October 25, 2026
Reformation Sunday

BUFFALO Presbyterian CHURCH

Leading Worship Today:
Preacher: Brian Entz
Lay Leaders: Mary Markve-Patch
Accompanist: Ralph Johansen

Please read along with all **Bold** *text*
All are invited to stand when there is an *

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PRELUDE — Be Thou My Vision — Cindy Berry

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

We think if we reach the mythical goal of perfection, we will be beyond vulnerability. But the space between us matters more to our understanding of the goodness God created. Goodness happens when the betweenness is restored. Without supporting our neighbor's flourishing, we are missing out on the vehement goodness of creation. We are limiting the goodness between us.
- Amy Kenny

I really only love God as much as I love the person I love the least. -Dorothy Day

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP — from Psalm 63

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.
For your loving-kindness is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.

*OPENING SONGS

#614 Great Are You, Lord
#621 I Will Call upon the Lord

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Spirit of God helps us in our weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words.
With trust in God's love and grace let us confess our sin.
Holy God, you created and called us to be your people and to love as you love us. Forgive us for the times when we neglect to love you with the whole of our being and others as we love ourselves. Forgive us for the times when we refuse to see your image in other people or in

ourselves. Help us to notice, affirm, and encourage the gifts and calls that you have placed in people, that we might help each other to live as your disciples in the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ who calls, forgives, and loves us all. Amen.

As water is poured into the font remember your baptism and that in these waters your sins are forgiven and you are named as one of God's beloved and joined to Christ forever.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

All of us, like sheep, have gone astray, but now we have returned to the shepherd and guardian of our souls. In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven and free! **Alleluia, Amen!**

*RESPONSE #447 We Are Forgiven

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Therefore, since we have been made righteous through Christ's faithfulness, we have peace with God. Let us also share peace with one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

The people may exchange with their neighbors, by words or gesture, signs of peace and reconciliation.

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Focus our attention, O God, upon the reading of the scriptures, that we might encounter them with curiosity, humility, and faith. Order our hearts and minds, O God, that as your Word is proclaimed we might understand once again how you are calling us to live. Tune our spirits, O God, to yours, that as your Holy Spirit moves among us we might follow. Amen.

FIRST READING Judges 4:4-10

At that time Deborah, a prophet, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. **5** She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. **6** She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Position yourself at Mount Tabor, taking ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. **7** I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops, and I will give him into your hand.' " **8** Barak said to her, "If you will go with me, I will go, but if you will not go with me, I will not go." **9** And she said, "I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the LORD will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman." Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh. **10** Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh, and ten thousand warriors went up behind him, and Deborah went up with him.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Matthew 22:34-46

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, [35] and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. [36] "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" [37] He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' [38] This is the greatest and first commandment. [39] And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' [40] On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

[41] Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: [42] "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." [43] He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

[44] 'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet" '?

[45] "If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" [46] No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SONG OF PRAISE

O God, We Give Thanks for Brave Women of Old (See insert)

THIRD READING

Romans 16:1-16

I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church at Cenchreae, [2] so that you may welcome her in the Lord, as is fitting for the saints, and help her in whatever she may require from you, for she has been a benefactor of many and of myself as well.

[3] Greet Prisca and Aquila, my coworkers in Christ Jesus, [4] who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks but also all the churches of the gentiles. [5] Greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved Epaenetus, who was the first convert in Asia for Christ. [6] Greet Mary, who has worked very hard for you. [7] Greet Andronicus and Junia, my fellow Israelites who were in prison with me; they are prominent among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was. [8] Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord. [9] Greet Urbanus, our coworker in Christ, and my beloved Stachys. [10] Greet Apelles, who is approved in Christ. Greet those who belong to the family of Aristobulus. [11] Greet my fellow Israelite Herodion. Greet those in the Lord who belong to the family of Narcissus. [12] Greet those workers in the Lord, Tryphaena and Tryphosa. Greet the beloved Persis, who has worked hard in the Lord. [13] Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and greet his mother—a mother to me also. [14] Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers and sisters who are with them. [15] Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them. [16] Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Pastor Brian Entz

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY My Lord, What a Morning Trad. Spiritual arr. Johnson

"Let us present ourselves to God
as those who have been delivered from death to life."
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*PRAISE REFRAIN #710 We Lift Our Voices

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.

