OUR APPROACH TO GOD

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER Ben VanHaitsma

PRELUDE *Modal Prelude* Gordon Young

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to the house of the Lord. Come with your prayers and your presence.

We bring the gift of our presence, being together in worship and fellowship.

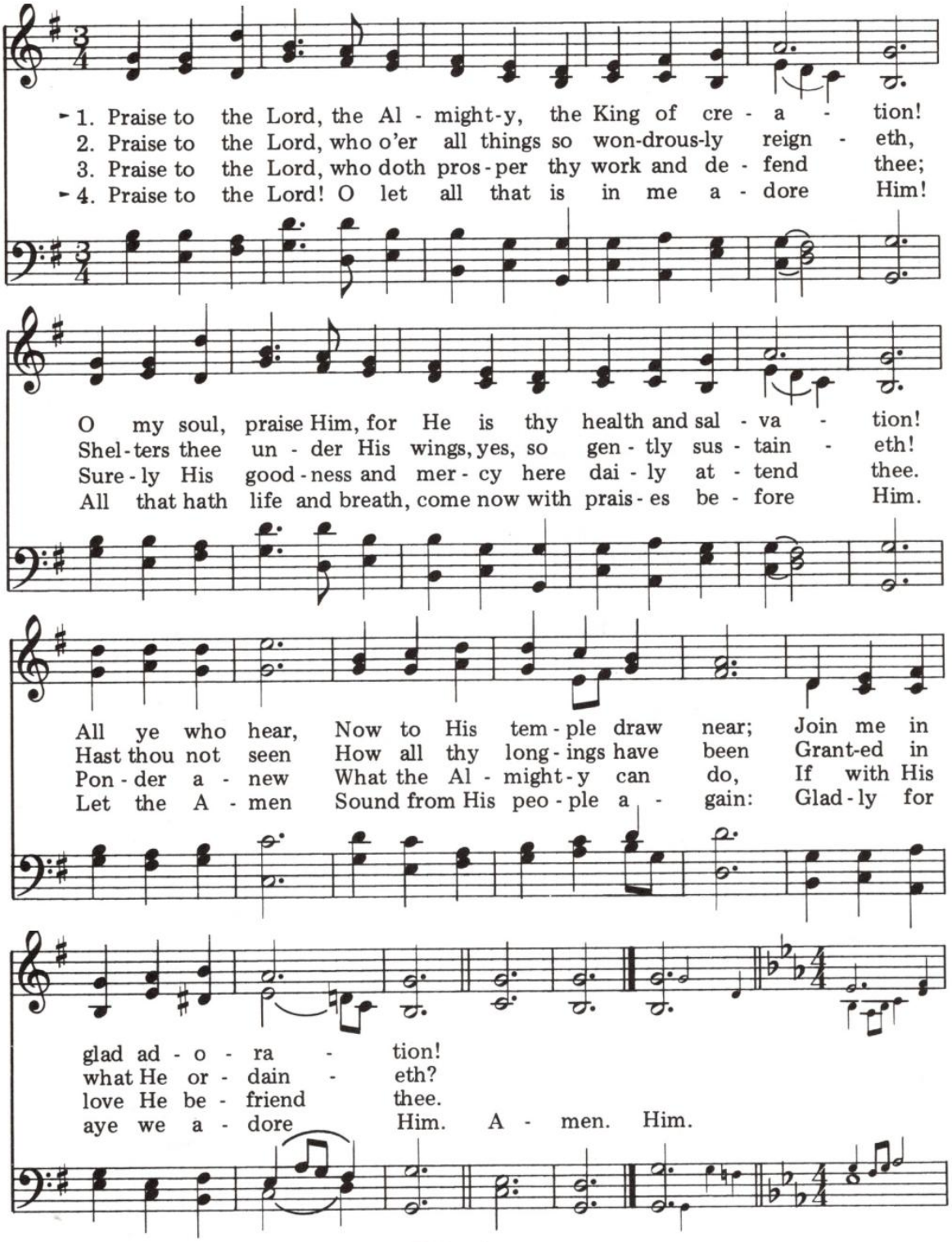
Praise God for the gifts and for opportunities for service that they represent.

We raise to God our hopes and our fears, our wounds and our triumphs.

We praise God for all the ways in which our lives have been blessed.

