A Service

Celebrating the Life of

Ora Belle "Ridgie" Barnett

May 15, 1928 – May 25, 2026

July 19, 2026

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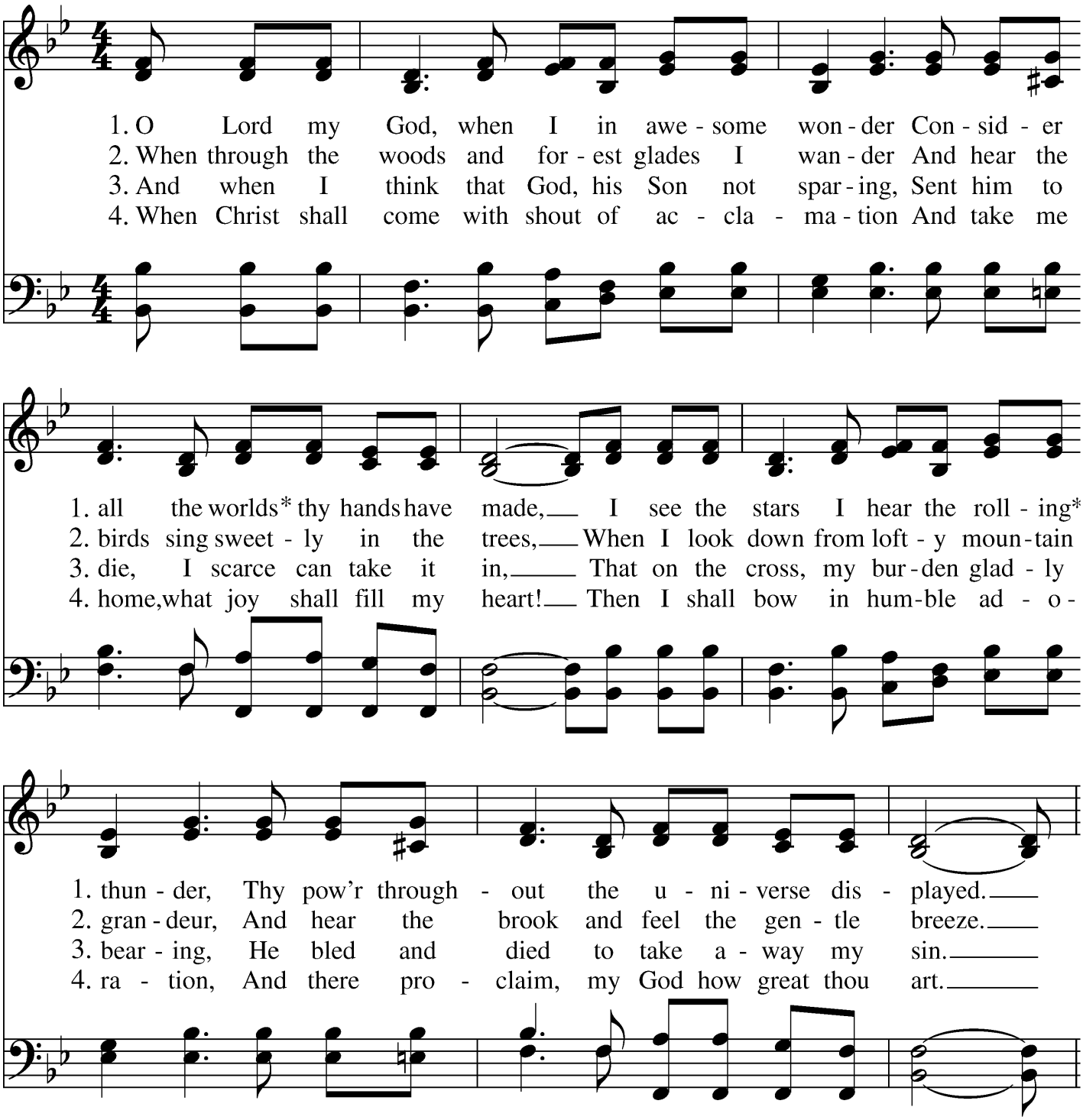
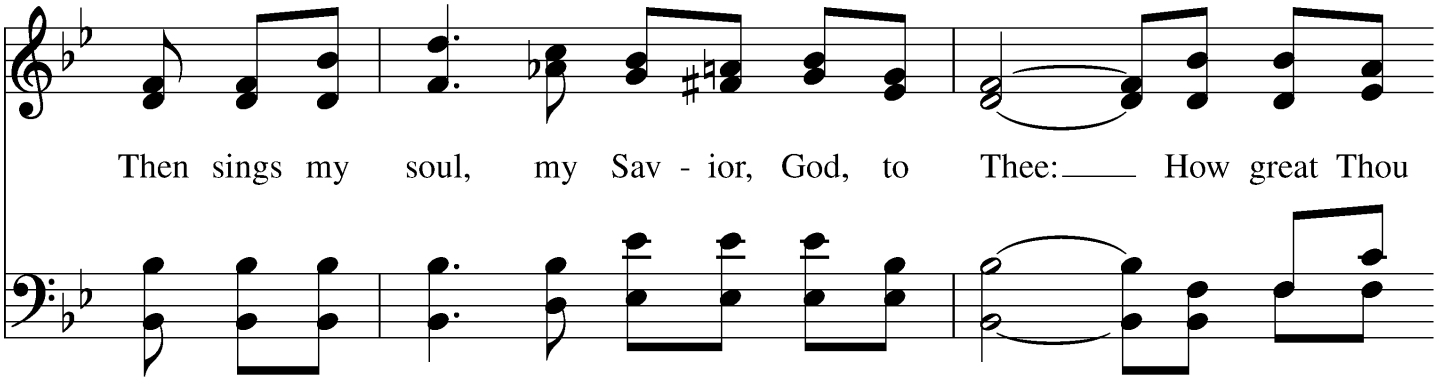
Prelude Music