*OFFERING PRAYER

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We come before you O God of all creation in gratitude for your loving kindness and mercy. Continue to build up in us a great love for you and the whole of your creation and give us courage to follow in the way of Jesus your Beloved.
God of our salvation, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church…
Let us be a sign of your promised realm and make us ready to meet our Savior Christ when he comes again in glory. Open us to the reforming movement of your Spirit in our midst and empower us to affirm and nurture your call in people of all genders, ages, races, abilities, orientations, and cultures. Strengthen us in our faith and give us courage and compassion to extend the mercy we have been shown to others.
God of our salvation, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world…
Make a way in the wilderness of this world. Bring justice and equality to every land and let all creatures know your saving love. Bring peace to every corner of the world, especially Ukraine and Russia, Iran, Palestine, and Israel, Sudan, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Transform us and all your Church into peacemakers by the power of your Spirit. Help us to seek the common good of all your creation and remember that you have made us to share life with you and all you have made.
God of our salvation, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this community…
We pray for Buffalo and Wright County, for all of our neighbors who live, work, study, and play here. Strengthen us in times of difficulty and give us compassion for all our neighbors. Help us to listen, learn from, and collaborate with our neighbors.
God of our salvation, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for loved ones…
Let you tender mercy shine on them. Comfort those who wait in the gloom of death's shadow and guide their feet onto the path of peace. Pour out your healing and mercy to those in need, especially...
God of our salvation, **hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

SENDING

*CLOSING SONG — Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

Verse 1
It all comes down to this
What you require of me
Love my neighbor as myself
And You above all things

Chorus
Act justly love mercy walk humbly
With You God
In all things in all ways walk humbly
With You God

Verse 2
It all comes down to this
To be Your hands and feet
Good news to all the world
The truth will set us free

Chorus

Bridge 2x
It's beauty for ashes
It's mourning to dancing
It's closer and closer
The Kingdom of heaven

Verse 3
Years from now we'll see
The fruit our hands have sown
Faith just like a seed
The only way it grows

Chorus

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE — Toccata and Fugue in D Minor (BWV 565) — J. S. Bach

Loving all People, Living our Faith, and Following Jesus

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We have a good problem here at BPC. We have new attendees with young children and thus we have a need for nursery care. Our new members are also active choir members so we have a need for help on Wednesday evenings choir practices and also for the choir practices before and during each Sunday service. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Pastor Brian or Jeff Pattee so we can build out the schedule and give you a little training. Thanks for your help, Personnel Committee

Community Meal: Please join us for our community meal! We will be serving tater tot hotdish, green beans, breadsticks, and apple spice cake with caramel drizzle. Please sign up to volunteer outside the office. Invite your friends and neighbors!

Date: October 31st | **Time:** 5pm - 6:30pm

16th Annual Craft Sale: Attention all bakers and shoppers! We are getting closer to our Craft Sale. For those who are baking, we hope to have many cookies, bars, breads, snack mixes and candy to offer for the sale. All proceeds go to support Mission Projects, several of them local organizations. Thank you for sharing your talents and support! **Please have all baked goods dropped off to the church Thursday afternoon/evening (11/5) or Friday morning (11/6) prior to the sale.**

Date: November 7th | **Time:** 9am - 3pm

Immigration Aid Collection: Thank you for your on-going support for our immigrant neighbors. Now, we have an opportunity to support our neighbors who are able to return to work, but are in need of assistance with food. We are looking for **donations of vegetable / cooking oil and Maseca corn flour**. Donations can be dropped off in the bin outside Fellowship Hall. Thank you for being a blessing to so many in our community!