Loving Lord, open our hearts to receive your blessings of peace. Accept our praise and gratitude. Amen.

OPENING HYMN *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*



TEXT: Joachim Neander; translated by Catherine Winkworth
MUSIC: *Stralsund Gesangbuch,* 1665

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, hear our prayer. We know we do not always live as we ought. We turn away from you, from our neighbor, and from our true selves. We know we dim your light within us, with our pride, our self-righteousness, and our need for control. We know that you love us, that you do not abandon us, and that again and again you call us back to you, back to love, back to grace, back to your light. Forgive us, we pray, through Christ our Lord…*Time of silent reflection*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear the good news. The mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. Let us proclaim the good news. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

SEASONAL RESPONSE Red Hymnal #579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be;
World without end! Amen, Amen

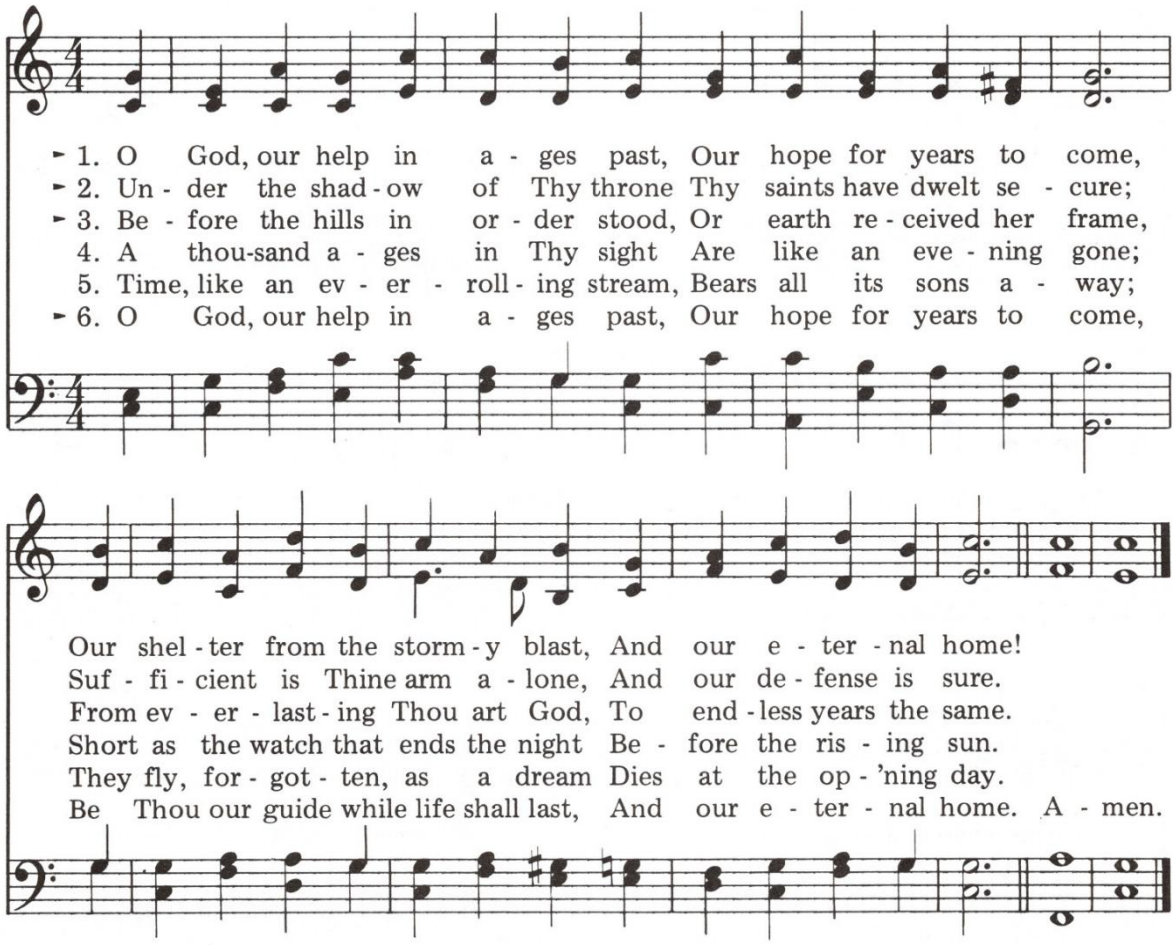
THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 90

