OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 1, 2026 | 23rd Sunday after Pentecost | 10:30 a.m.
All Saints' Day

***Please rise, in body or in spirit.**

Gathering Music — Brian, John, and Paul

Welcome — Rev. Wanda Lawry

Prelude — *Come, Come, Ye Saints* — Susan Brown

***Call to Worship** — Lisa Thompson

Leader: On this All-Saints Sunday, we gather to remember teachers and storytellers who make God's stories come alive for us.

People: We give thanks for and remember parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and siblings who showed us how to hold fast to the faith.

Leader: We remember our church families. We remember all those who have been a part of this community of faith with whom we grew our faith and our love for God and neighbor.

People: We give thanks for and remember our ancestors in faith whose courage enables us to be here today.

All: We give thanks for the saints who came before us, are present here with us, and will continue after us. Thanks be to God!

***Opening Hymn** — *Lift High the Cross* — No. 826

***Prayer for the Day (unison)** — Lisa Thompson

Gracious God,
We come into your presence with joy and gratitude. We pray that as we worship together today, we might be transformed by your love. We pray that you would help us to have the courage to put our faith in action and be instruments of justice and compassion. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Call to Confession — Rev Wanda Lawry

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Beloved God,
In every age you have raised up women and men to live and die in faith, and yet we do not always love as you would have us love. We do not always do as you would have us do.
In our stubbornness, we turn from you when we should turn toward you.
We thank you for the grace you give to us, forgiving our mistakes, especially the ones that we do not share with anyone. We thank you that you hear the silent fear and worries of our hearts. We pray that you would help us to let go of the things that we hold on to so tightly, relinquishing control and trusting that you will provide the wisdom and discernment that we need. Amen.

Time for silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Pardon — Rev. Wanda Lawry

***Hymn** — *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God* — No. 730

Peace — Oak Hill Community

Time for Growing Disciples — Rev. Wanda Lawry

Anthem — *Lead Me, Lord* — Chancel Choir

First Scripture Reading	Psalm 34:1-10, 22	Lisa Thompson
Second Scripture Reading	Matthew 5:1-12	Rev. Wanda Lawry
Sermon	*All Saints – The Road of Blessing*	Rev. Wanda Lawry
Meditation	*He Knows My Name*	Susan Brown
Offering	*You can make an offering online at www.oakhillpcusa.org, place it in the plate on the table in the back of the sanctuary, or mail your check to the church.*	Oak Hill Community
***Response**	*We Are an Offering*	No. 710

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering,
Lord, use our voices; Lord. use our hands; Lord, use our lives;
they are yours: we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering; we are an offering.

***Affirmation of Faith** Oak Hill Community

We believe in God, who created all people in the divine image and calls each person beloved.
We believe in Jesus Christ, who welcomed and ate with outsiders and proclaimed good news to the poor.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, who breaks down dividing walls and gathers us into one body where all belong.
We believe God calls us to practice radical hospitality, inviting those who are excluded to the table.
We believe the church is called to be a refuge of safety and healing where healthy boundaries nurture truth and protect the vulnerable.
We believe inclusive means valuing each person's dignity, welcoming their story and celebrating their gifts.
We believe humility guides our interaction, teaching us to honor and serve others.
We believe God's kin-dom is a great banquet with room for all, and love is the host.
We believe our work is ongoing and empowered by the Spirit, who makes all things new.

***Hymn** *I Come with Joy* No. 515

The Lord's Supper Oak Hill Community

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
(The pastors will continue in prayer….)

Sanctus (No. 556)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's name.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's name.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Supper (cont'd)

Prayers of the People Oak Hill Community

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Meal

Prayer After Communion

Eternal God,

We thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, uniting us with Christ and with all the faithful who have come before us who have served you with courage and with joy. We thank you for being renewed for our daily living in this world. May we remember that we belong to you and that you lead us into newness of life. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Announcements Rev. Wanda Lawry

***Closing Hymn** *For All the Saints* No. 326

Benediction Rev. Wanda Lawry

First Scripture Reading Psalm 34:1-10, 22 Lisa Thompson

[1]I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
[2]My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.
[3]O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.
[4]I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.
[5]Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.
[6]This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble.
[7]The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.
[8]O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.
[9]O fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want.
[10]The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.
[22]The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

Second Scripture Reading Matthew 5:1-12 Rev. Wanda Lawry

5When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.
[2]Then 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 righteousness' sake, 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.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

