

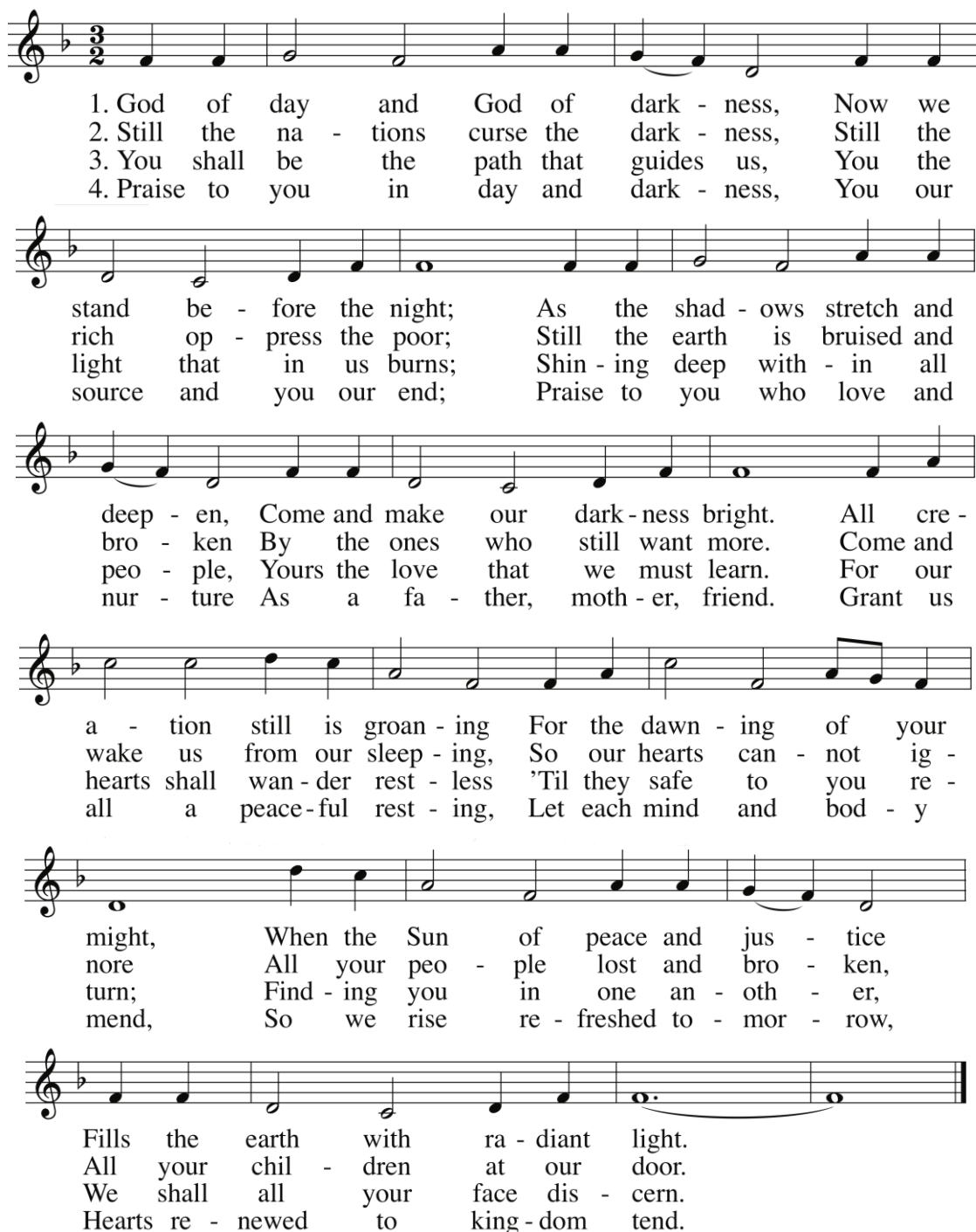


*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*Ascension Catholic Church*  
*Melbourne, Florida*  
*January 28, 2024*