The people stand as they are able.

Processional Hymn *How great thou art* **LEVAS 60**

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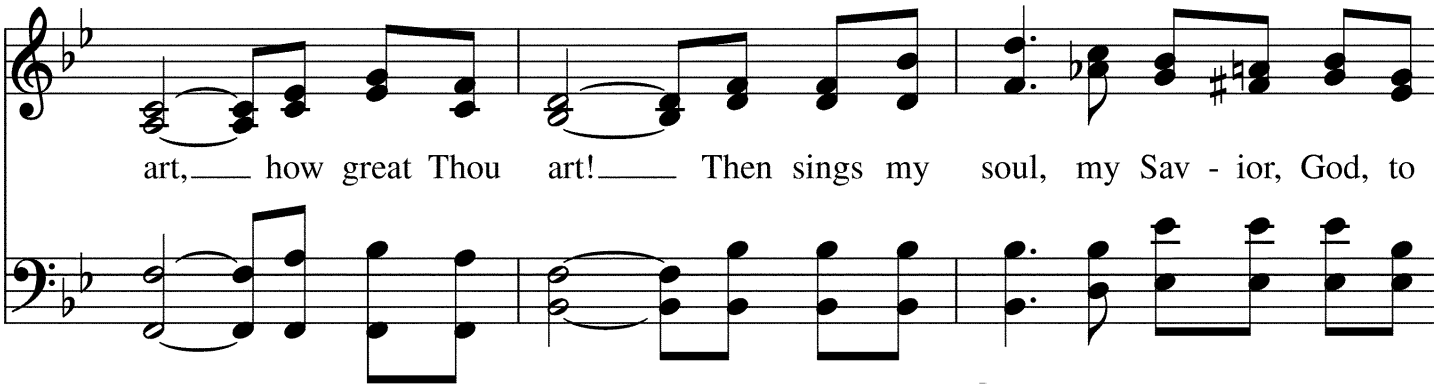
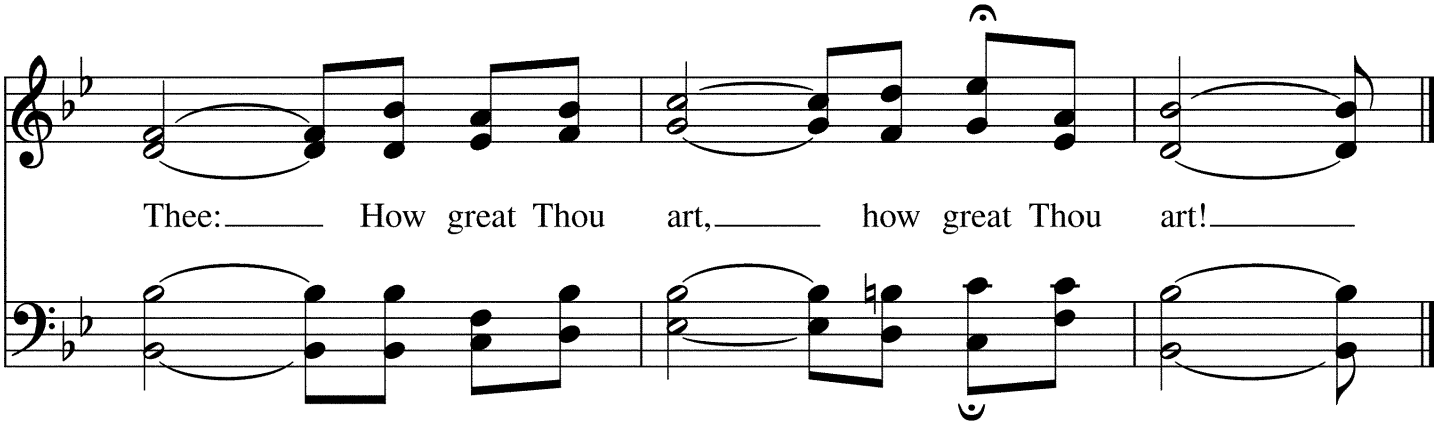



