The Church of the Good Shepherd



The 24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026

Pastor Dan Bernier will be away this weekend
The Priest will be Reverend Sue Lederhouse

We Welcome Our Guests

The Good Shepherd faith community welcomes those who are visitors. Your presence and participation in our worship service is a blessing to us all. All are welcome, whoever you are, just as you are!

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Good Shepherd's Sunday School
Sunday School is held during the first half of our 10am Sunday Service, usually on the first and third Sunday of the month. All Sunday School volunteers have undergone CORI background checks and received training, including the Safe Church training required by the Episcopal Church for all those who work with children.

Good Shepherd's Sunday Nursery
Children of all ages are always welcome at our Sunday Services. Good Shepherd operates a nursery on Sunday from 9:50 –11:10am for infants and children through kindergarten (age 5-6) for those who wish to use it. The nursery is staffed by two adults who have completed Safe Church Training and a CORI background check. ***The Sunday Nursery will not be open on November 22 & 29.***

For more information about our Good Shepherd Community please go to our website at www.goodshepherdwareham.org or scan the QR Code here.

Again, thank you for blessing us with your presence and participation this morning!

ASSISTING MINISTERS			
November 8, 2026		November 15, 2026	
8AM	10AM	8AM	10AM
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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Gathering Song "Eternal Father, Strong To Save" *(see page 9)*
(10am Service) *(please stand as you are able)*

The Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be the one, holy and living God.
People: **Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.**

The Service Introduction

The Confession

People:
Most merciful God,
we confess of the ways we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
For the times we have not loved you with our whole heart;
and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
Have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. *Amen.*

Absolution

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

The Opening Prayer
Presider: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Presider: Together, let us pray.

O God of justice and love,
you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son.
Give us the light we need,
and awaken us to the needs of others,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. *Amen*.

(please be seated)

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord:
Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light;
as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear;
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.
Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: **Thanks be to God.**
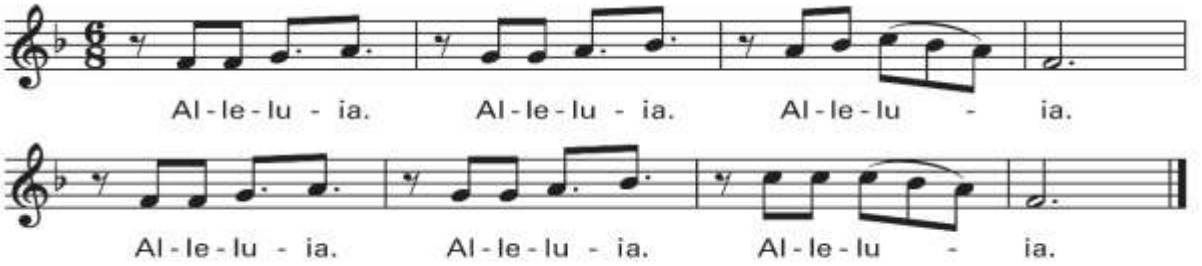
Psalm 70

Reader: Let us recite Psalm 70 responsively by half verse

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O LORD, make haste to help me.
2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *
because they are ashamed.
4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the LORD!"
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.
6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O LORD, do not tarry.

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(10AM Service only) *(please stand as you are able)*



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The Holy Gospel: **Matthew 25:1-13**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of

oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel Acclamation *(10AM Service)*

Repeat Gospel Acclamation Refrain once (page 3)

The Message *(please be seated)*

The Prayers of the People *(please stand as you are able)*
Leader: God in your love for us.
People: **Hear our prayer.**

The Peace
Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Let us take a moment to turn and share a sign of peace with those around us. If you do not wish to shake hands, simply fold your hands in front of you and say, "Peace be with you." We will then pray together the Prayer of St. Francis.

The Prayer of St. Francis
Presider and People:
Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

(please be seated)

The Announcements

Our Sunday Offerings:

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The Offertory Song: "Find Us Ready" *(see page 10)*
(10AM Service)



THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

(please stand as you are able)

The Great Thanksgiving
Presider: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you**.
Presider: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord**.
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise**.

The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Words of Praise
Presider and People:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Memorial Acclamation

Presider & People:
We remember his death.
We proclaim his resurrection.
We await his coming in glory.

