



# St. Mark Lutheran

## CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

Growing God's Family

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**May 14, 2023**  
**10:45 a.m. Service**

## **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**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.

# The Lord Our God

Words and Music by  
Kristian Stanfill and Jason Ingram

♩=72

**VERSE**

1. Prom - ise mak - er,                      prom-ise keep - er,                      You fin - ish what \_ You be - gin. \_  
2. In the si - lence,                      in the wait - ing,                      still we can know \_ You are good. \_

4.                      Our pro - vi - sion                      through the des - ert,                      You see it through \_ till the end. \_  
                    All Your plans are                      for Your glo - ry;                      Yes, we can know \_\_\_ You are good. \_

**CHORUS**

8.                      You see it through \_ till the end. \_                      The Lord our God is  
                    Yes, we can know \_\_\_ You are good. \_

12. ev - er faith - ful, \_\_\_ nev - er chang - ing \_\_\_ through the ag - es. \_

15. From this dark - ness \_\_\_ You will lead us, \_\_\_ and for - ev - er we will \_

Last time to Coda

**BRIDGE 1a**

18. say, "You're the Lord our God."                      We won't move with-out \_ You. \_

22. We won't move with-out \_ You. \_ You're the light of all \_ and all \_ that we \_ need. \_

BRIDGE 1b

25 C Am<sup>7</sup> F

We won't move with - out \_\_\_ You. \_\_\_ We won't move with - out \_\_\_ You. \_

Detailed description: This is the first line of the bridge. It starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody consists of eighth notes with stems pointing down. Chords C, Am<sup>7</sup>, and F are indicated above the staff.

27 C Am<sup>7</sup> F D.S. al Coda

— You're the light of all \_\_\_ and all \_\_\_ that we \_\_\_ need. \_

Detailed description: This is the second line of the bridge. The melody continues with eighth notes. Chords C, Am<sup>7</sup>, and F are indicated. The line ends with a double bar line and the instruction 'D.S. al Coda'.

♢ Coda

30 C Am<sup>7</sup> F

God." And for - ev - er we will \_\_\_ say, "You're the Lord our

Detailed description: This is the third line of the bridge. It begins with a Coda symbol. The melody continues with eighth notes. Chords C, Am<sup>7</sup>, and F are indicated.

32 C Am<sup>7</sup> F C

God." \_\_\_ And for - ev - er we will \_\_\_ say, "You're the Lord our God."

ENDING

Detailed description: This is the fourth line of the bridge. The melody concludes with a half note. Chords C, Am<sup>7</sup>, F, and C are indicated. A box labeled 'ENDING' is placed above the final chord.

35 Am<sup>7</sup> F C Am<sup>7</sup> F C

Detailed description: This is the fifth line of the bridge, consisting of a single staff with a treble clef. It contains rhythmic slashes for the first six measures and a whole note C in the seventh measure. Chords Am<sup>7</sup>, F, C, Am<sup>7</sup>, F, and C are indicated above the staff.

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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*

# Glory To God Forever

Words and Music by  
Steve Fee and Vicky Beeching

♩ = 80 VERSE

A/C# D2(no3) A E<sup>sus</sup>

1. Be - fore the world was \_ made, be - fore You spoke it to be,  
2. Cre - a - tor, God, You \_ gave me breath, so I \_ could praise

3 A/C# D2(no3) A E<sup>sus</sup>

You were the King of \_ kings— yeah, You were, yeah You were!  
Your great and match - less \_ name all my days, all my days!

