship the Unity. Keep us steadfast in the faith and worship and bring us at last to see your eternal glory, One God, now and forever. Amen.

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17

SERMON

Trinity – A Perplexing Topic

Pastor Nancy Wichmann

*** HYMN**

"A Charge to Keep I Have"

#413 (insert)

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 OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

We are so like Nicodemus, O Christ. We come to you, hiding in the shadows of our own fears and terrors. We want you to give us peace and hope in our hearts. We want to know that everything will be all right; that the world will cease to be a place of terror and war. We want to be born again in a spirit of hope. But when we come it is for our own sake, and not to learn what you would have us be and do in this world. Forgive our selfishness, Jesus. Calm our fears and heal our spirits. Let us truly listen to you so that we may be witnesses to your peace and justice, which you seek for the world. Saturate us with your light and wisdom. Empower us to be those who bring peace, which is not only an absence of war, but peace, which promotes an attitude of love. Clear away the clutter in our lives and place us on paths of service to you. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

L. Please greet your neighbors with the blessing: "The peace of Christ be with you."
P. And also with you.

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"*

* 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!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

* HYMN *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* #384 (insert)

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE *"This is the Feast of Victory"* #638 (insert)
vs. 3 – Antiphon

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE *"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"*

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

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Romans 8:12-17

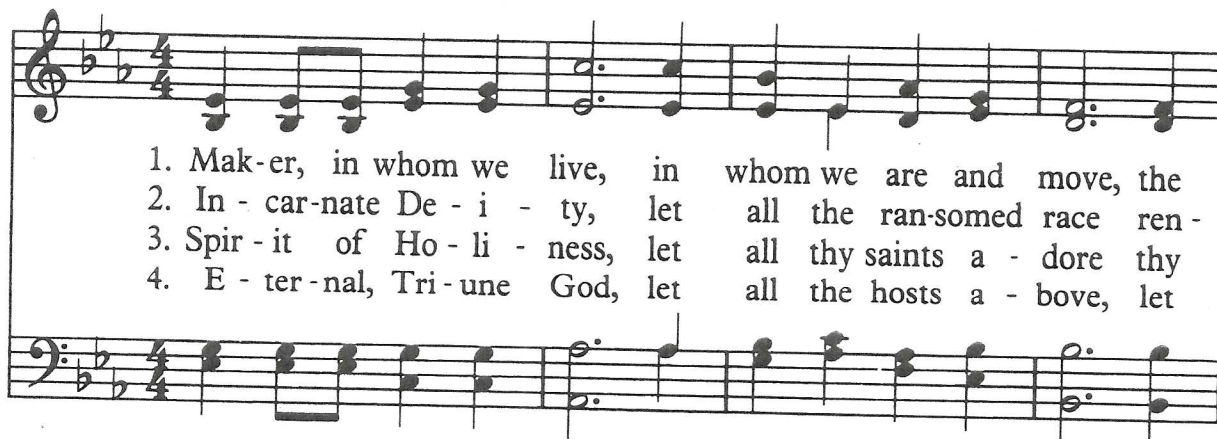
¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of service to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! God!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit demonstrating to our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also share in glory with him.