Ali's Hours: Ali will be in-office Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am - 2pm; she will be remote Mondays and Fridays from 9am - 2pm.

Today **October 25**	9:30am: Worship 10:30am: CCC: Faith & Politics: Pastor Brian
Tuesday **October 27**	9:00am: Crafty Ladies 9:00am: Guy's Breakfast
Wednesday **October 28**	7:00pm: Choir Rehearsal
Thursday **October 29**	7:30am: People of Faith 10:00am: Women of Faith 5:30pm: Racial Justice Reading Group
Saturday **October 31**	5:00pm: Community Meal
Sunday **November 1**	9:30am: Worship with Communion 10:30am: CCC: Conversations to Go: Pat Olsen

How Can We Pray for You?

Scan the QR code to submit prayer requests:

Along with the blue prayer request cards found in the pews you can also submit prayer requests on the BPC website. Scan this QR Code with your smartphone to be taken directly to the prayer request form. All prayer requests go directly to Pastor Brian.

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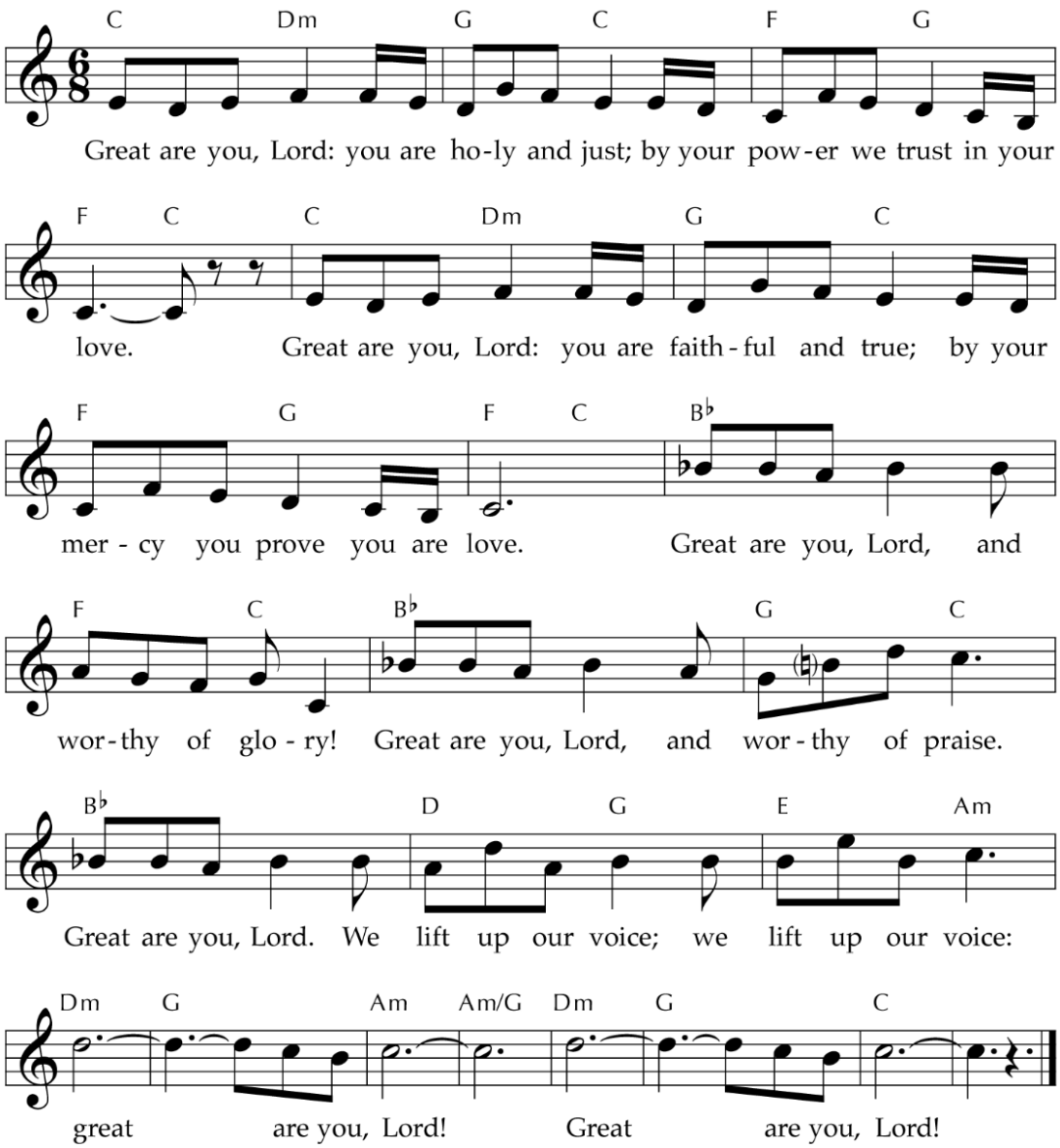
BPC Prayer List:

