St. Mark Lutheran
CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

Growing God's Family

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10:45 a.m. Service

TENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

WE GIVE A WARM WELCOME TO THE VISITORS AND GUESTS AMONG US.
WE PRAY THAT TODAY'S SERVICE IS A BLESSING TO YOU. PLEASE COME AGAIN!

The **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER: We are celebrating the Sacrament of the Altar today. This is The Lord's Table. As a church and body of Christians we believe this:

We will be receiving the true body and blood of Jesus Christ, in, with and under, the bread and wine.

When we receive Jesus' true body and blood, we receive the forgiveness of sins.

By communing together with our Lord and one another, we express a common belief that Jesus is in truth the Son of God, and our Savior; He is present in this Sacrament in a very real way; that Christ's sacrificial death assures us of complete forgiveness of our sins; and that God is strengthening us in this Sacrament to live a life that honors God.

If you share all these convictions, then you are welcome to come and celebrate the blessings of our Altar today. Please note that cups at the center of each tray are "non-alcoholic" wine for those who prefer such for medicinal and personal reasons. Pastor Erler is available before service if you have any questions.

A **NURSERY** with an attendant is available during worship service. You are welcome to use this service. Ask an usher for directions.

PRAYERS FOR WORSHIP

BEFORE WORSHIP

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

BEFORE COMMUNING

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AFTER RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Lord Have Mercy

Words and Music by
Steve Merkel

20
G
D/F♯
Em
C
- shipped things _ of man; _
I have tak - en jour - neys that have drawn .
22
G
D/F♯
Em
C
G
D/F♯
__ me far _from You; _
Now I am re - turn - ing to Your mer - cies ev - er flow - ing;
25
Em
C
G
Dsus
D
Par-don my trans -gres-sions, help me ____ love You _ a - gain. ____
CHORUS
28
Am
D/F♯
Gsus
G
G/B
G/C
D
Em
Am
D/F♯
Gsus
G
Lord, have mer - cy;
Christ, have mer - cy;
Lord, have mer - cy
31
Cmaj7
Dsus
D
Am
D/F♯
Gsus
G
G/B
G/C
D/F♯
Em
on me;
Lord, have mer - cy;
Christ, have mer - cy;
2nd time to Coda
INSTRUMENTAL
34
Am
D/F♯
Gsus
G
G/C
D
G
Em
C
Lord, have mer - cy
on ____ me.
38
G
D
Em
C
G
41
Dsus
D

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Please stand

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Confession of Sins

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins,

C **O Lord, who could stand?**

P But with You there is forgiveness;

C **therefore You are feared.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

