ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 2026 7:30am and 10:00am

Aloha and Welcome!

Whoever you are, whatever your story, you are welcome here. We pray that your soul is nourished through worship, the beauty of this sacred space, and the presence of God's love within this community.

We are blessed to have you join us for worship today!

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Holy Eucharist

Prelude (*Take this time to center your hearts for worship.)*

Welcome

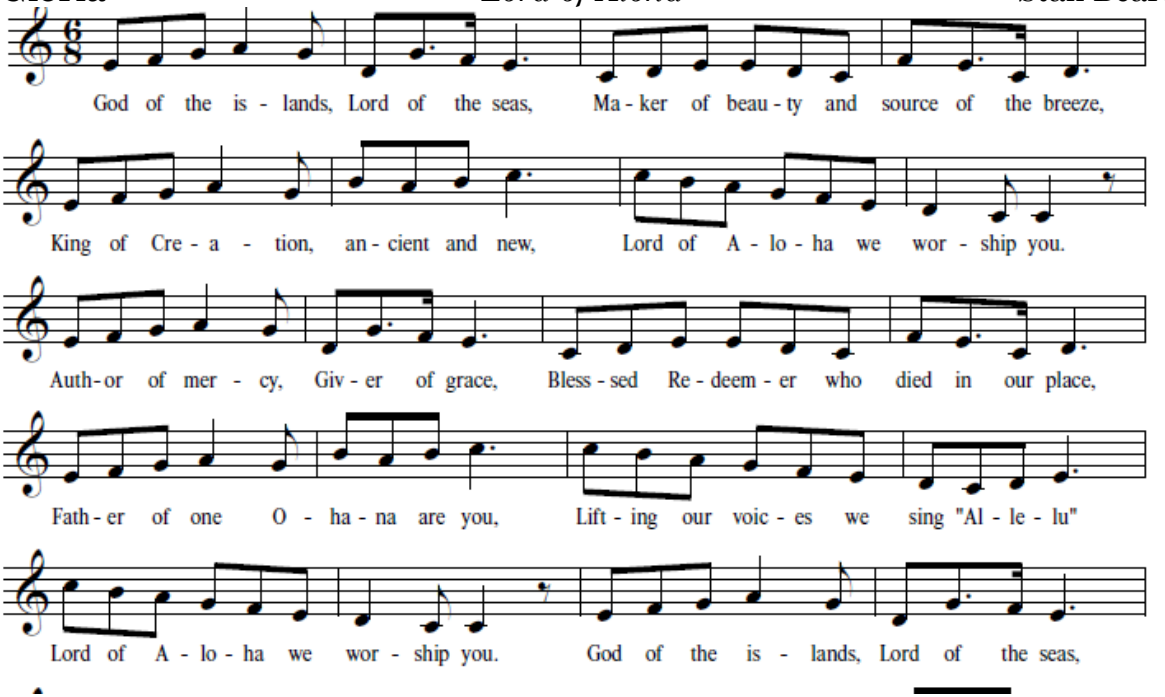
Processional Hymn *Awake My Soul* **Hymnal 1982, #11**

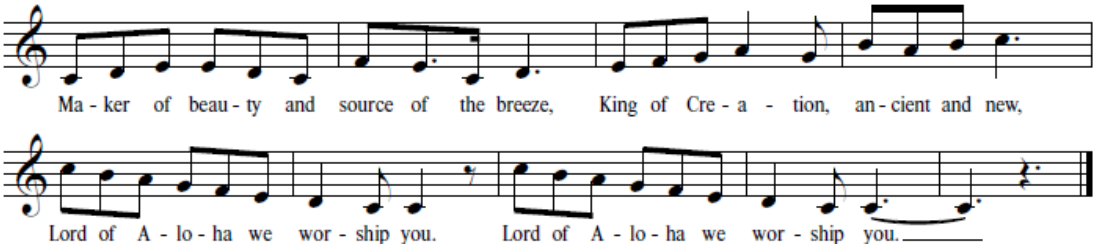
The Word of God

Presider Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
People **And kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia!**

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.
Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Gloria *Lord of Aloha* Stan Beard





The Lessons

The First Reading **Ezekiel 33:7-11**

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm **Psalm 119:33-40**

33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.

34 **Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law;**
I shall keep it with all my heart.

35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

36 **Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.**

37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless;
give me life in your ways.

38 **Fulfill your promise to your servant,**
which you make to those who fear you.