The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer
Presider and People:
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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread
Presider: We who break this bread, share in the Body of Christ.
People: **We who are many are one body in Christ.**

Communion
All are invited to receive communion, no exceptions. Please come to the front of the church as directed by the hospitality minister. To receive the communion bread, please extend your hands, one on top of the other, with your palms up. To receive from the communion cup you may dip the communion wafer into the wine in the cup or take the cup into your hands and drink from it. The response to receiving communion is "Amen". If you need to have communion brought to you, please inform the hospitality minister. Gluten free wafers are available. If you would like a gluten free wafer, please inform the priest when you come up for communion.

(please be seated after receiving communion)

Communion Song: "Be Still And Know" *(see page 11)*
(10AM Service)
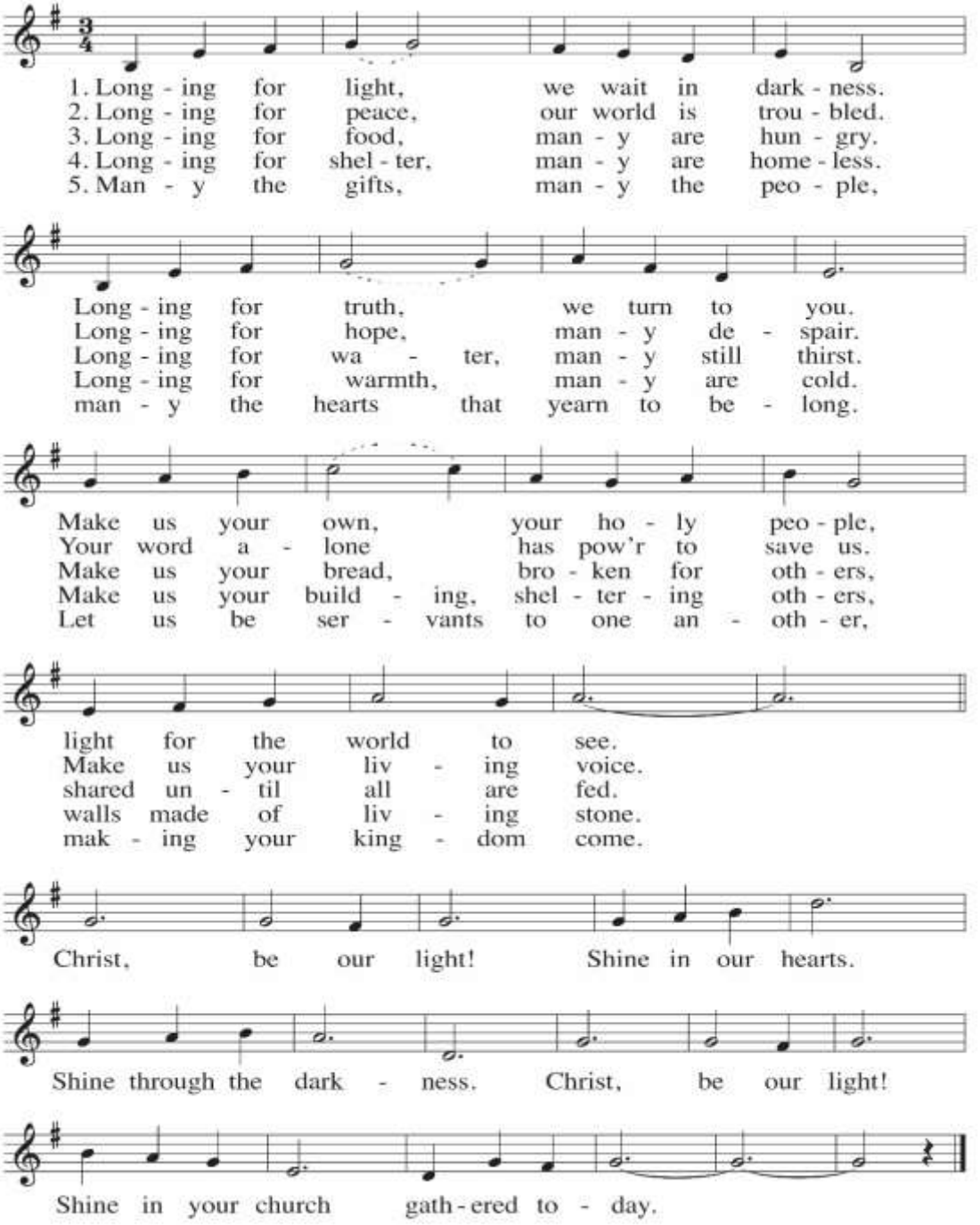
The Prayer after Communion *(please stand as you are able)*
Presider: Together let us pray.
Presider and People:
God of unbounded love and compassion,
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
May this time of worship transform our hearts,
as we go forth to proclaim in word and deed
your message of love;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Recognition and Prayer for Our Veterans