- Rich Dahl
- Christy Wood
- Dennis Stanley, fighting cancer
- Anne Marie Wille, Bonnie Morek's daughter
- Lois Lindstrom
- Madree
- Jim, Elaine Thole's brother, following a diagnosis
- Donna, a friend of Lana Kopplin, who has cancer
- Shannon, Virginia's former daughter-in-law
- Erva Hance
- Barb and Tom Stone
- Rochelle Tandrian, Angela's daughter

- Brittany Daniels
- Charlotte Collins and family following John's death
- Cassie & Bryce Miller, grandson of Lanny and Shirley Taylor
- Louise Markve
- Don Eddy
- Joseph Wille, Bonnie Morek's grandson
- Windi Willette
- Tony
- Allen, father of Jennifer Glauvitz
- The Grady Family (friends of Theresa) upon the loss of their father
- Dennis, Kate, Alicia, & Del Vanderheiden
- Gloria & Daniel Elliott (Bonnie Moreks brother brother and his wife)
- Nancy Grittman
- Sandy Anderson and family following Steve Anderson's death
- Marcy, Peggy Hunter's sister-in-law
- James Doth
- Lanny Taylor

Great Are You, Lord 614

Great Is the Lord
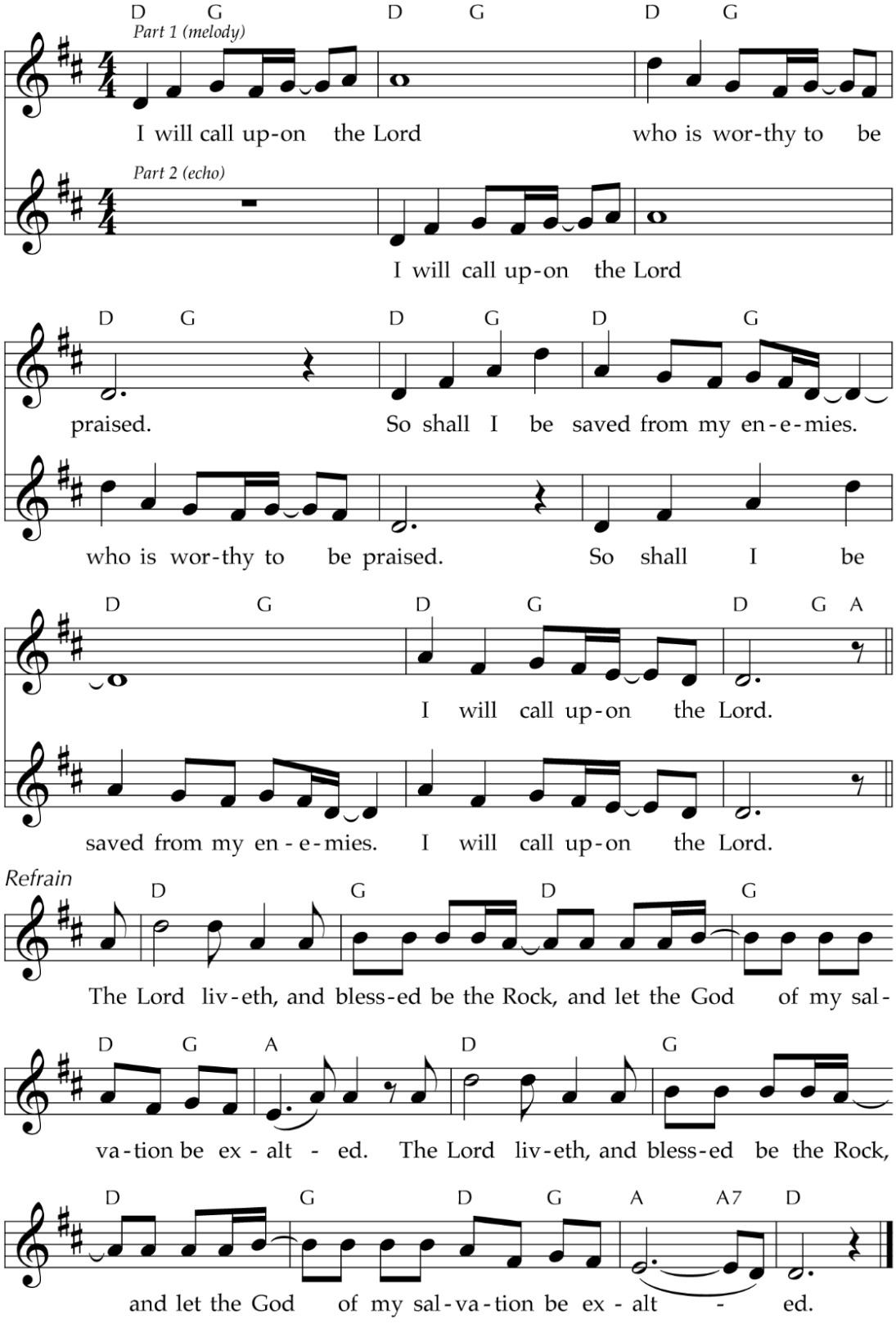


Although it is not a direct paraphrase of any particular psalm, this text echoes "great is the Lord and greatly to be praised," found in three of them (Psalms 48:1; 96:4; 145:3). Such songs of adoration lift up the heart and mind to God, asking nothing but to enjoy God's presence.

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GREAT IS THE LORD
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I Will Call upon the Lord 621