Celebrant **I** am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord;
he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live;
and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

I know that my Redeemer liveth,
and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth;
and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God;
whom I shall see for myself and mine eyes shall behold,
and not as a stranger.

For none of us liveth to himself,
and no man dieth to himself.
For if we live, we live unto the Lord.
and if we die, we die unto the Lord.
Whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord;
even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People ***And with thy spirit.***
Celebrant Together, let us pray.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of thy servant Ridgie, and grant her an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of thy saints; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The people sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson—*Ecclesiastes 3:1-13* *Read by Sarah Barnett Cariello*

A Reading from the book of Ecclesiastes.

1To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: 2 A time
to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;
3 A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; 4 A time
to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; 5 A time to cast away
stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from
embracing; 6 A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; 7 A
time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; 8 A time to
love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

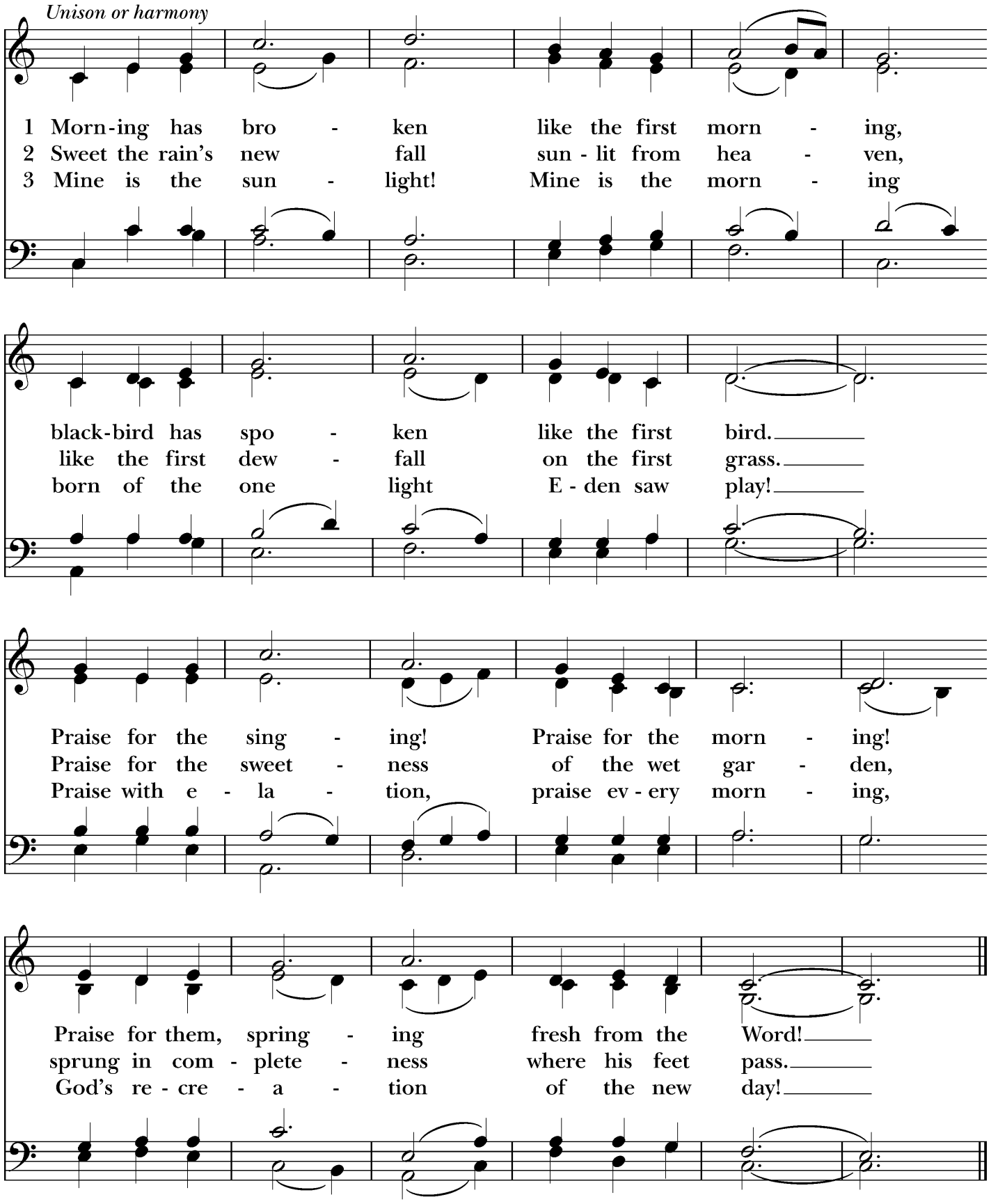
Reader The Word of the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

Poem — *Miss Me But Let Me Go* *Read by Amy Barnett Weiss*

When I come to the end of the road and the sun has set on me,
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room,
why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little--but not too long,
and not with your head bowed low,
Remember the love that we once shared,
miss me--but let me go.
For this is the journey that we all must take, and each must go alone.
It's all part of the Master's plan, a step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick of heart,