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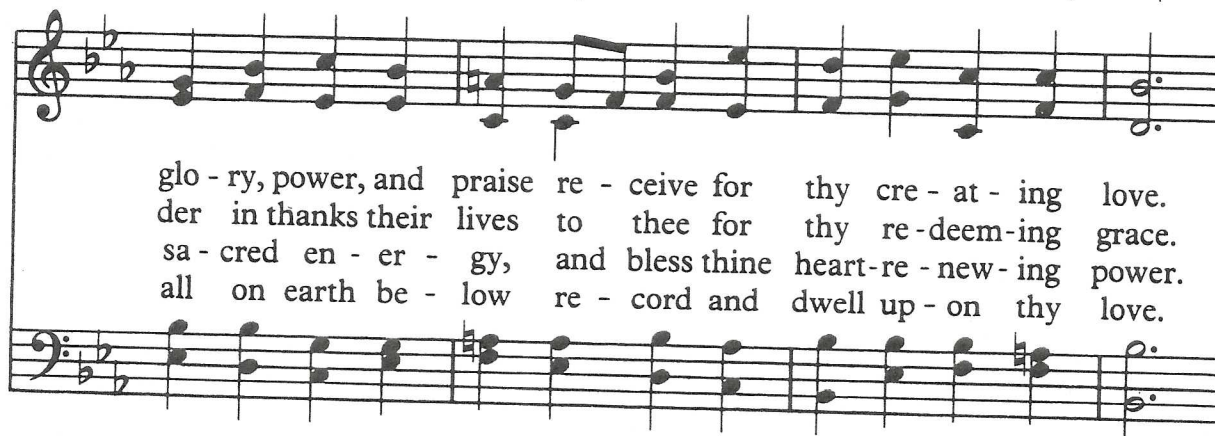
John 3:1-17

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kin-dom of God without being born from above.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kin-dom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of the Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of the Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ “Indeed, God did not send the Only Begotten into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

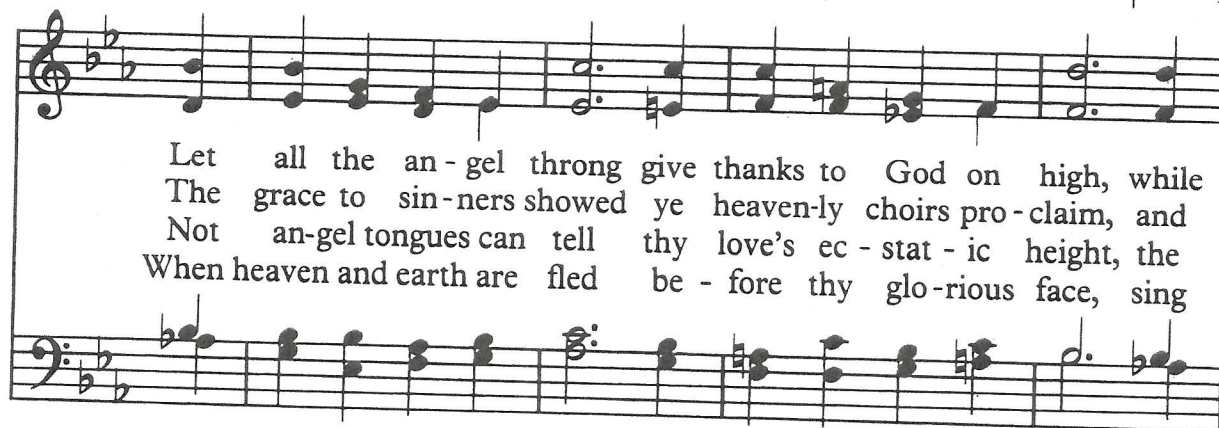
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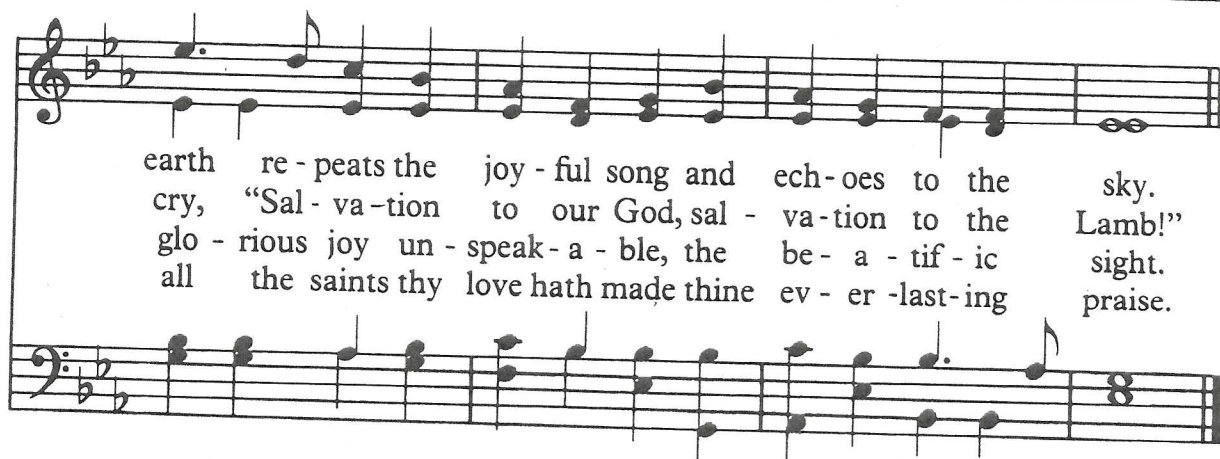
1. Mak-er, in whom we live, in whom we are and move, the
 2. In - car-nate De - i - ty, let all the ran-somed race ren -
 3. Spir - it of Ho - li - ness, let all thy saints a - dore thy
 4. E - ter-nal, Tri-une God, let all the hosts a - bove, let