Absolution

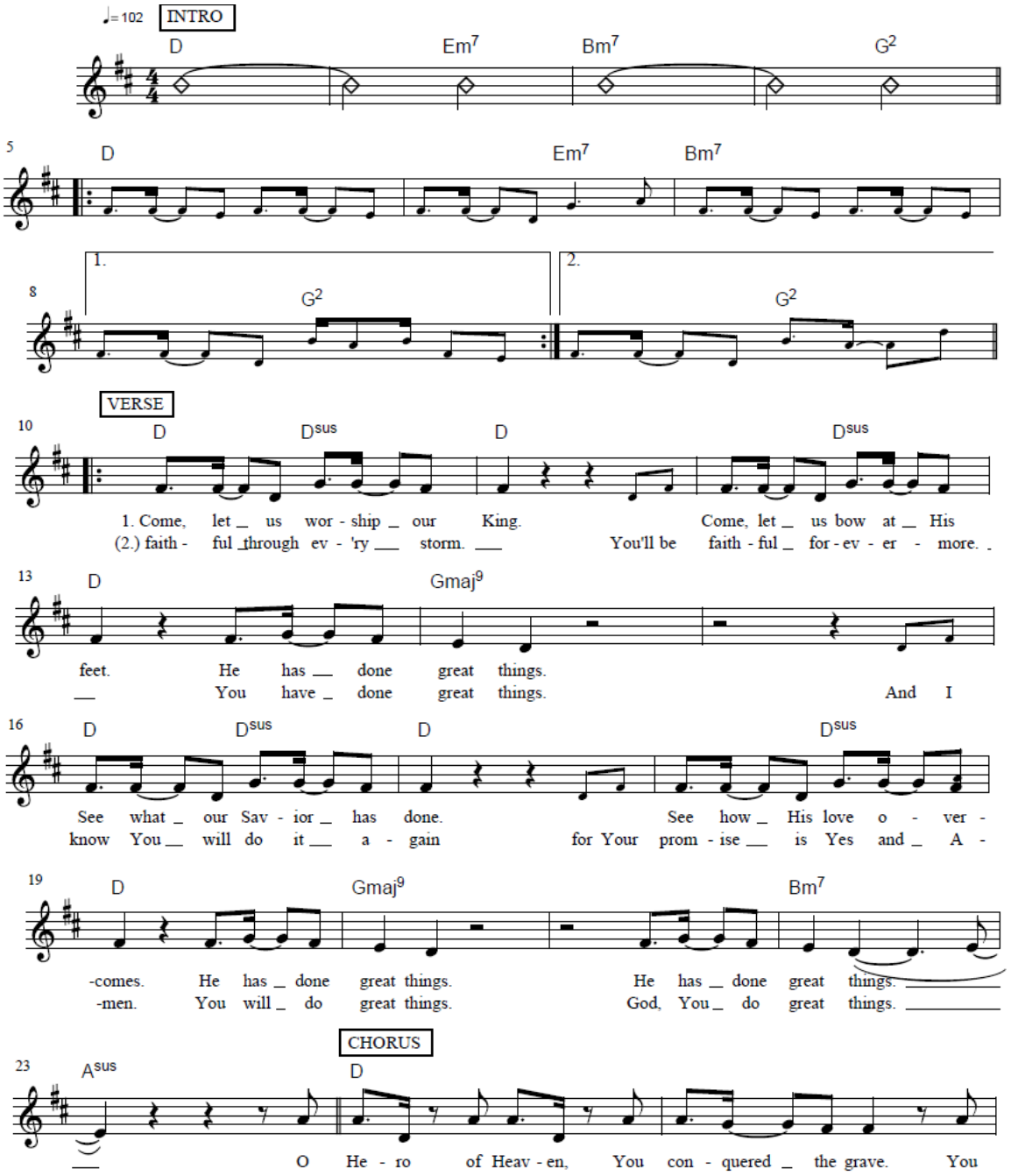
P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated

Great Things
(based on the recording by Phil Wickham; original key – B)

Words and Music by
Phil Wickham and Jonas Myrin



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Please stand

Old Testament Reading *Jeremiah 23:16–29*

16 Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who
prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not
from the mouth of the LORD. 17 They say continually to those who despise the word of
the LORD, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own
heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.'"

18 For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD
to see and to hear his word,
or who has paid attention to his word and listened?
19 Behold, the storm of the LORD!
Wrath has gone forth,
a whirling tempest;
it will burst upon the head of the wicked.
20 The anger of the LORD will not turn back
until he has executed and accomplished
the intents of his heart.
In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

21 "I did not send the prophets,
yet they ran;
I did not speak to them,
yet they prophesied.
22 But if they had stood in my council,
then they would have proclaimed my words to my people,
and they would have turned them from their evil way,
and from the evil of their deeds.

23 "Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? 24 Can a man
hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill
heaven and earth? declares the LORD. 25 I have heard what the prophets have said who
prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' 26 How long shall
there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the
deceit of their own heart, 27 who think to make my people forget my name by their
dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? 28 Let
the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my
word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. 29 Is not my
word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Fear the LORD, you his saints,
for those who fear him lack nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

Epistle *Hebrews 11:17–31; 12:1–3*

17By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had
received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, 18of whom it was said,
"Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." 19He considered that God was able
even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him
back. 20By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. 21By faith Jacob,
when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of
his staff. 22By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the
Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

23By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents,
because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's
edict. 24By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of
Pharaoh's daughter, 25choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to
enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. 26He considered the reproach of Christ greater
wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. 27By faith he left
Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is
invisible. 28By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer
of the firstborn might not touch them.

29By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians,
when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. 30By faith the walls of Jericho fell
down after they had been encircled for seven days. 31By faith Rahab the prostitute did
not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome
to the spies.