5 A/C# D2(no3) A E<sup>sus</sup>

And now, You're reign - ing \_ still, en - throned a - bove all \_ things;  
So, let my whole life \_ be a blaz - ing of - fer - ing—

CHORUS

7 A/C# D2(no3) A E<sup>sus</sup> Dmaj<sup>9</sup> A

An - gels and saints cry \_ out, we join them as we sing: \_ Glo - ry to God, \_  
a life that shouts and \_ sings the great - ness of our King! \_

10 E<sup>sus</sup> F#m<sup>7</sup> Dmaj<sup>9</sup> A E(add4)

glo - ry to \_ God, \_ glo - ry to God \_ for - ev - er! \_

13 Dmaj<sup>9</sup> A E<sup>sus</sup> F#m<sup>7</sup> Dmaj<sup>9</sup> A

Glo - ry to God, \_ glo - ry to \_ God, \_ glo - ry to God \_ for - ev - er! \_

16 INSTRUMENTAL

E(add4) D2(no3) A E F#m<sup>7</sup>

Yeah \_

19  $D^2(\text{no}3)$  A E | 2.  $E(\text{add}4)$   $\%$  **BRIDGE** D A

Take my life, and let it be

23  $E^{\text{sus}}$   $F\#m7$  D A  $E^{\text{sus}}$

all for You, and for Your glo - ry; take my life and let it be Yours. \_\_\_\_

26 D A  $E^{\text{sus}}$   $F\#m7$  D A

Take my life, and let it be all for You, and for Your glo - ry; Take my life and let it be Yours. .

**CHORUS**

29  $E^{\text{sus}}$   $Dm\text{aj}^9$  A  $E^{\text{sus}}$   $F\#m7$

We sing: Glo - ry to God, \_ glo - ry to \_ God, \_

32  $Dm\text{aj}^9$  A  $E(\text{add}4)$   $Dm\text{aj}^9$  A

glo - ry to God \_ for - ev - er! \_\_\_\_ Glo - ry to God, \_

35  $E^{\text{sus}}$   $F\#m7$   $Dm\text{aj}^9$  A | 1.  $E(\text{add}4)$

glo - ry to \_ God, \_ glo - ry to God \_ fo - ev - er! \_\_\_\_ We sing!

38 | 2.  $E(\text{add}4)$  D.S. | 3.  $E(\text{add}4)$  **ENDING**  $D^2(\text{no}3)$  A

Yeah. \_\_\_\_

41 E  $F\#m7$   $D^2(\text{no}3)$  A E A

**Paul in Athens**

<sup>16</sup>While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup>So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup>Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. <sup>19</sup>And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? <sup>20</sup>For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." <sup>21</sup>Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

**Paul Addresses the Areopagus**

<sup>22</sup>So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup>For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup>And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup>that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, <sup>28</sup>for

"In him we live and move and have our being";  
as even some of your own poets have said,

"For we are indeed his offspring."

<sup>29</sup>Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. <sup>30</sup>The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."



**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

Christ has risen from the dead.

**[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.**

He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

**he has put all things under his feet.**

## Epistle

*1 Peter 3:13–22*

<sup>13</sup>Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

<sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. <sup>21</sup>Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## Holy Gospel

*John 14:15-21*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

**G** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

### Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

<sup>15</sup>[Jesus said:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup>even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **Apostles' Creed**

**☩ 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*

# Firm Foundation

Words and Music by  
Cody Carnes, Austin Davis, and Chandler Moore

♩ = 150 **INTRO**  
D D<sup>SUS</sup>



Christ is my

☞ **VERSE 1a**



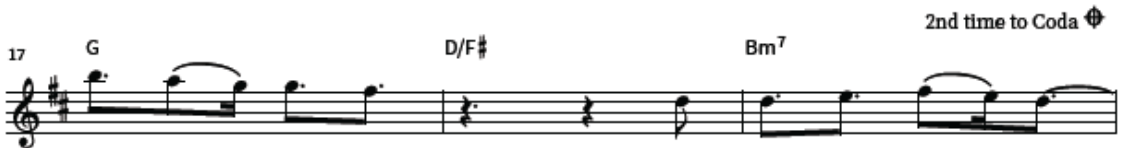
firm foun-da-tion, the rock on which I stand. When ev-'ry-thing a - round me is shak-en,