glo - ry, power, and praise re - ceive for thy cre - at - ing love.
 der in thanks their lives to thee for thy re-deem-ing grace.
 sa - cred en - er - gy, and bless thine heart-re - new - ing power.
 all on earth be - low re - cord and dwell up - on thy love.



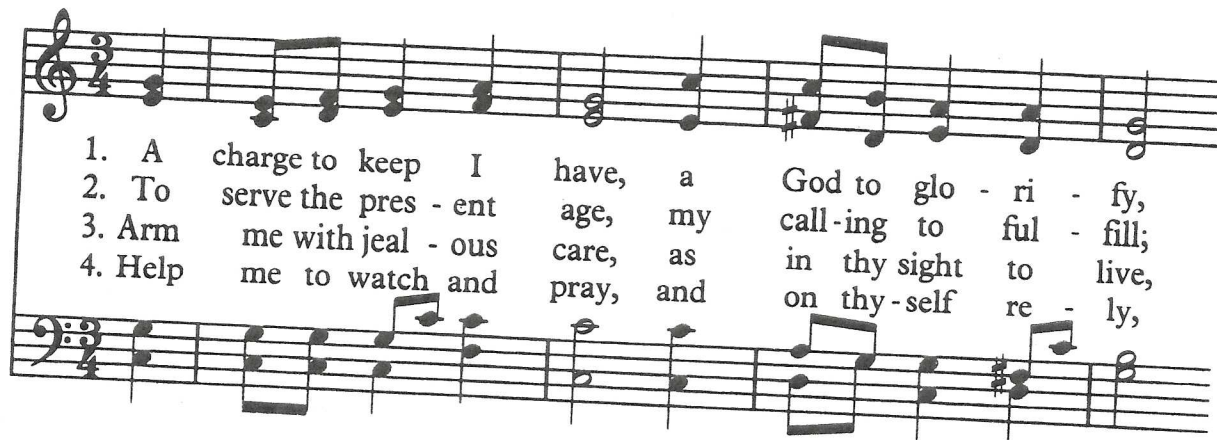
Let all the an - gel throng give thanks to God on high, while
 The grace to sin - ners showed ye heaven-ly choirs pro - claim, and
 Not an - gel tongues can tell thy love's ec - stat - ic height, the
 When heaven and earth are fled be - fore thy glo - rious face, sing