Jesus, Founder and Perfecter of Our Faith

[1]Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, [2]looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Do Not Grow Weary

[3]Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Holy Gospel *Luke 12:49-53*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the twelfth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Not Peace, but Division

[49][Jesus said:] "I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! [50]I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! [51]Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. [52]For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. [53]They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated

Stronger

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VERSE 3
29 C/E C F G C/E C F G C
3. No be - gin - ning, and no ___ end. You're my
34 F G C F G Am G
hope, and my de - fence. You came to seek, and save the ___ lost. You paid it
CHORUS
38 F G C G C G
all, up - on the cross. You are strong - er. You are strong - er. Sin is
2nd time to Coda
43 Am F C G
bro - ken, You have saved me. It is writ - ten, Christ is ris - en. Je - sus
INSTRUMENTAL 2
47 F G F Am G C/E
1. G/B
You are Lord of ____ all. ___
2. G/B
BRIDGE 1a
52 F Am G C
So let Your Name ____ be lift - ed high - er. Be lift - ed high - er. Be lift - ed high - er. _
BRIDGE 1b
56 G F Am G
___ So let Your Name be lift - ed high - er. Be lift - ed high - er.

Sermon

Offering

Please stand

Prayer of the Church
The Pastor will end each petition with the phrase, "Lord in Your Mercy".
The congregation will respond **"Hear our Prayer"**.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

℗ Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

℃ **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
forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Please note:
St. Mark Lutheran Church is a congregation and a body of Christians believing firmly God's Word which says that in Holy Communion we truly and really receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus as we receive the earthly elements of bread and wine. His body and blood *are not symbolically present or spiritually received*, but real and tangible *in* the bread and wine, *with* the bread and wine, *under the bread and wine by the authority of Jesus' words,* and given to us as His pledge of love and forgiveness.

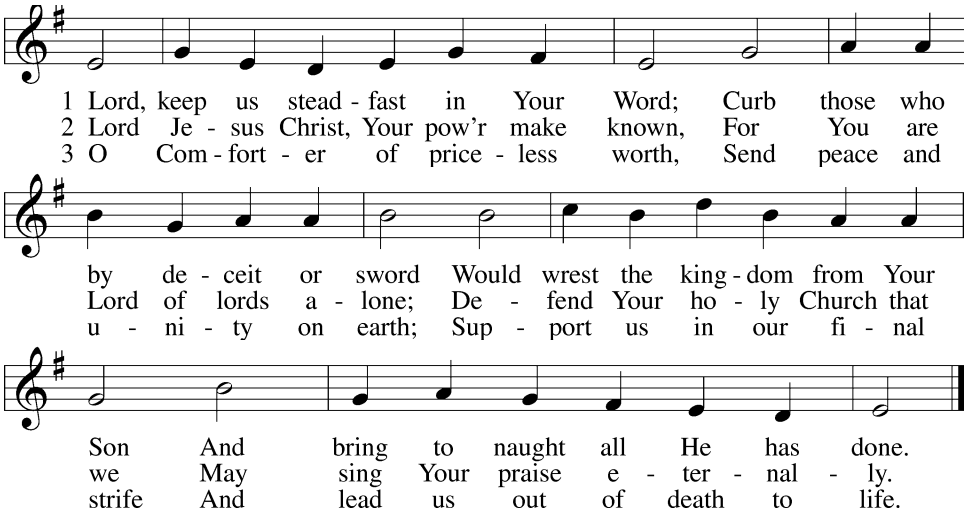
Holy Communion is a gift of God intended for those who have been baptized and confirmed in the Christian Faith. Within our Lutheran Church, we ask that a confirmation be done according to our Lutheran understanding. It is imperative, according to 1 Corinthians 11:27-29, for a communicant to spiritually examine himself before coming to the Lord's Table.

A brief examination would include answering "Yes" to the following five questions:
Do you believe that you are a sinner by nature and by choice?
Are you truly sorry for your sins?
Do you believe Jesus Christ is your Lord and Savior from sin Who graciously forgives your sins?
Do you intend, by the power of the Holy Spirit to make the needed changes in your sinful life?
Do you believe you receive the true body and blood of Jesus in, with, and under the bread and wine?

Please be seated

Distribution

655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



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Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)