# Gathering

## God of Day and God of Darkness

Marty Haugen



1. God of day and God of dark - ness, Now we  
 2. Still the na - tions curse the dark - ness, Still the  
 3. You shall be the path that guides us, You the  
 4. Praise to you in day and dark - ness, You our

stand be - fore the night; As the shad - ows stretch and  
 rich op - press the poor; Still the earth is bruised and  
 light that in us burns; Shin - ing deep with - in all  
 source and you our end; Praise to you who love and

deep - en, Come and make our dark - ness bright. All cre -  
 bro - ken By the ones who still want more. Come and  
 peo - ple, Yours the love that we must learn. For our  
 nur - ture As a fa - ther, moth - er, friend. Grant us

a - tion still is groan - ing For the dawn - ing of your  
 wake us from our sleep - ing, So our hearts can - not ig -  
 hearts shall wan - der rest - less 'Til they safe to you re -  
 all a peace - ful rest - ing, Let each mind and bod - y

might, When the Sun of peace and jus - tice  
 nore All your peo - ple lost and bro - ken,  
 turn; Find - ing you in one an - oth - er,  
 mend, So we rise re - freshed to - mor - row,

Fills the earth with ra - diant light.  
 All your chil - dren at our door.  
 We shall all your face dis - cern.  
 Hearts re - newed to king - dom tend.

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## Greeting

*Priest: The Lord be with you.*

*People: And with your spirit.*

## Mass of Renewal

## Gloria

*Curtis Stephan*

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo-ple  
of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a -  
dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you  
thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God, heav-en - ly  
King, O God, al-might-y Fa - ther.  
Lord Je - sus Christ, On-ly Be - got-ten Son, Lord God,  
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a -  
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you take a -  
way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are seat - ed

## *Gloria continued*

at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer -  
cy, have mer - cy on us. For you a-lone are the  
Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the  
Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men, a - men.

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## Liturgy of the Word



*First Reading:* Deuteronomy 18:15-20

### Psalm Response

*Psalm 95: If Today You Hear His Voice*

*Marty Haugen*



1. Come, let us ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come into his presence, giving thanks; let us hail him with a song of praise.
2. O come; let us bow and bend low. Let us kneel before the God who made us,  
For he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand.
3. O that today you would listen to his voice! "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
As on that day at Massah in the desert when your forebears put me to the test;  
When they tried me, though they saw my work."

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*Second Reading:* 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

### Gospel Acclamation: Celtic Alleluia

*Christopher Walker*



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*Gospel:* Mark 1:21-28

### Homily

## *Creed:*

### *Nicene Creed*

*I believe in one God,  
the Father, the almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible,  
I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
(Bow) And by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man. (end bow)  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified;  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*



## General Intercessions

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*



## Liturgy of the Eucharist

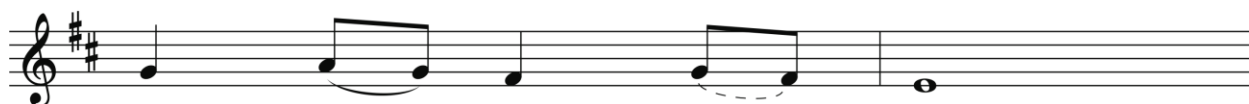
### Preparation of Gifts

#### Seek Ye First

Karen Lafferty



1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God  
2. Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,  
3. You do not live by bread a - lone,  
4. Where two or three are gath - ered in my name,



and his right - eous - ness,  
seek, and you shall find,  
but by ev - 'ry word  
there am I in their midst;



and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you;  
knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you;  
that comes forth from the mouth of God;  
and what - so - ev - er you ask I will do;