This text is based on Psalm 18:3 and 46 in the King James Version and uses musical repetition to give weight to each verse. The earlier verse is treated as a canon with a concluding unison phrase, and the later one is sung through twice in unison to a nearly identical melody.
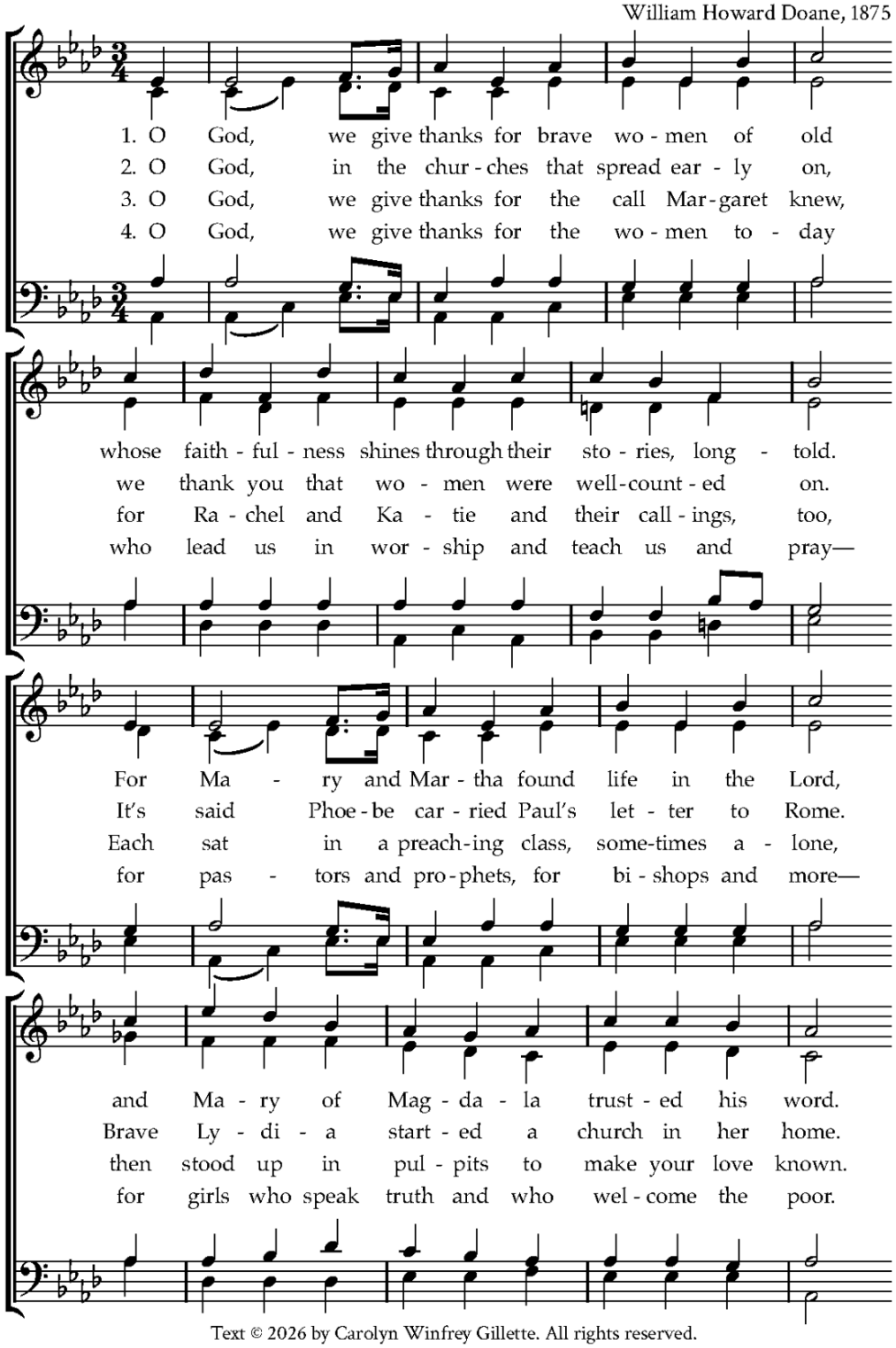
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I WILL CALL
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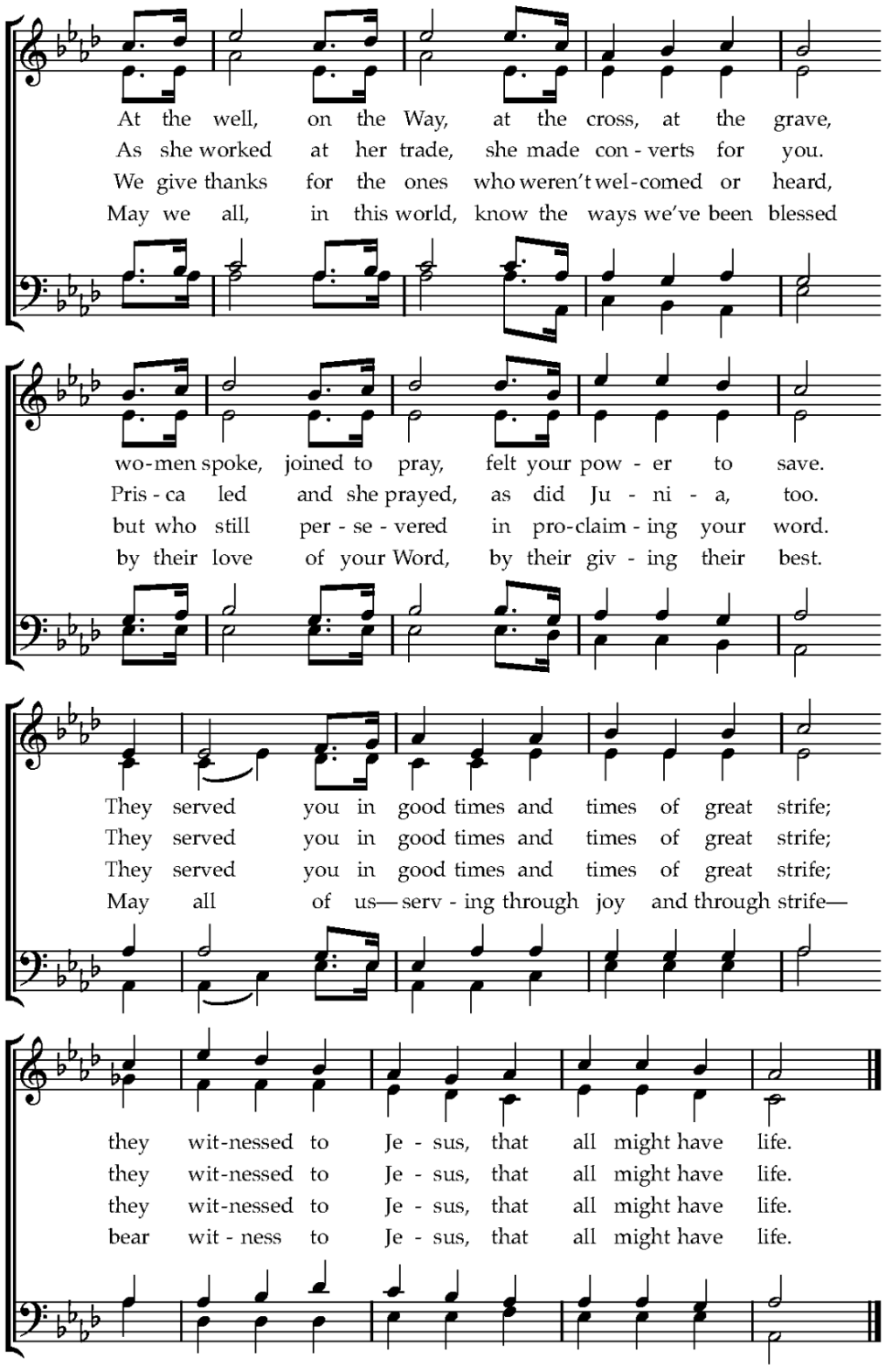
To God Be the Glory,
William Howard Doane, 1875



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At the well, on the Way, at the cross, at the grave,
As she worked at her trade, she made con - verts for you.
We give thanks for the ones who weren't wel-comed or heard,
May we all, in this world, know the ways we've been blessed
wo-men spoke, joined to pray, felt your pow - er to save.
Pris - ca led and she prayed, as did Ju - ni - a, too.
but who still per - se - vered in pro-claim - ing your word.
by their love of your Word, by their giv - ing their best.
They served you in good times and times of great strife;
They served you in good times and times of great strife;
They served you in good times and times of great strife;
May all of us— serv - ing through joy and through strife—
they wit-nessed to Je - sus, that all might have life.
they wit-nessed to Je - sus, that all might have life.
they wit-nessed to Je - sus, that all might have life.
bear wit - ness to Je - sus, that all might have life.