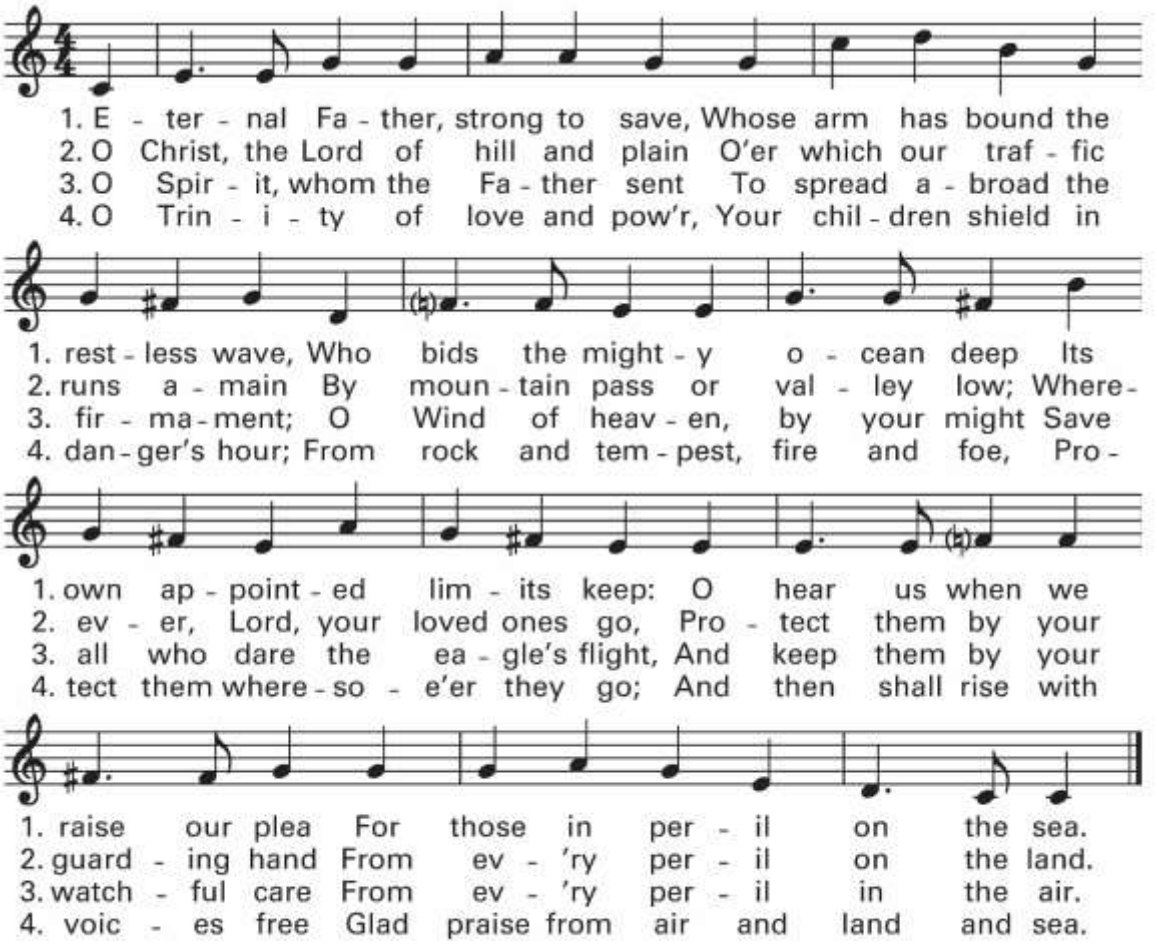
The Blessing

Dismissal
People's Response: **Thanks be to God.**
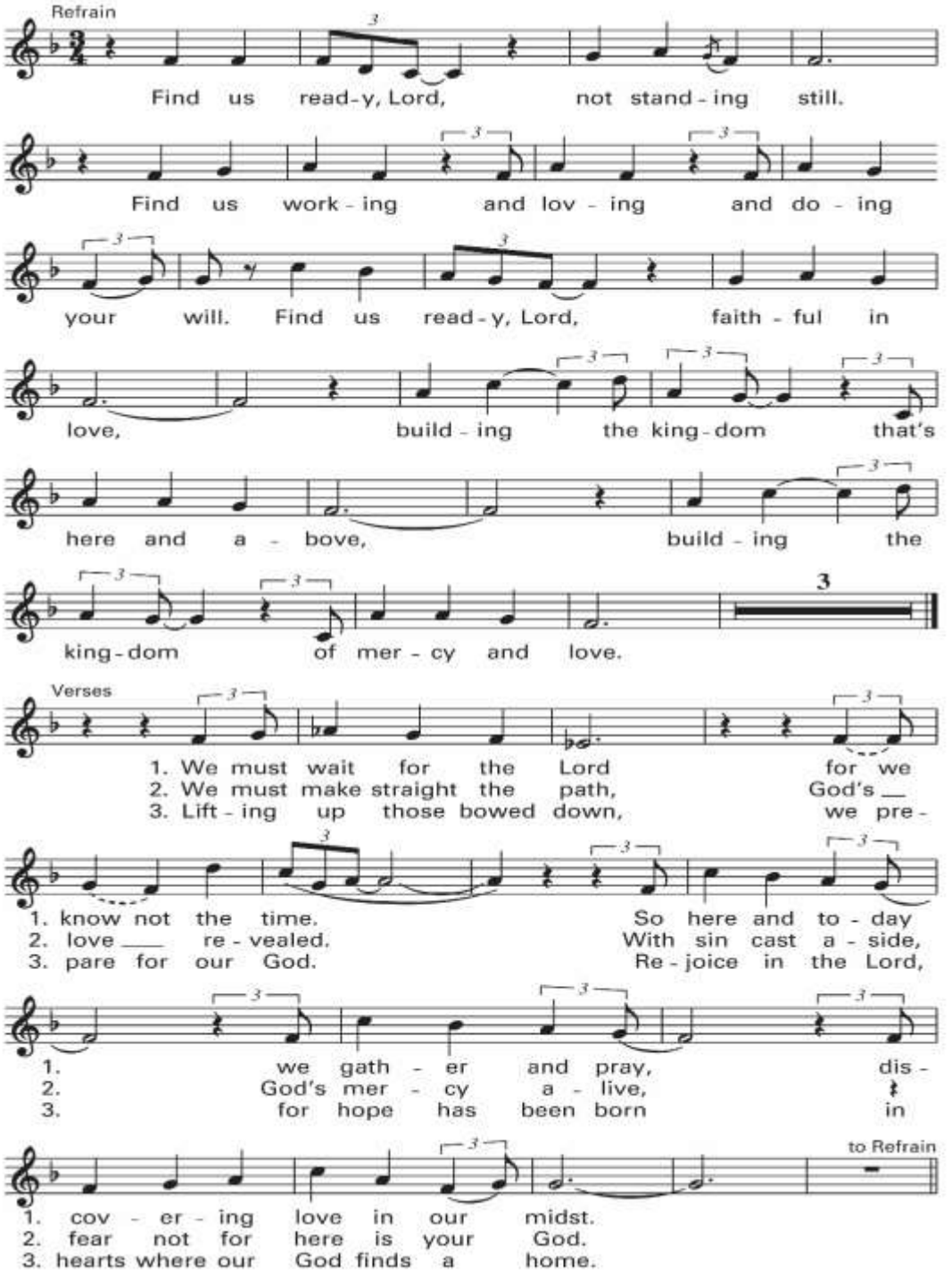
The Concluding Song: "Christ Be Our Light" (*see page 8)*