Words and Music by Brian Johnson,
Kari Jobe, Jenn Johnson, Gabriel Wilson
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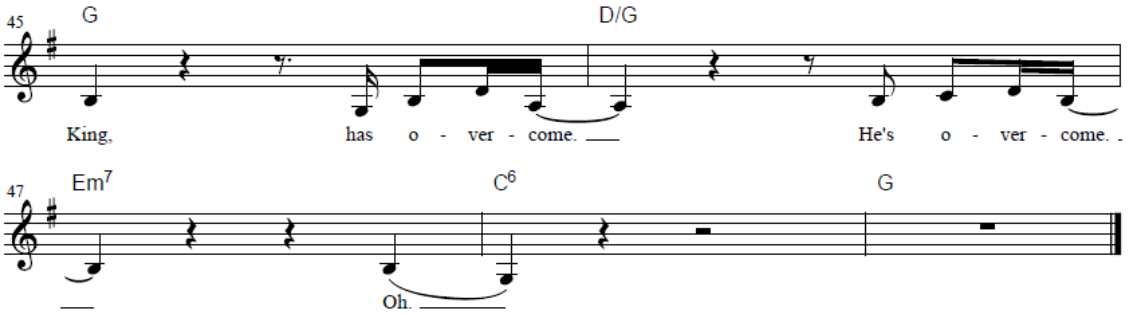
CHORUS
20
Em
C
G
D
King has ren-dered You de - feat - ed. Now, for - ev - er He is glo - ri-fied; For -
(Last time Instrumental)
24
Em
C
G
-ev - er He is lift - ed high. And for - ev - er He is
27
D
Em
1, 3.
C
ris - en; He is a - live, and He is a - live. Now, for -
2.
C
D.S.
4.
C
BRIDGE
30
G
D
We sing hal - le - lu - jah, we sing hal - le - lu -
1, 2.
C
3.
C
34
Em
- jah, we sing hal - le - lu - jah; The Lamb has o - ver-come. - jah; The Lamb has o - ver-come.
37
G
D
Am
C
We sing hal - le - lu - jah, we sing hal - le - lu - jah, we sing hal - le - lu - jah.
ENDING
41
G
D/G
Em7
C6
And now, death, where is your sting? Our res - ur - rect - ed



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Please stand

Post-Communion Collect

℗ Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ℂ **Amen.**

Benediction

℗ Let us bless the Lord.

ℂ **Thanks be to God.**

℗ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

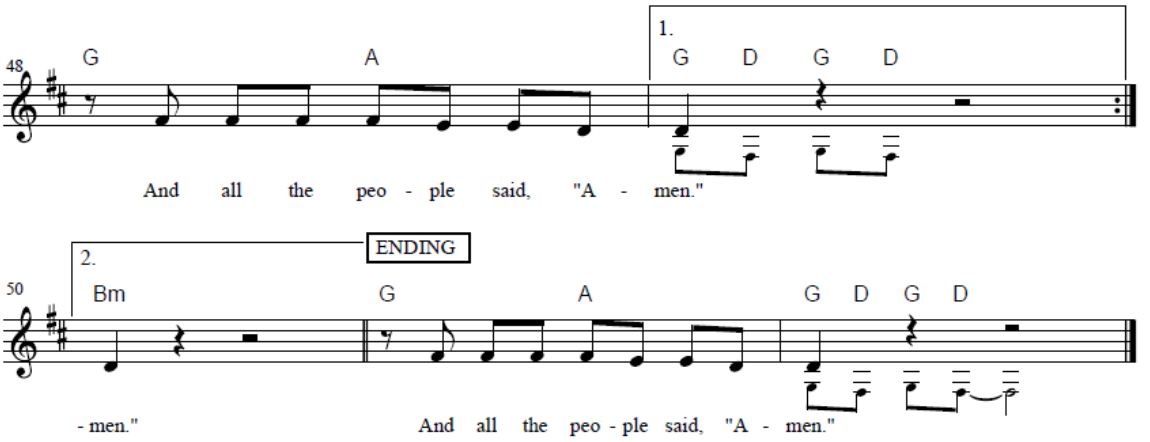
ℂ **Amen.**

Please be seated

All The People Said Amen

Words and Music by Matt Maher, Trevor Morgan, and Paul Moak

27
G2 D A Bm Em Bm7/D
We're all bro - ken, but we're all in this to - geth - er. God knows we stum-ble and fall,
30
A Em Bm7 A
D.S. al Coda
and He so loved the world, He sent His Son to save us all.
Coda
BRIDGE
33
G D G D G2 D A(4) D
men." Bless-ed are the poor in spir - it who are torn a - part. Bless-ed are
36
G2 D A(4) D G2 D
the per - se - cut - ed and the pure in heart. Bless-ed are the peo - ple hun - gry for an -
39
A(4) Bm E A
-oth - er start, for theirs is the king - dom, the king-dom of God.
CHORUS
42
D A D G D
And all the peo - ple said, "A - men." Whoa. And all the peo - ple said, "A -
45
A(4) G D F♯ Bm
-men." Give thanks to the Lord, for His love nev - er ends.



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