

**Welcome**  
**to**  
**Kirkwood!**

# **Sharing the Peace of Christ**

*Glory to God #413*

# **Opening Hymn**

**“Come into  
God’s Presence”**

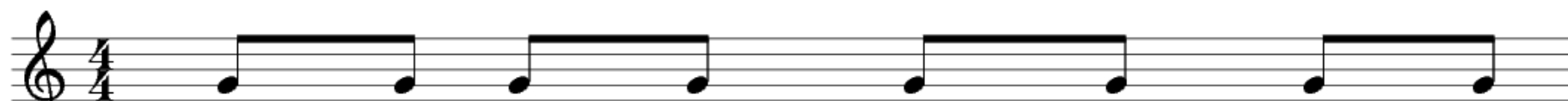
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*MUSIC (COME INTO HIS PRESENCE 8.4.4.4): Anon.*

1. Come in - to God's pres - ence sing - ing

"Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia."

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, with lyrics '1. Come in - to God's pres - ence sing - ing'. The second staff contains the melody for the second line, with lyrics '"Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia."'.



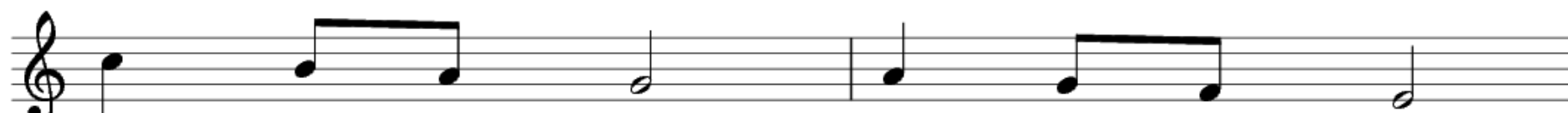
2. Come in - to God's pres - ence sing - ing



"Je-sus is Lord, Je-sus is Lord, Je-sus is Lord."



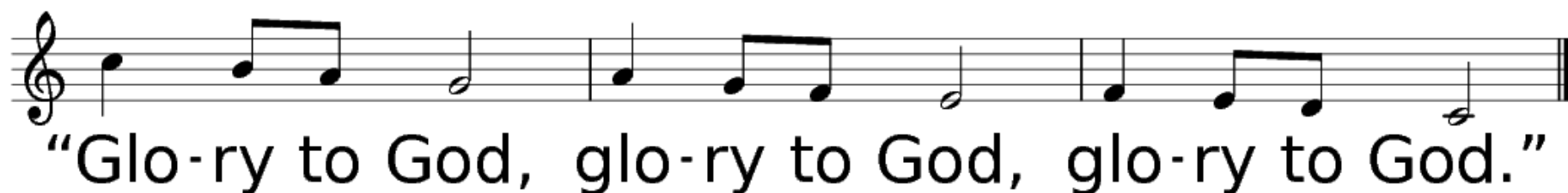
3. Praise the Lord to - geth - er sing - ing



"Wor - thy the Lamb, wor - thy the Lamb,



wor - - thy the Lamb."



# **Call To Worship**

(based on Psalm 15)

Leader: Lord, we come into your  
sanctuary with eagerness.

**People: May we hear your call and  
speak your truth.**



Leader: Lord, we come to abide with you  
in love.

**People: Gather us in honest and  
faithful community.**

Leader: Lord, prepare us to be people of hope and grace.

**People: Kindle in us courage to live as brave and faithful disciples.**

**All: Let us worship our God together in this holy place.**

**A Time for Children**

# **Gathering Prayer**

# **Call to Confession**

# **Prayer of Confession**

**People: Merciful God, we come before you in confession. You have showered us with blessings, but we hoard those gifts, refusing to share with our neighbors in need.**

**You have given us freedom to live  
justly, but we choose to judge others.  
You have called us to live in peaceful  
community, but we sow discord and  
fear among ourselves. Forgive us.  
Soften our hearts and open our minds  
to hear your call.**

**Inspire us to act justly, love fiercely,  
and walk in your way each and  
every day.**

Leader: Please continue in silent  
confession....Amen.



# **Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is deeper than the depths of the sea and wider than the whole of the earth.

**People: In him we are consecrated and free.**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news!

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

# **Old Testament Lesson**

**Micah 6:1-8**

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before  
the mountains,  
and let the hills  
hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains,  
the controversy of the Lord,  
and you enduring foundations  
of the earth;  
for the Lord has a controversy  
with his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people,

what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you?

Answer me!

For I brought you up from  
the land of Egypt,  
and redeemed you from  
the house of slavery;  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now  
what King Balak of Moab devised,  
what Balaam son of Beor  
answered him,



and what happened from  
Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving  
acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come  
before the Lord,  
and bow myself before  
God on high?

Shall I come before him  
with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?

Will the Lord be pleased  
with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of  
rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn  
for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body  
for the sin of my soul?”

He has told you, O mortal,  
what is good;  
and what does the Lord  
require of you

but to do justice,  
and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

# **New Testament Lesson**

**Matthew 5:1-12**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:



“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile  
you and persecute you and utter all kinds  
of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward  
is great in heaven, for in the same way  
they persecuted the prophets who were  
before you.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Blessed in  
Unexpected  
Places








BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN

Matthew 5:4



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The strong take from the weak,  
but the smart take from the strong.

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# Reformed and Always Reforming







**Middle Hymn**

**“The Table”**

**Prayers of the People/**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**The Lord's Supper**



**Giving Thanks to God  
with Our Tithes and  
Offerings**

**Offertory Song**

# **Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom  
all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures  
here below;**

**Praise God above,  
ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son  
and Holy Ghost.**

**Amen.**

**(repeat Amen 6 times)**

# **Prayer of Dedication**

**People: Gracious God, thank you for the many blessings of our lives. Bless these gifts we give today. May they be used to bring about justice and joy for those who need them most. Amen.**

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# **Closing Hymn**

**“Soon and Very Soon”**

**v. 1, 2,& 4**

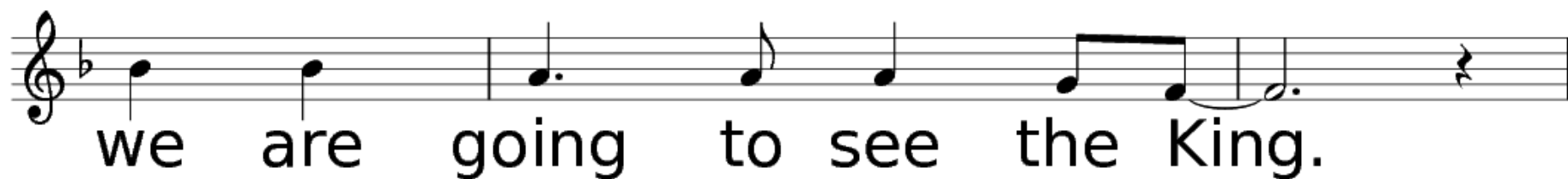
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# **Charge and Blessing**