I've nev - er been more glad that I put my faith in — Je - sus, 'cause He's



nev - er let me \_\_\_\_\_ down. He's faith - ful through



gen - er - a - tions, so why would He \_\_\_\_\_ fail \_\_\_\_\_

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CHORUS 1

20 A<sup>(4)</sup> N.C. D D<sup>SUS</sup>

— now. He won't He won't. \_\_\_\_\_

VERSE 2

24 D<sup>SUS</sup> D Bm<sup>7</sup> A<sup>(4)</sup>

I've still got joy in cha-os. I've got peace that makes no sense. So, I won't be

29 G D/F# Em D Bm<sup>7</sup> A<sup>(4)</sup>

go - ing\_\_ un - der. \_\_\_\_\_ I'm not held by my own strength, 'cause I've built my

33 G/B D/F# Bm<sup>7</sup> A/C# D A<sup>(4)</sup> G

life on\_\_ Je - sus. He's nev - er let me\_\_ down. He's faith - ful in ev - 'ry\_\_ sea-son,

38 D/F# Bm<sup>7</sup> A<sup>(4)</sup> N.C.

so why would He\_\_ fail\_\_ now. He won't

CHORUS 2b

D D<sup>SUS</sup>

He won't. \_ \_ He won't

62 Bm A Gmaj<sup>7</sup> Bm A D D/F# G

fail. He won't fail, no.

INSTRUMENTAL

BRIDGE

67 G A D/F# Bm A G

Rain came and

72 A D/F# Bm A G A

wind blew, but my house was built on You. (And) I'm safe with You,

77 D/F#

1, 2.	3.
Bm A	Bm A

I'm gon - na make it through. (Oh,) through. Christ is my

D.S. al Coda

**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.

## Lord's Prayer

- ☐ Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

☐ **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



# Stronger

Words and Music by  
Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan

♩=75

## VERSE 1

F G C F G



1. There is Love, that came for \_\_\_ us. Hum-bled to a sin - ner's .

## INSTRUMENTAL 1

4 C F G Am F G F G



— cross. You broke my shame, and sin - ful - ness. You rose a - gain, vic - to - ri - ous.

## VERSE 2

9 C/E C F G C/E C F G C/E C



2. Faith - ful - ness none can de - ny. Through the

14 F G C/E C F G Am G F G



storm, and through the \_\_\_ fire. There is truth that sets me \_\_\_ free. Je - sus Christ who lives in

## CHORUS

19 C C G Am



me. You are strong - er. You are strong - er. Sin is bro - ken, You have

## INSTRUMENTAL 1

24 F C G F G F G



saved me. It is writ - ten, Christ is ris - en. Je - sus You are Lord of \_\_\_ all. \_\_\_

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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

You are Lord of — all. —

1.  
G/B

52 2.  
G/B

BRIDGE 1a

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.

59 1. C/E G/B 2. C/E G/B D.S. al Coda

Be lift - ed high - er. \_\_\_ So let Your Name Be lift - ed high - er. \_\_\_ You are

63 Coda CHORUS F G C G C G

You are Lord of \_\_\_ all. You are strong - er. You are strong - er. Sin is

67 Am F C

bro - ken, You have saved me. It is writ - ten, Christ is

70 G F G F

ris - en. Je - sus You are Lord of \_\_\_ all. \_\_\_

*Please stand*

### Post-Communion Collect

**P** 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

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** 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.

# All The People Said Amen

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

$\text{♩} = 96$

**VERSE 1**

G<sup>2</sup> D A G<sup>2</sup> D A G<sup>2</sup> D

1. You are not a-lone

A Bm G<sup>2</sup> D A Bm

if you are lone - ly. When you feel a - fraid, you're not the on - ly.