39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, because your judgments are good.

40 **Behold, I long for your commandments;**
in your righteousness preserve my life.

The Second Reading **Romans 13:8-14**

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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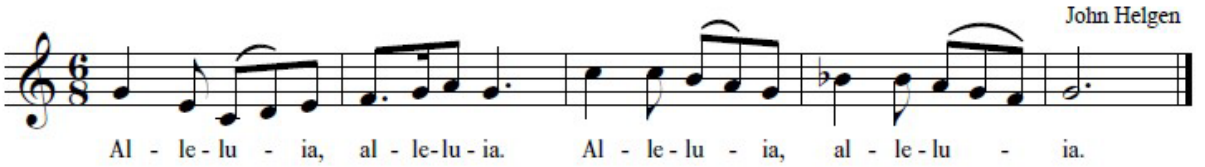
(*Sung before and after the Gospel)*



The Holy Gospel **Matthew 18:15-20**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to

listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon **The Rev. Ruth Peterson**

Music Meditation (7:30am) **Manny Dayao**

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate
from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again 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.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

After each petition, the response is "Your mercy is great."

Confession and Absolution,

Presider: Let us confess our sins to God. *Silence may be kept.*

God of all mercy,

Minister and People **we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Presider stands and says
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Give a nod, a wave, or a peace sign to those around you. The sharing of The Peace takes place as we prepare to receive communion. It is a sign of reconciliation, of the forgiveness we receive in Christ and that which we extend to one another with God's help.

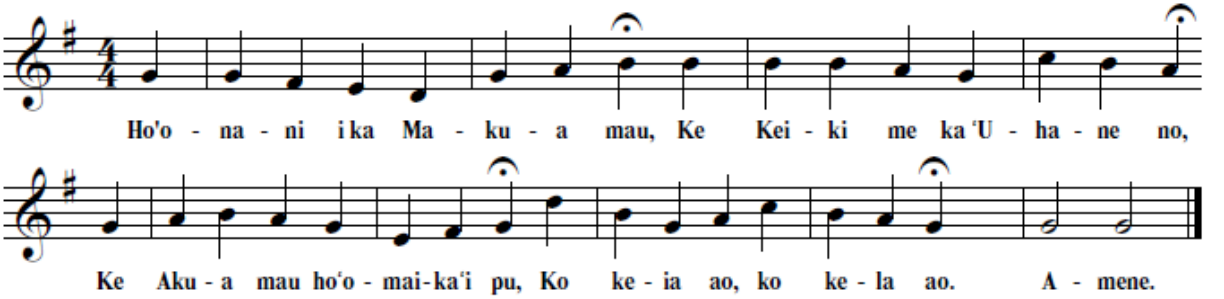
Announcements and Birthdays (pg. 830, #50)

Welcome to those of you who are visiting with us today! Please take a moment to sign a pew card and place it in the offering plate so that we can extend a personal welcome to you. We are glad you're here!