(10AM Service)
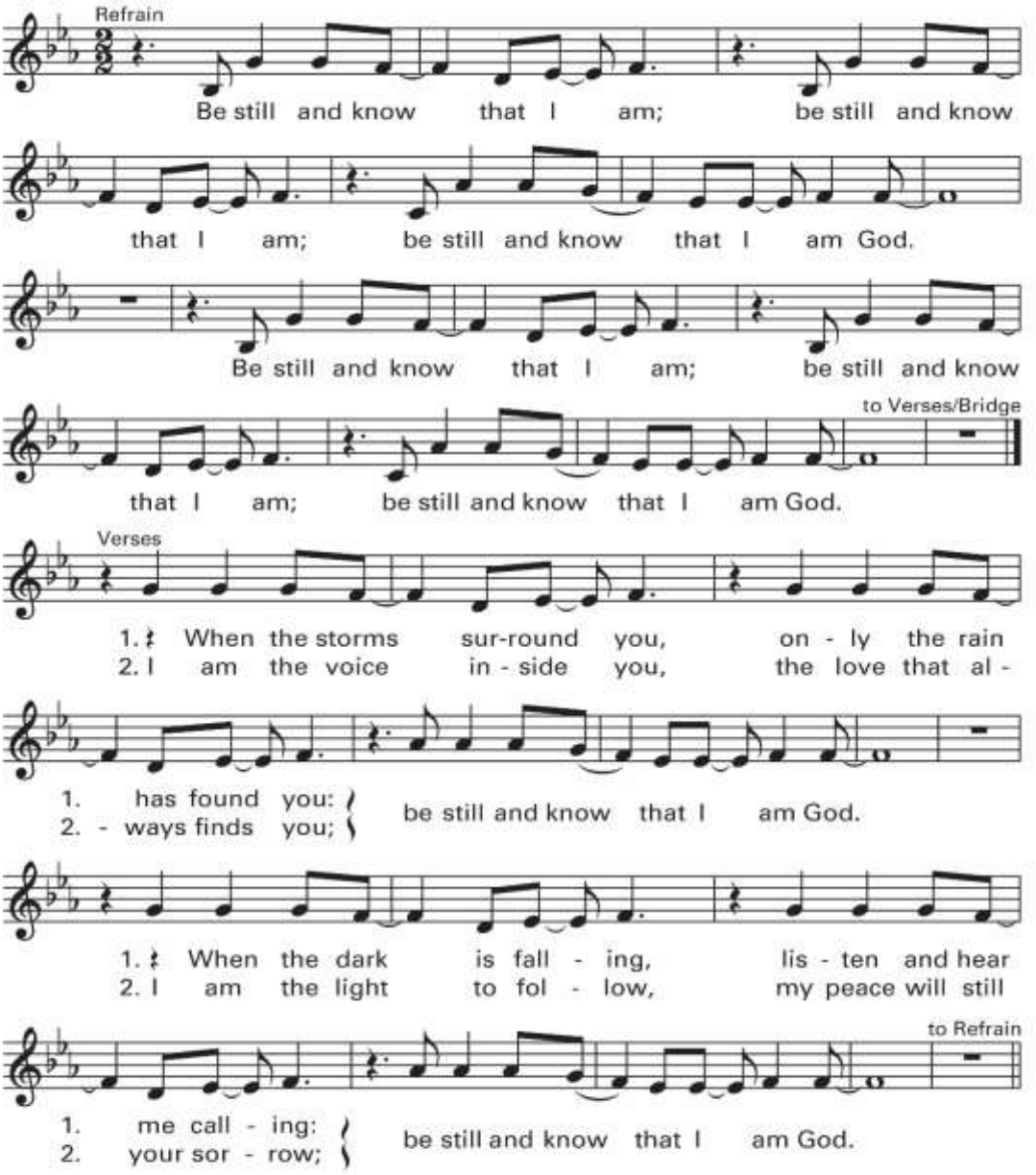


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Bridge

Ascend to the depths with me,
breathe in eternity;
for in you I dwell,
the eternal well of my love.

So do not fear the quiet;
my voice is in the silence.
Be still and know that I am God. **(to Refrain)**

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