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

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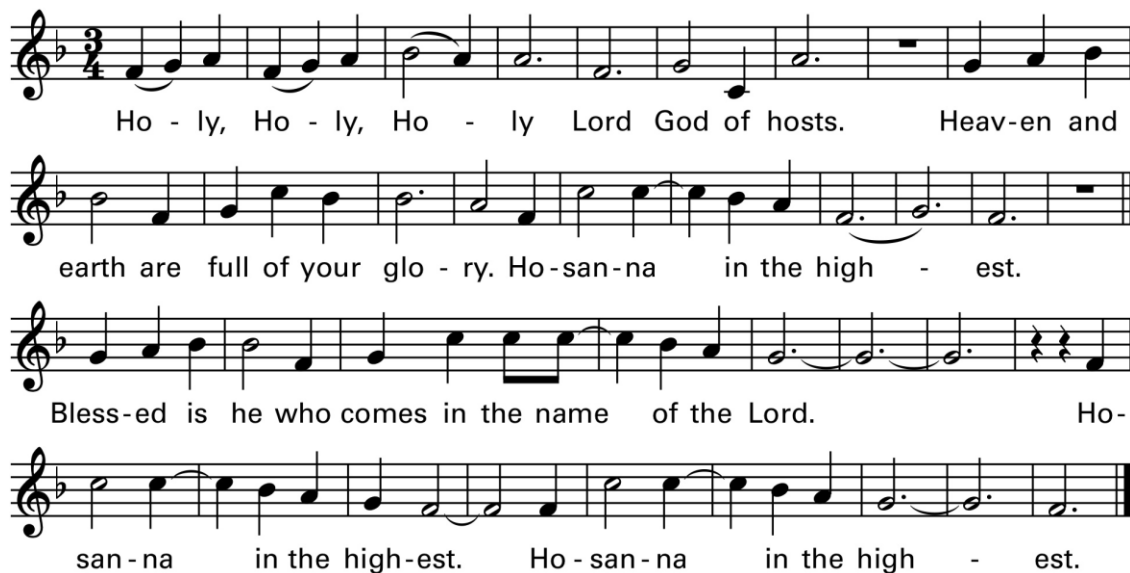
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# *Eucharistic Acclamations*

## *Mass of Renewal*

*Curtis Stephan*

### *Sanctus*



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.  
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-  
san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

### *Memorial Acclamation*



Save us, Sav-ior of the world, for by your Cross and Res - ur -  
rec - tion you have set us free, you have set us free.

### *Great Amen*



A - men, a - men, a - men.

### *Rite of Communion* *Lamb of God*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy,  
have mer - cy on us. world, grant us, grant us peace.

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## Communion Songs



### *Eat This Bread*

*Jacques Berthier*

Refrain: All

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun - gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

Verse 1: Cantor

1. I am the bread of life, the true bread sent from the Fa-ther. to Refrain

Verse 2: Cantor

2. Your an-ces-tors ate man-na in the des - ert, but this is the

to Refrain Verse 3: Cantor

2. bread come down from heav - en. 3. Eat my flesh and

to Refrain

3. drink my blood, and I will raise you up on the last day.