go to the friends we know.
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds,
miss me--but let me go.

The people stand as they are able.

Sequence Hymn *Morning has broken* **Hymnal 8**



The Gospel—*John 14:1-7*

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People ***Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In
my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told
you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for
you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there
ye may be also. 4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.
5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know
the way? 6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh
unto the Father, but by me.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People ***Praise be to thee, O Christ.***

The people sit.

Reflections

Thomas and Emily Purbaugh
Julie Barnett
Cindy Piennett

Poem—*If Roses Grow in Heaven*

If roses grow in heaven,
Lord, please pick a bunch for me,
Place them in my Mother's arms
and tell her they're from me.

Tell her I love her and miss her,
and when she turns to smile,
place a kiss upon her cheek
and hold her for a while.

Because remembering her is easy,
I do it every day,
but there's an ache within my heart
that will never go away.

The people stand as they are able.

The Apostles Creed

Celebrant In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism,
let us proclaim our faith and say,

Celebrant and People

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, And is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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 Prayers of the People

Celebrant For our sister Ridgie, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Reader Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Ridgie, and dry the tears of those who weep.

People ***Hear us, Lord.***

Reader You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

People ***Hear us, Lord.***

Reader You raised the dead to life; give to our sister eternal life.

People ***Hear us, Lord.***

Reader You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our sister to the joys of heaven.

People ***Hear us, Lord.***

Reader Our sister was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give her fellowship with all your saints.