SERMON

HYMN *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*



TEXT: Isaac Watts; based on Psalm 90
MUSIC: William Croft

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OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS, AND PRAYER REQUESTS

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

SONG OF PRAISE Red Hymnal #592

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Our great and generous God, we ask that you bless these gifts, multiply them for your work, and give us wisdom to use them according to your will. Help us to be generous in our giving, not out of obligation, but as a joyful response to your love and provision. May our hearts be ever open to your leading, and may we live as faithful stewards in all that we do. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

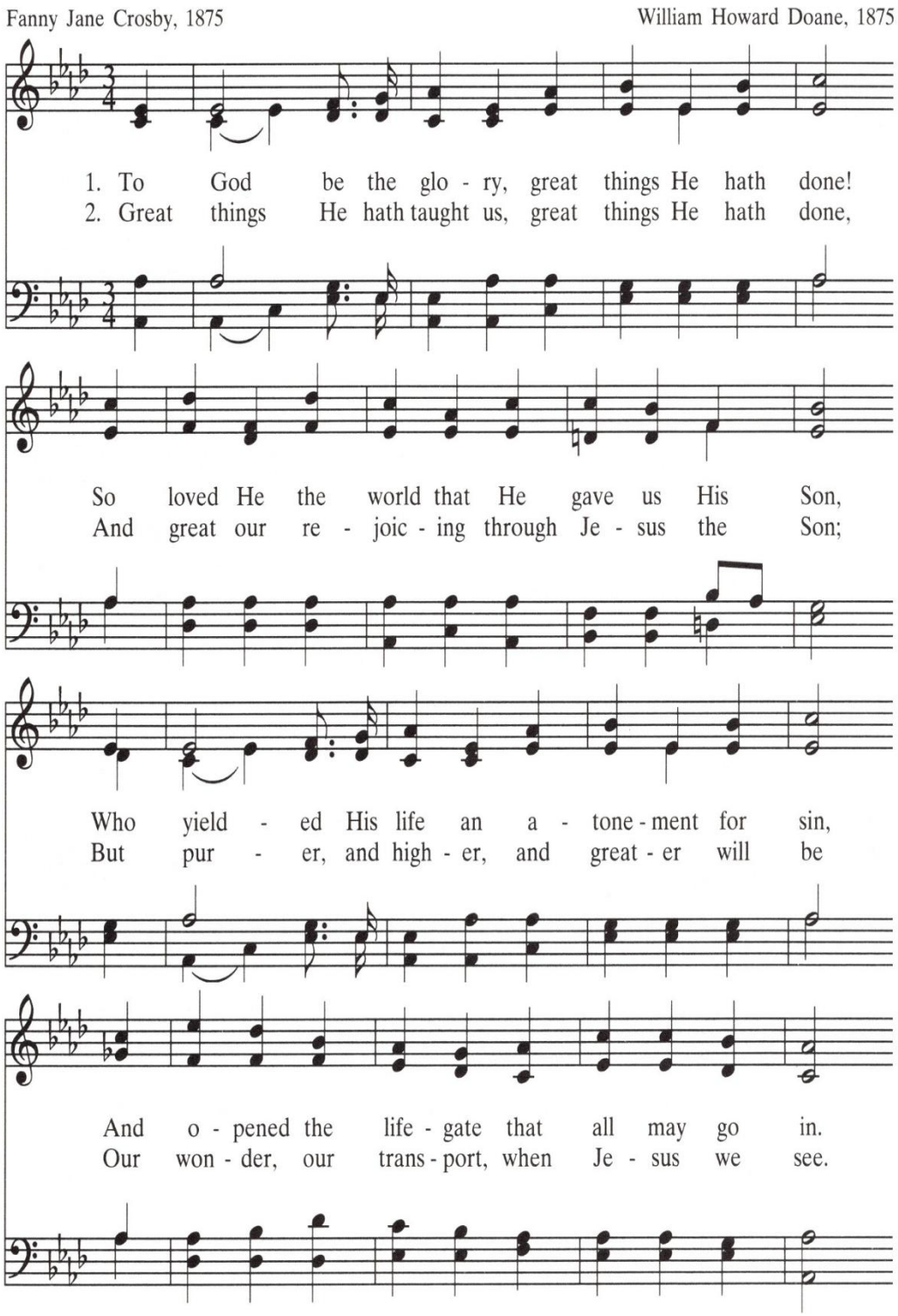
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