Offering *Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. (Eph. 5:2)*

Offertory Hymn *Borning Cry* **See page 14**

Offertory Response *Hawaiian Doxology*

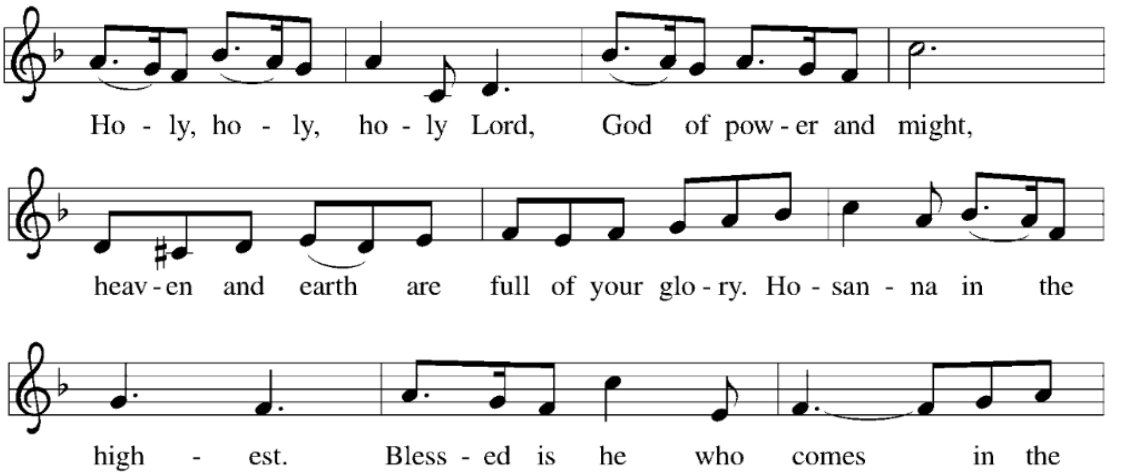


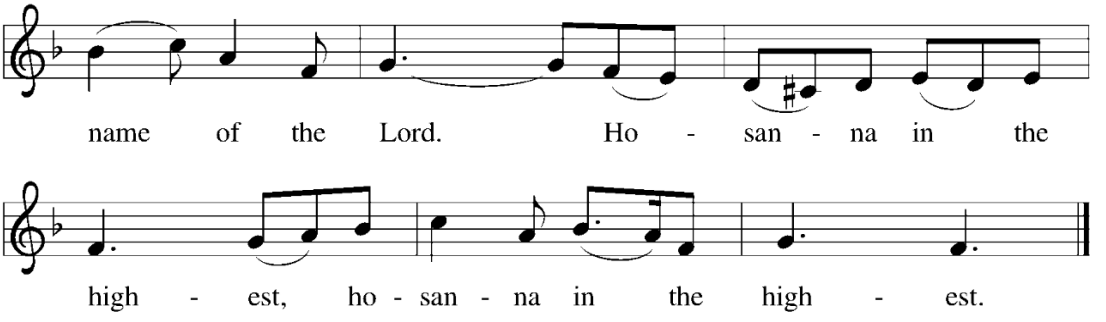
The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer from *Enriching Our Worship*

Presider: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Presider: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
Presider: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant……lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing…

Holy, Holy, Holy *Harling*





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The Presider continues.
Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God……Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one Bread.**

Communion Distribution

All baptized are welcome to receive Christ's body and blood. Those who are not baptized are encouraged to come forward for a blessing, signaling this by crossing your arms over one's chest.
Communion may be received by kneeling or standing at the altar rail.
Low gluten wafers are available upon request of the server.
You may partake from the cup by drinking or by intinction (dipping a small Portion of the bread, being careful not to touch the wine with your fingers).
If you wish to receive communion in the pew, please let an usher know.

For those joining by live-stream or watching online at a later time, although you are not physically receiving communion, you are invited to spend this time in prayer, acknowledging your desire to be wholly united with Jesus and for your soul to never be separated from him.

Post Communion Prayer *(Standing or kneeling)*

Presider: Let us pray.

Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* **Hymnal 1982, #376**

The Dismissal

Presider: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please call or email Tiare Ono, tiare.h.ono@gmail.com if you have a prayer request. Always ask permission of the person first if you want to add someone's name other than your own. Be sure to provide the church office with updates. Names added by members will remain on our prayer list for one month. After that time, the names will be cycled off the list, unless there is a request for the name to be added for another month. Ron B., Val B., Joe & Kathleen C., Rosie C., Eduardo C., Peter D., Jean D., Dallis F.N., Gail F-S., Catherine F., Debbie H., Iris, Sue J., Jonathan, Judy & Maurice, Sim K., Elise K., Gerald K., Hilary K., Roland K., Pauline K., Aggy K.,Charles L., Erin L., Colin L., Bill McK., Lea M., Harry M., Dara N., Lloyd N., Carolyn N., Natalia P., Ralph P., Franklin P., Rodney P., Janet P., Sheri P-H., Rev. Mary P., Patricia S., Ediza T., Terrence, Jackson VM., Janet VM., Roland W., Ian W., Roy W., Suzie W., Lynette Y., Jan Y., Tim Y., the family of Jonathan Carr who died last week.

We also pray for the victims of war in the Middle East, Ukraine, the floodings in Nepal, wildfires and flooding on the continent. If you are interested in providing intentional prayers for those on our prayer list and others for whom we pray, become part of the Prayer Circle. Please contact Tiare Ono, tiare.h.ono@gmail.com or the church office.

TODAY

Children's Christian Adventure (Sunday School) is held between the 7:30am and 10:00am services in the Adventure Room - See ushers for directions.

Electronic Giving - You can give to St. Peter's Church electronically with this QR code or schedule your pledge for automatic withdrawal by going to the church's website, www.stpetershonolulu.org, and clicking on "Donate." You may also mail your offerings and pledges to the church office. Thank you for your part in making this ministry possible.