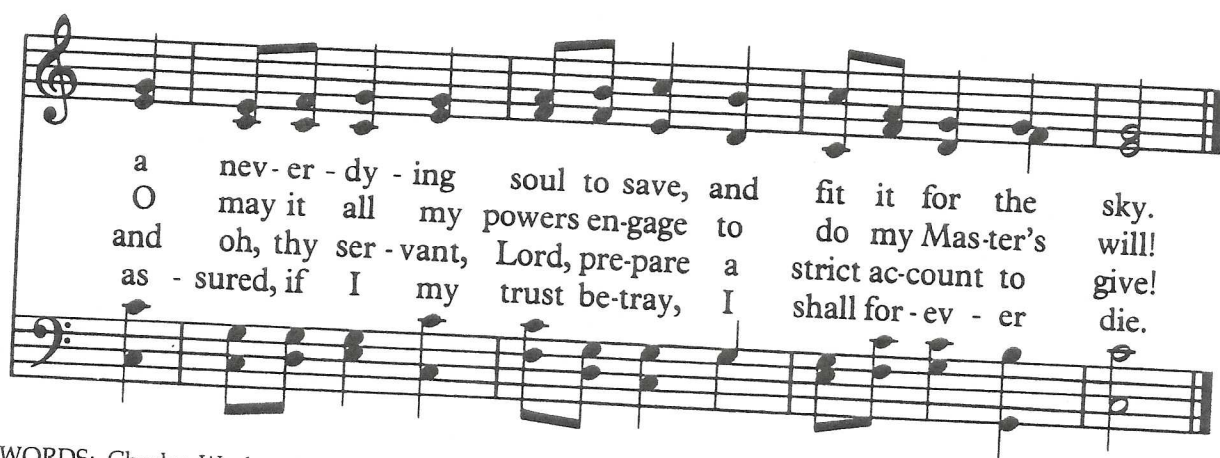
earth re - peats the joy - ful song and ech - oes to the sky.
 cry, "Sal - va - tion to our God, sal - va - tion to the Lamb!"
 glo - rious joy un - speak - a - ble, the be - a - tif - ic sight.
 all the saints thy love hath made thine ev - er - last - ing praise.

A Charge to Keep I Have

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1. A charge to keep I have, a God to glo - ri - fy,
2. To serve the pres - ent age, my call - ing to ful - fill;
3. Arm me with jeal - ous care, as in thy sight to live,
4. Help me to watch and pray, and on thy - self re - ly,

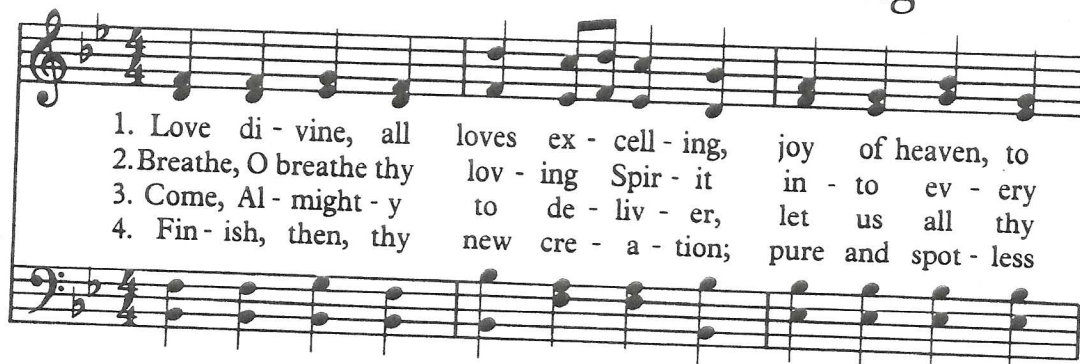


a nev - er - dy - ing soul to save, and fit it for the sky.
O may it all my powers en - gage to do my Mas - ter's will!
and oh, thy ser - vant, Lord, pre - pare a strict ac - count to give!
as - sured, if I my trust be - tray, I shall for - ev - er die.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1762 (Lev. 8:35)
MUSIC: Lowell Mason, 1832