G<sup>2</sup> D A Bm Em Bm<sup>7</sup>

We are all the same, in need of mer - cy, \_ to be for - giv - en and be

A Em Bm<sup>7</sup> A

free. It's all you got to lean on, but thank God, it's all you need. \_

☼ **CHORUS**

D A D G D

And all the peo - ple said, "A - men." Whoa. \_ And all the peo - ple said, "A -

A<sup>(4)</sup> G D F# Bm

-men." Give thanks to the Lord, \_ for His love \_ nev - er ends. \_

2nd time to Coda ☼ **VERSE 2**


G A G D G D G<sup>2</sup> D

And all the peo - ple said, "A - men." 2. If you're rich or poor,

A Bm G<sup>2</sup> D A Bm

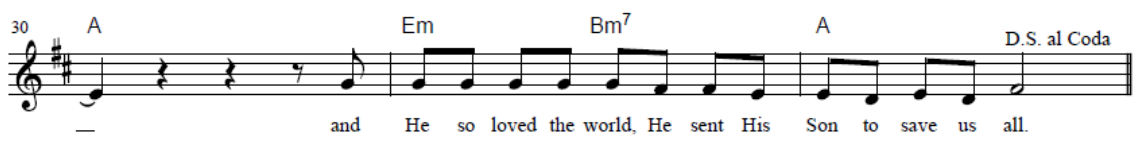
well, it don't mat - ter. Weak \_ or strong, you know love is what we're af - ter.

27  $G^2$  D A Bm Em  $Bm^7/D$



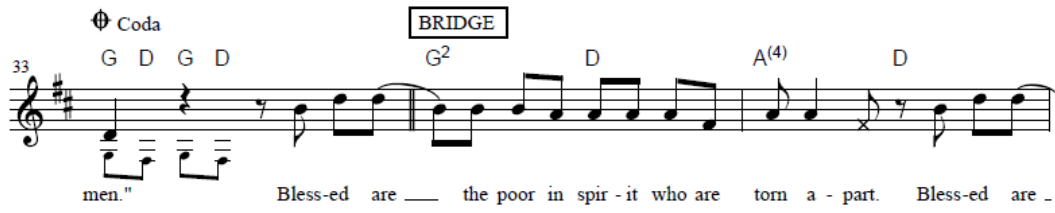
We're all bro - ken, but we're all in this to - geth - er. God knows we stum - ble and fall, .

30 A Em  $Bm^7$  A D.S. al Coda



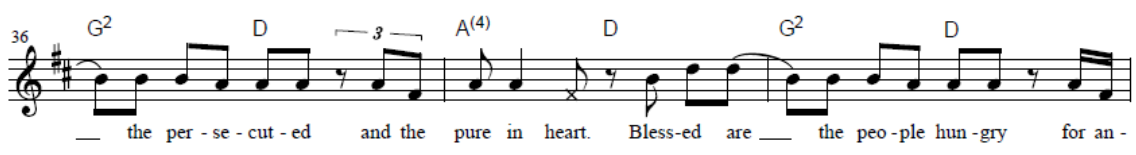
and He so loved the world, He sent His Son to save us all.

33  $\Phi$  Coda BRIDGE  $G^2$  D  $A^{(4)}$  D



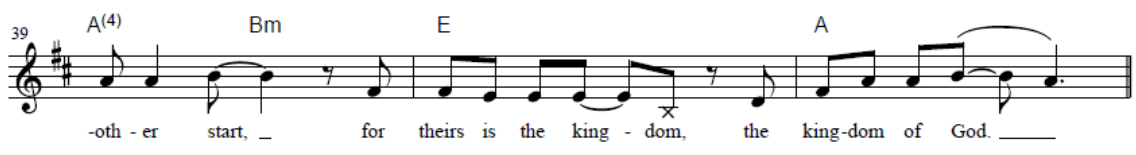
men." Bless-ed are the poor in spir - it who are torn a - part. Bless-ed are .

36  $G^2$  D  $A^{(4)}$  D  $G^2$  D



the per - se - cut - ed and the pure in heart. Bless-ed are the peo - ple hun - gry for an - .

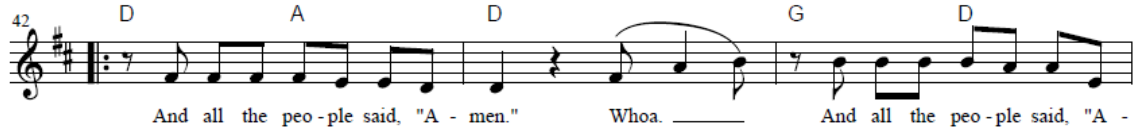
39  $A^{(4)}$  Bm E A



-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. .

48

G A

1. G D G D

And all the peo - ple said, "A - men."

50

Bm G A G D G D

2. ENDING

- men." And all the peo - ple said, "A - men."

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