Join us for fellowship at our First of the Month Coffee Hour! Coffee, refreshments and fellowship are served in the Parish Hall following the 7:30am service. And after the 10:00am service, fellowship is on the church lanai. Today's 7:30am hosts are Dennis Pang and Joanne Shibuya and the 10:00am hosts are Maiesha Stovall-Nakoa, Margaret Chun, and Haroldwyn Chang.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faith in Action: <u>Human Trafficking in Hawaii & Our Call to Respond</u>
There will be a special presentation September 20th in the Sanctuary following the 10:00 service. You don't have to be an expert to make a difference. You can learn to recognize vulnerability, respond safely, and walk alongside people impacted by exploitation. We will gather in the Parish Hall after the presentation for a potluck. Please plan to be present for this important conversation.

Are you curious about what life was like for those who immigrated from China to Hawaii in the late 1800's? St Peter's, St Mary's and St Elizabeth are hosting an event on Sunday, October 11th in our Parish Hall of a very moving and important presentation. Following the presentation, everyone is invited to the Parish Hall for a time of conversation and food.

ST PETER'S IS HAVING A GRUBBY SUNDAY (or two...)! Come help us prepare for the events in November surrounding the Ordination of the next Bishop. We are asking everyone who is able to spend some time on **Sun., October 4 and Sun.,**

October 18 following worship to clean, sort, paint and make our Parish Hall sparkle! Please see the newsletter for more information.

The Cathedral of St Andrew's is inviting all members of the Diocese that live on Oahu to help prepare for Bishop-Elect Libby's ordination and events surrounding it. Please see the newsletter for dates, times, sign-up information and details.

Have A MOMENT WITH MUSIC: Start your morning or end your day with peace. A gentle reflection, prayer, and a hymn opens the heart to God's goodness. This week's theme is **"The Call to Follow."** Your 7-minute meditation is posted by 6:00 AM on Facebook and our website, and available anytime on YouTube at **@dreppink**.

🎶 **CHOIR RETURNS — WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13!** Lift your voice and join the music as our choir begins a new season of song. Rehearsal starts at **9:30 AM**, followed by singing for the **10:00 AM service**. Whether you've sung for years or are stepping in for the first time, **everyone is welcome** as we lead our community in song. For questions, contact **Joseph** at **808.397.8932** or **stpetersmusic@pm.me**.

REMINDER: The office will be closed on Monday, September 7 for Labor Day.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wed. Sept. 9, 10:00am – Weekly Bible Study by Zoom. Contact Pr. Ruth at stpetershonolulupastor@gmail.com for the link

Thurs. Sept. 10, 6:00pm - Jazz Vespers - "in person" and on church Facebook page and website

Sat. Sept. 12, 9:30am – Knitting Ministry/K2P2, Sun/Son Room

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:
Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

TODAY'S MINISTERS

Presider		The Rev. Ruth M. Peterson
Deacon		The Rev. Dcn. Peter Wu
Organist		Dr. Joseph Eppink
Pianist		Manny Dayao
Lectors	(7:30am)	Barton and Beth Cox
	(10:00am)	Peter Diamond
Intercessor	(7:30am)	Beez Zane
	(10:00am)	Leila Diamond
Eucharistic Ministers	(7:30am)	Chuck Nakoa
	(10:00am)	Velma Lee
Usher/Greeters	(7:30am)	Fr. Frank and Norma Chun
	(10:00am)	Keith & Velma Lee, Haroldwyn Chang, Cheryl Saito, Barry Wood, Bryan Matsumoto
Live-Streaming	(7:30am)	Manny Dayao, Terry Dang Brandon Hayashi, Maiesha Stovall-Nakoa Hal Halvorson
Altar Guild		Lynda Hino, Rae Gorman
Bread for Communion		Barton & Beth Cox

STAFF

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Now through September 30

Our organization code is: **79022**

For the month of September, Foodland Maika'i card holders can make donations up to $249 to each of their favorite participating organizations at checkout. And St Peter's is participating! You must use your Maika'i card to make a donation. Foodland will partially match your donation. Matches in recent years have been close to 30%. Don't have a Maika'i card? No worries – you can ask for one at the register. It's easy! Just go to the Foodland checkout counter and tell them that you would like to make a donation to St. Peter's! Our code is: 79022

Last year our members contributed $5,488.
Here's how to donate at any Foodland, Sack N Save,
or Foodland Farms store checkout during the month of September:

1) Enter your Maikaʻi phone number on the keypad.
2) Tell the cashier: "I'd like to make a $_____* donation to **St. Peter's Episcopal Church**, **#79022**.