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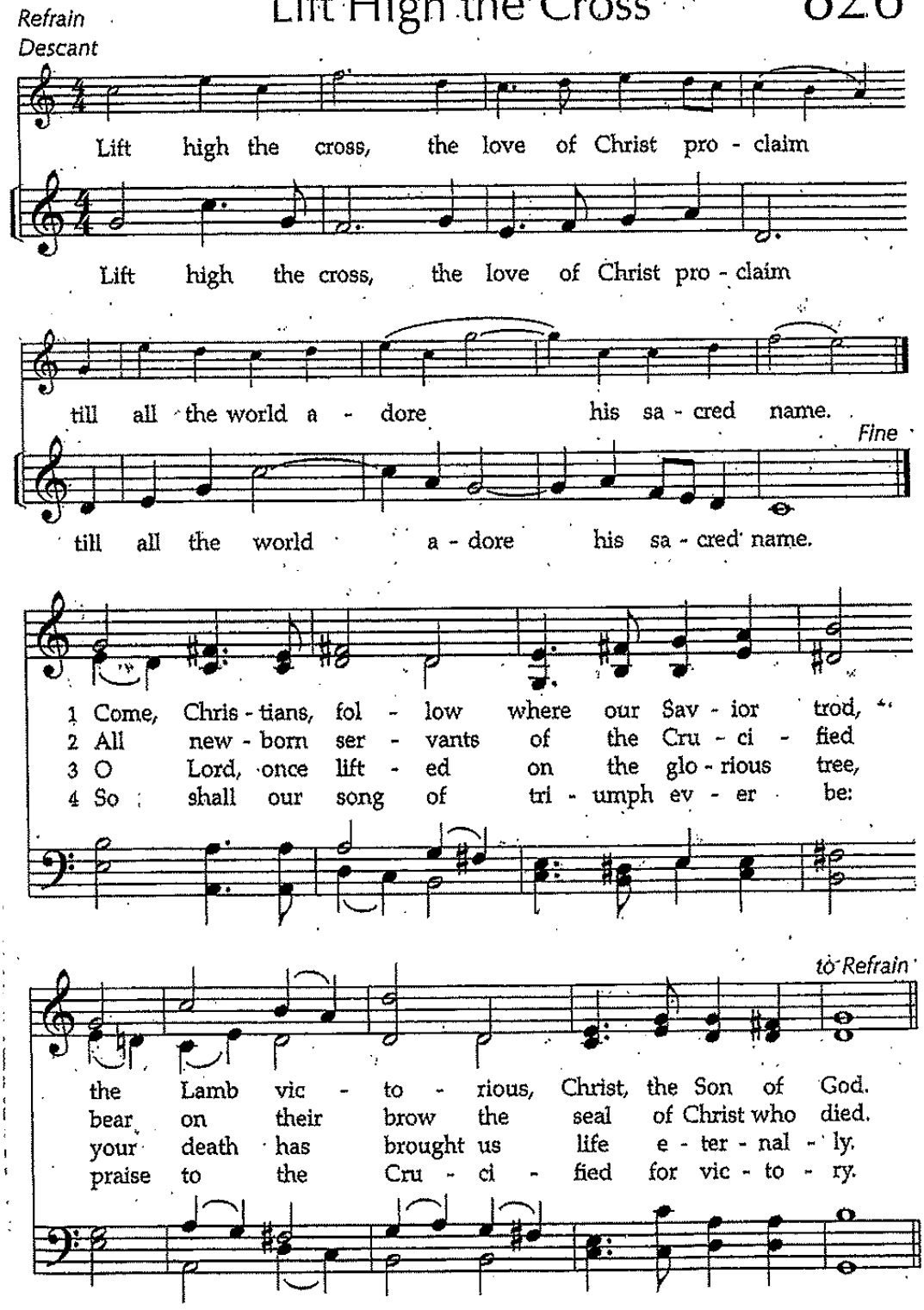
Lift High the Cross 826



This majestic hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory. With the cross traced on our foreheads at Baptism we are marked as Christ's own forever.

TEXT: George William Kitchin, 1887; rev. Michael Robert Newbolt, 1916, alt.
MUSIC: Sydney Hugo Nicholson, 1916; desc. Richard Proulx, 1985
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CRUCIFER
10.10 with refrain