Verse 4: Cantor

4. An - y - one who eats this bread, will live for ev - er. to Refrain

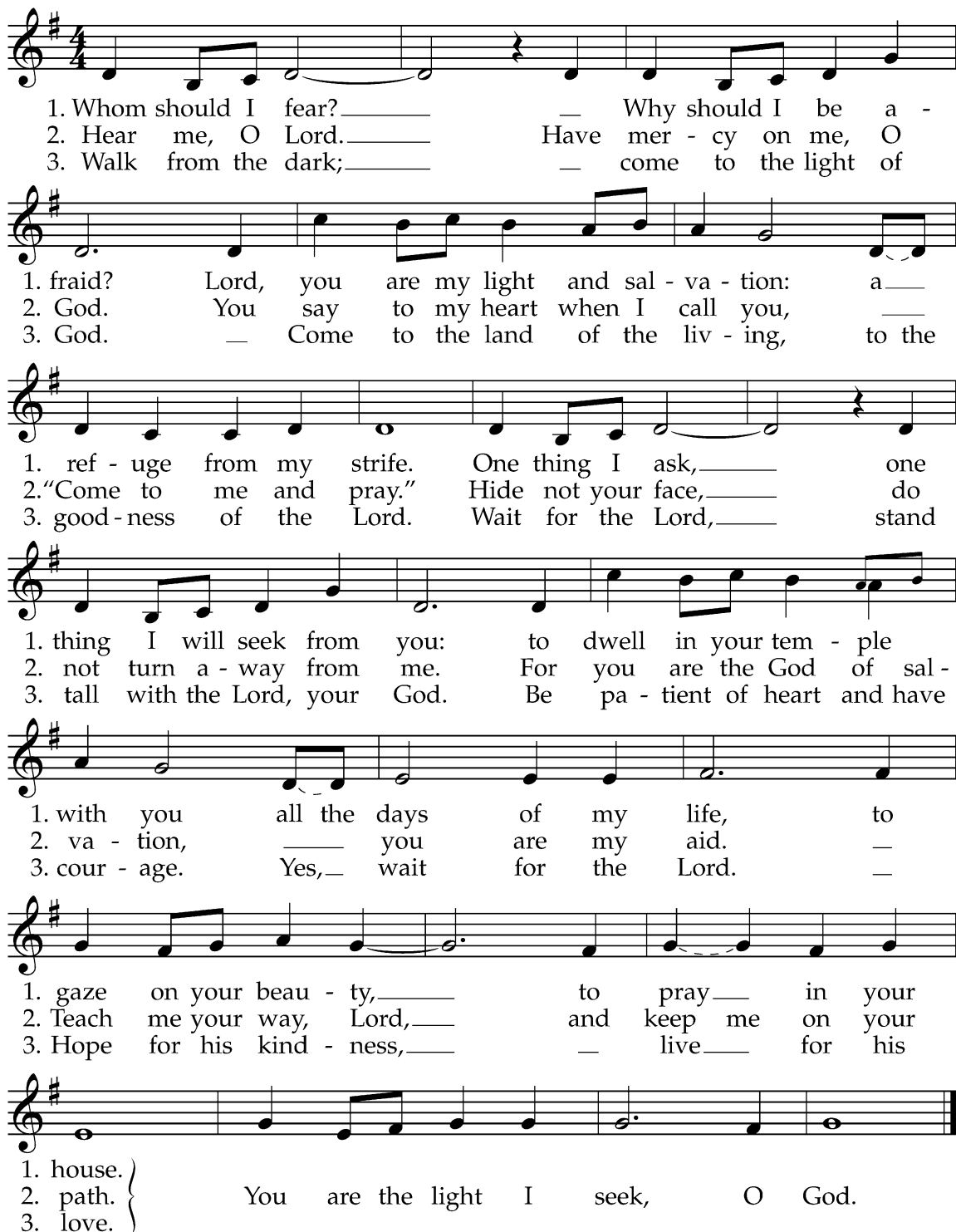
Verse 5: Cantor

5. If you be-lieve and eat this bread, you will have e - ter-nal life. to Refrain

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# You Are the Light I Seek

Michael Perza



1. Whom should I fear? \_\_\_\_\_ — Why should I be a -  
 2. Hear me, O Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ Have mer - cy on me, O  
 3. Walk from the dark; \_\_\_\_\_ — come to the light of

1. fraid? Lord, you are my light and sal - va - tion: a \_\_\_\_  
 2. God. You say to my heart when I call you, \_\_\_\_  
 3. God. — Come to the land of the liv - ing, to the

1. ref - uge from my strife. One thing I ask, \_\_\_\_\_ one  
 2. "Come to me and pray." Hide not your face, \_\_\_\_\_ do  
 3. good - ness of the Lord. Wait for the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ stand

1. thing I will seek from you: to dwell in your tem - ple  
 2. not turn a - way from me. For you are the God of sal -  
 3. tall with the Lord, your God. Be pa - tient of heart and have

1. with you all the days of my life, to  
 2. va - tion, \_\_\_\_\_ you are my aid. —  
 3. cour - age. Yes, — wait for the Lord. —

1. gaze on your beau - ty, \_\_\_\_\_ to pray \_\_\_\_\_ in your  
 2. Teach me your way, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ and keep me on your  
 3. Hope for his kind - ness, \_\_\_\_\_ — live \_\_\_\_\_ for his

1. house. }  
 2. path. } You are the light I seek, O God.  
 3. love. }

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## *Prayer for Spiritual Communion:*

[For those unable to receive at this time]