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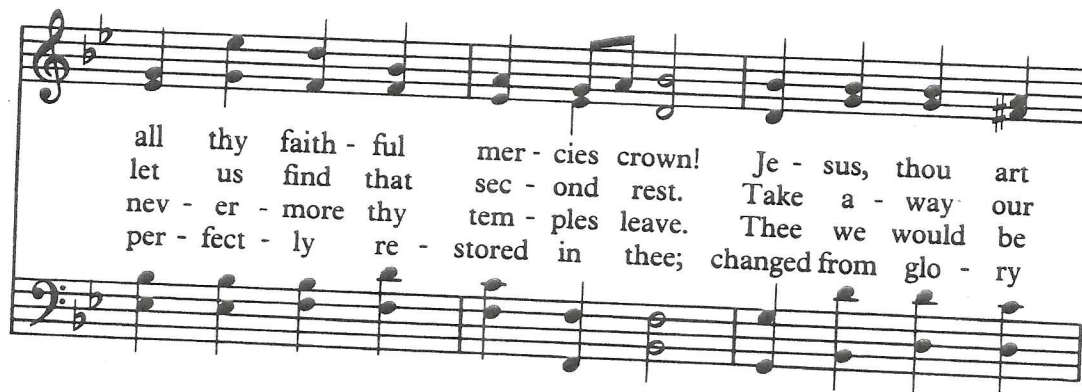
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



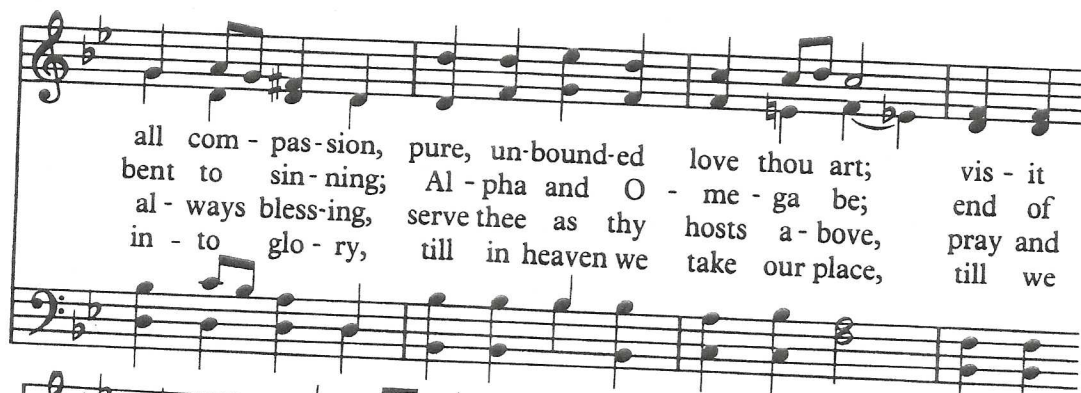
1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



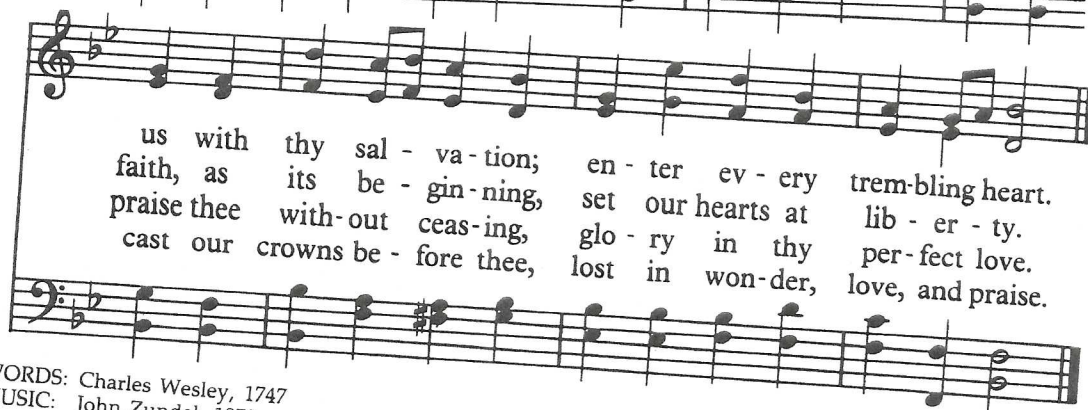
earth come down; fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing;
 trou - bled breast! Let us all in thee in - her - it;
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er,
 let us be. Let us see thy great sal - va - tion



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.