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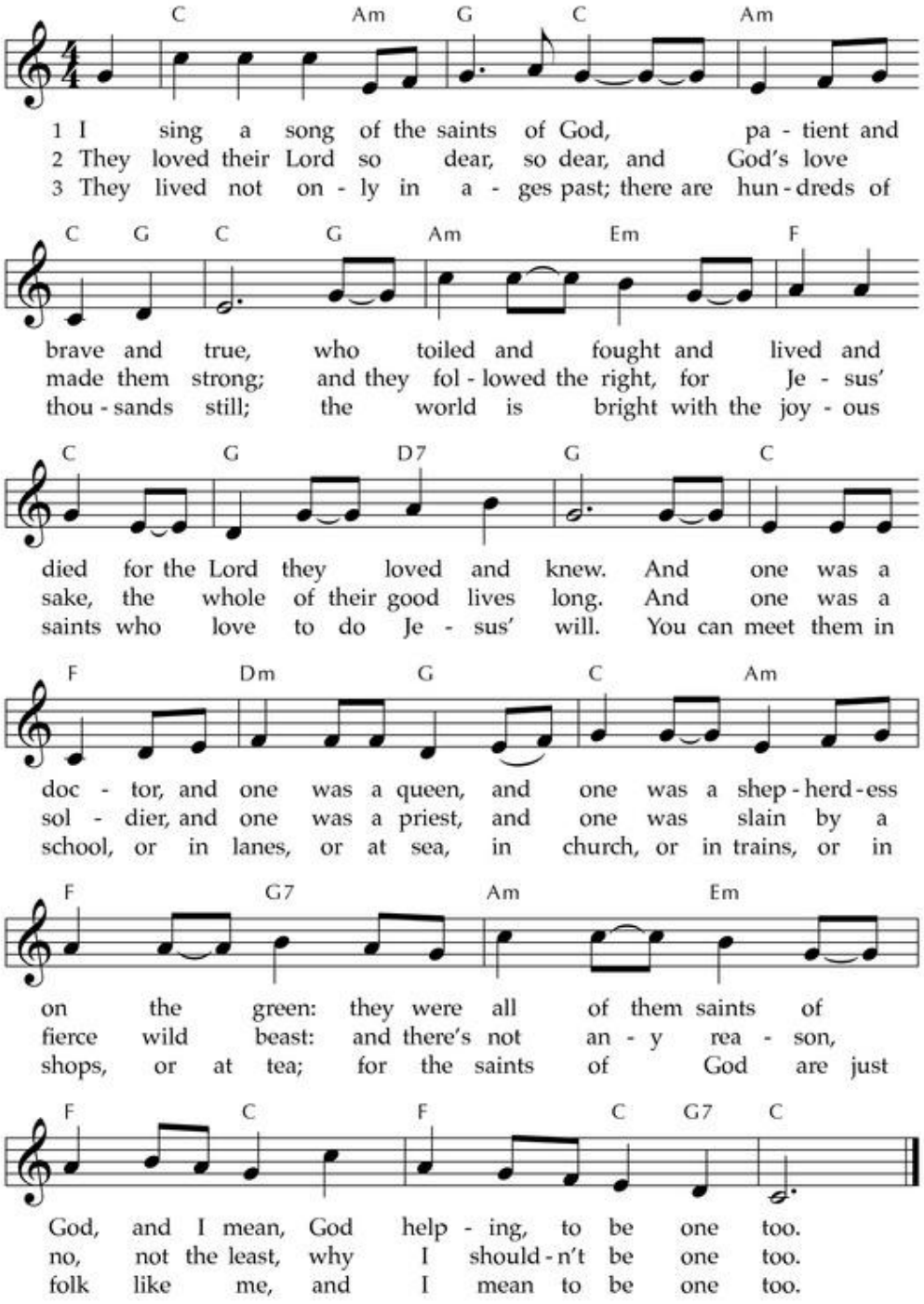
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God 730

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Despite the quaintness of some of the language in this text, it has an important message to communicate about the down-to-earth ordinariness of the holy people of God at all times and places. The tune name honors the island in Vermont's Lake Champlain where the composer lived.

TEXT: Lesbia Scott, 1929, alt.
MUSIC: John Henry Hopkins, 1940
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GRAND ISLE
Irregular