*My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.*

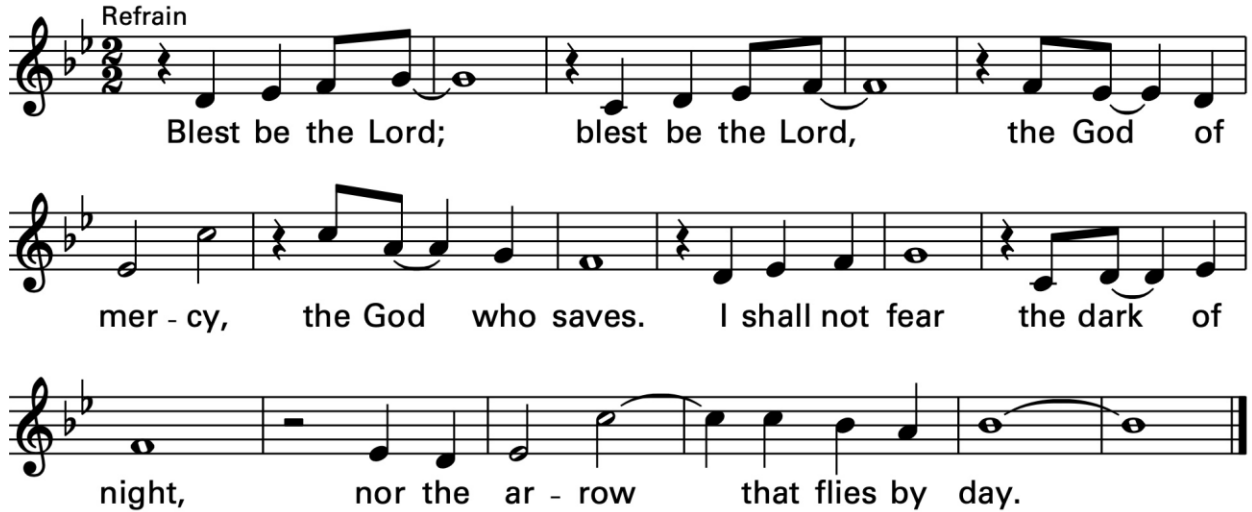


# Song of Sending Forth

## Blest Be the Lord

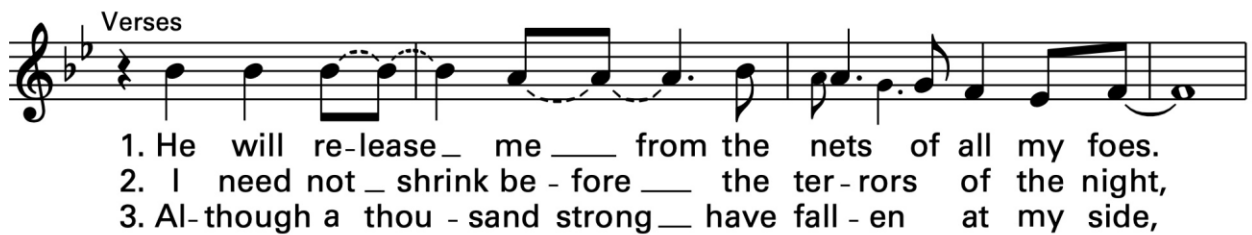
Dan Schutte

Refrain



Blest be the Lord; blest be the Lord, the God of  
mer - cy, the God who saves. I shall not fear the dark of  
night, nor the ar - row that flies by day.

Verses



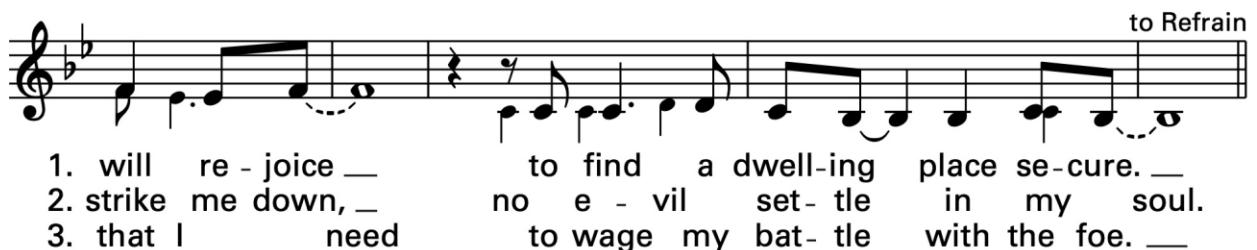
1. He will re-lease\_ me \_\_\_ from the nets of all my foes.  
2. I need not\_ shrink be - fore \_\_\_ the ter - rors of the night,  
3. Al-though a thou - sand strong \_\_\_ have fall - en at my side,



1. He will pro - tect me from their wick-ed hands.  
2. nor stand a-lone be - fore the light \_\_\_ of day.  
3. I'll not be shak-en with the Lord \_\_\_ at hand.



1. Be - neath \_\_\_ the shad-ow of his wings \_\_\_ I  
2. No harm shall \_\_\_ come to me, \_\_\_ no ar - row  
3. His faith - ful \_\_\_ love is all \_\_\_ the ar - mor



1. will re - joice \_\_\_ to find a dwell-ing place se-ure. \_\_\_  
2. strike me down, \_\_\_ no e - vil set- tle in my soul.  
3. that I need to wage my bat- tle with the foe. \_\_\_

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