   **Customers may donate any dollar amount up to $249.*
3) Review your receipt to confirm the organization's name, donation amount, and Maikaʻi number are correct.
4) Place a copy of the receipt (with your name added) into the Sunday offering plate or mail a copy to the church office. This will allow the amount to be added to your giving statement.

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Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program

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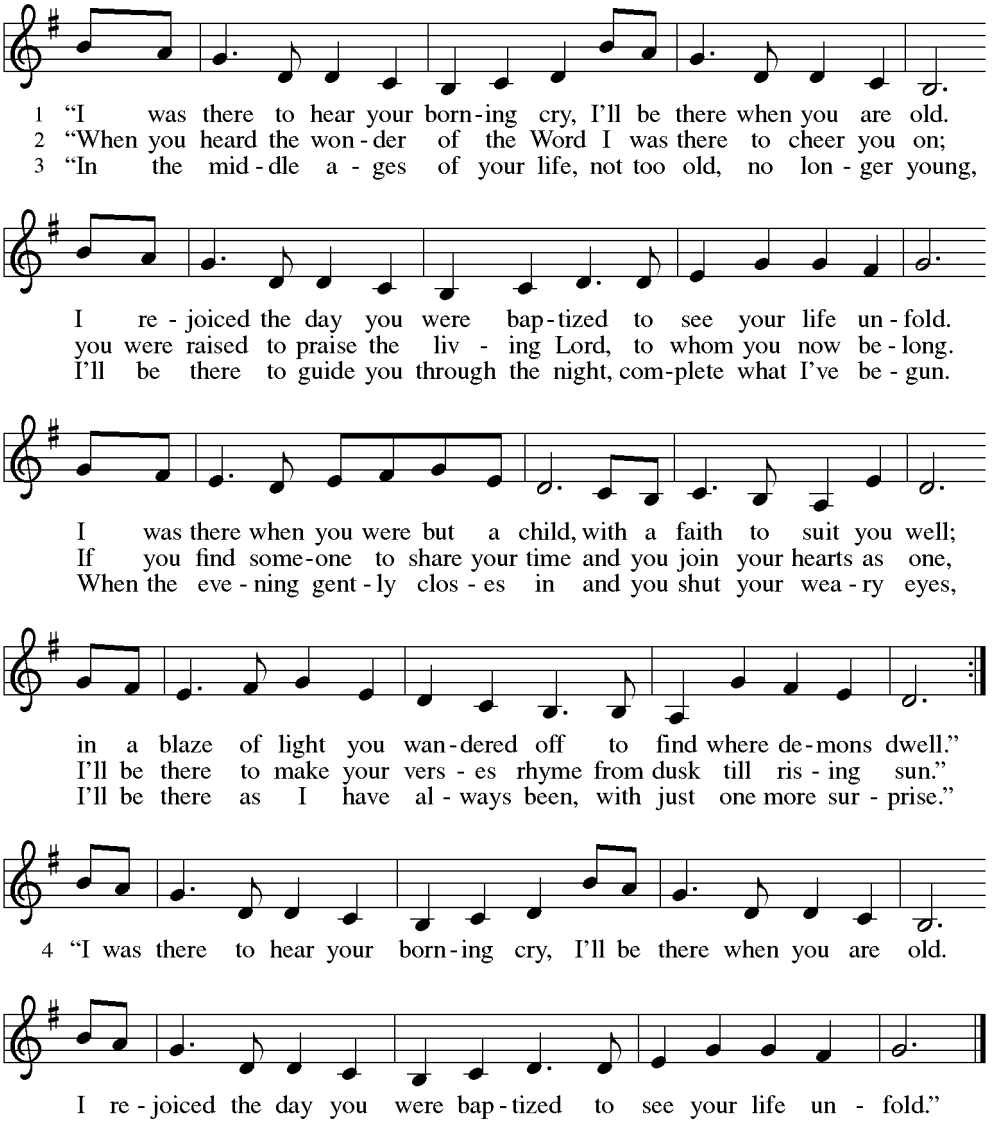

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