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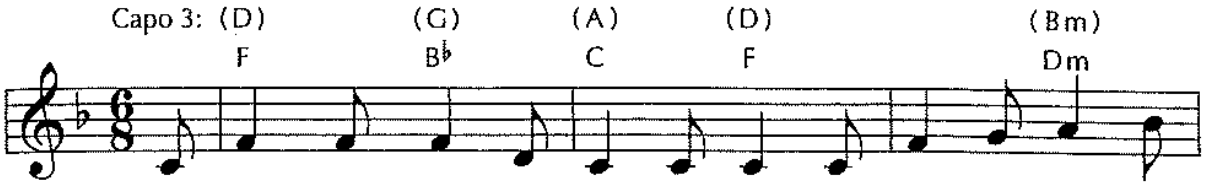
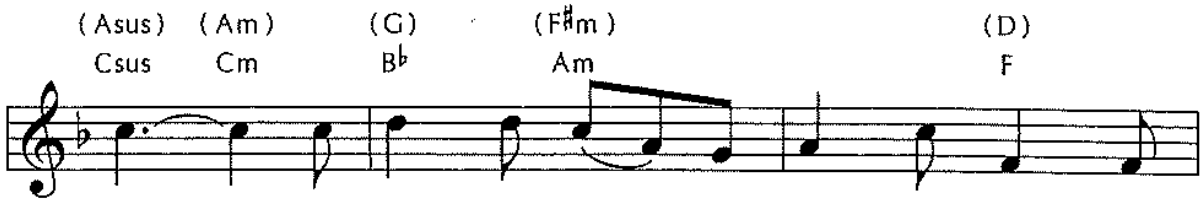
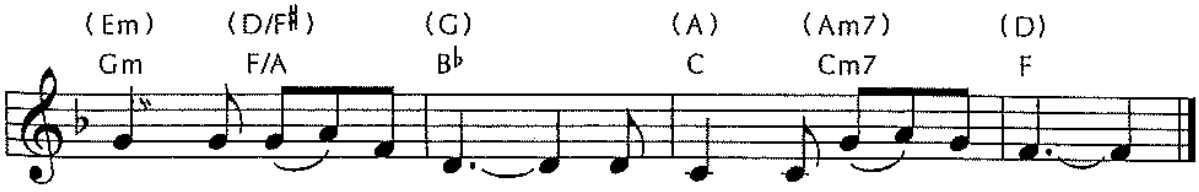
I Come with Joy 515



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



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

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.

TEXT: Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1993
MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1977
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DOVE OF PEACE
8.6.8.6.6

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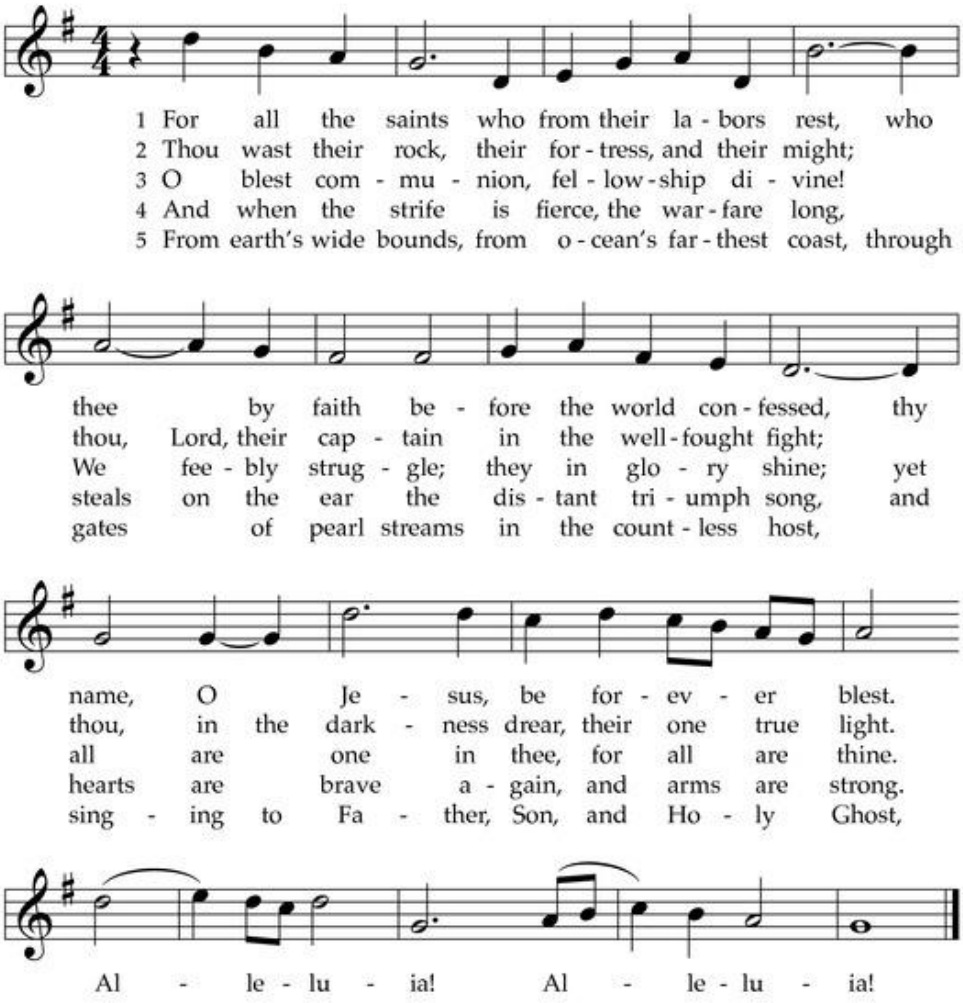
THE CHURCH

326 For All the Saints

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

TEXT: William Walsham How, 1864
MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

SINE NOMINE
10.10.10 with alleluias

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