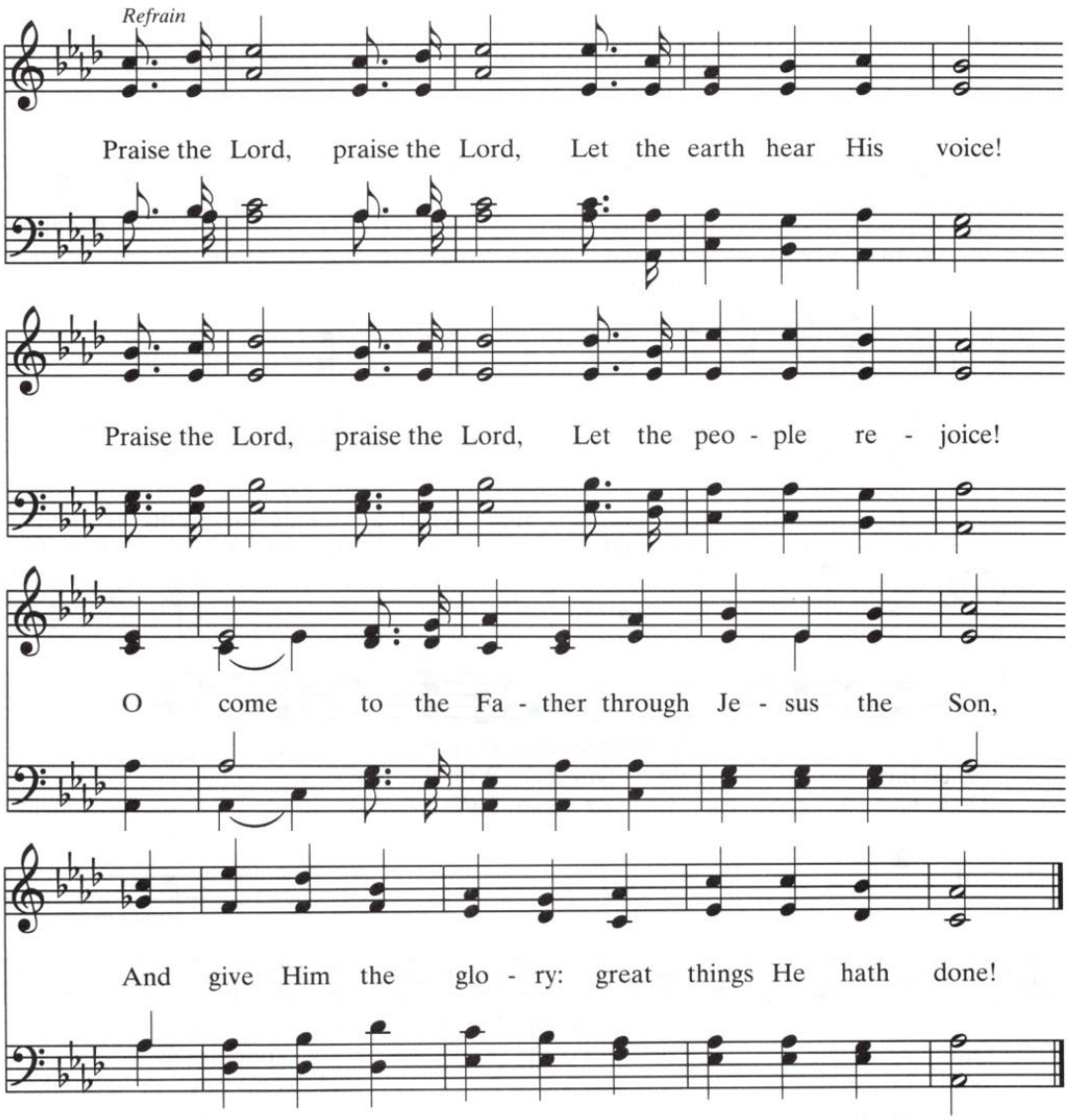
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER with the 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN *To God Be the Glory*





CLOSING BLESSING

POSTLUDE *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* Tom Birchwood