People ***Hear us, Lord.***

Reader She was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant her a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

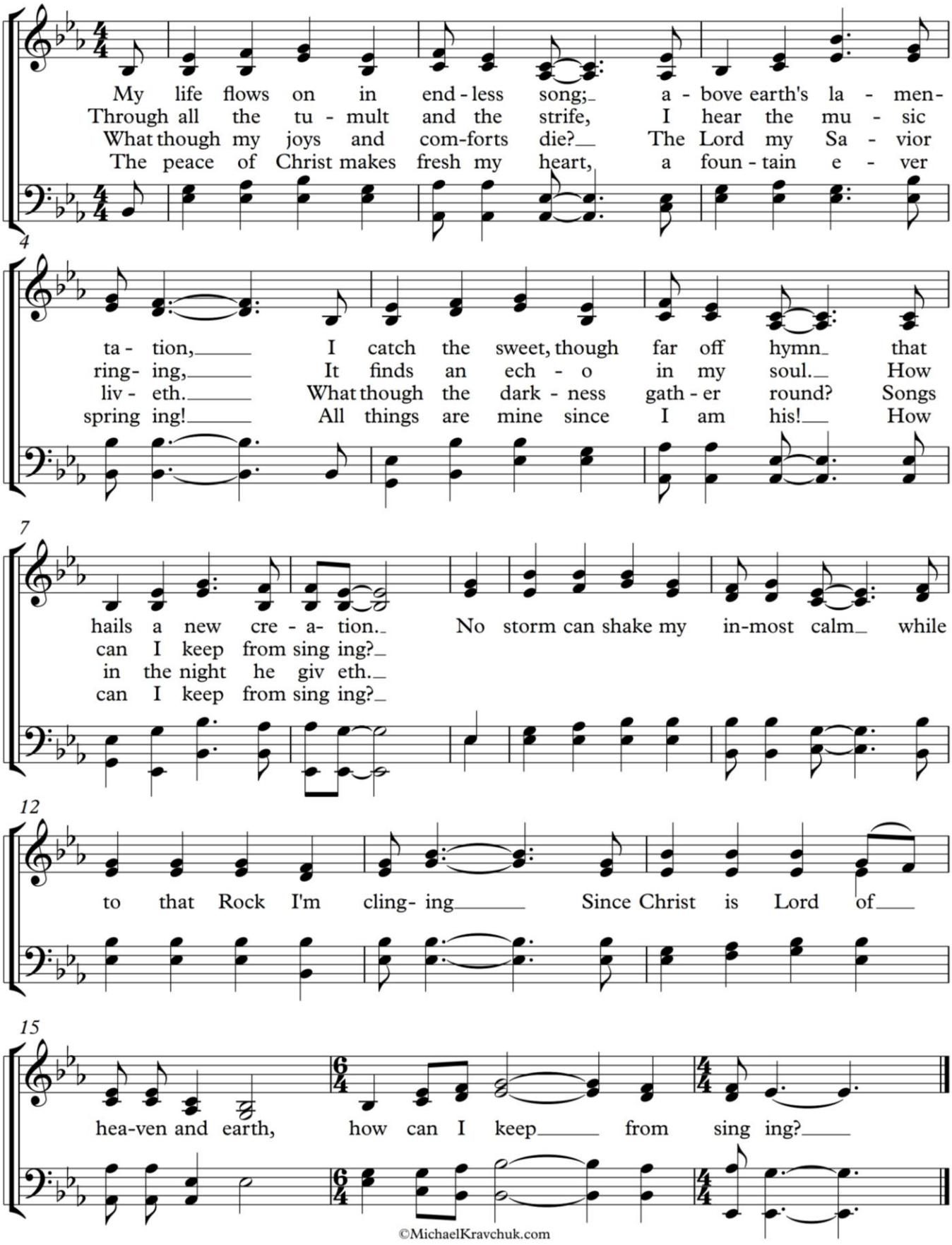
People ***Hear us, Lord.***

Reader Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our sister; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

People ***Hear us, Lord.***

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our sister Ridgie, who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that her death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. ***Amen.***

Hymn *How can I keep from singing?*

Robert Low'ry

The Blessing

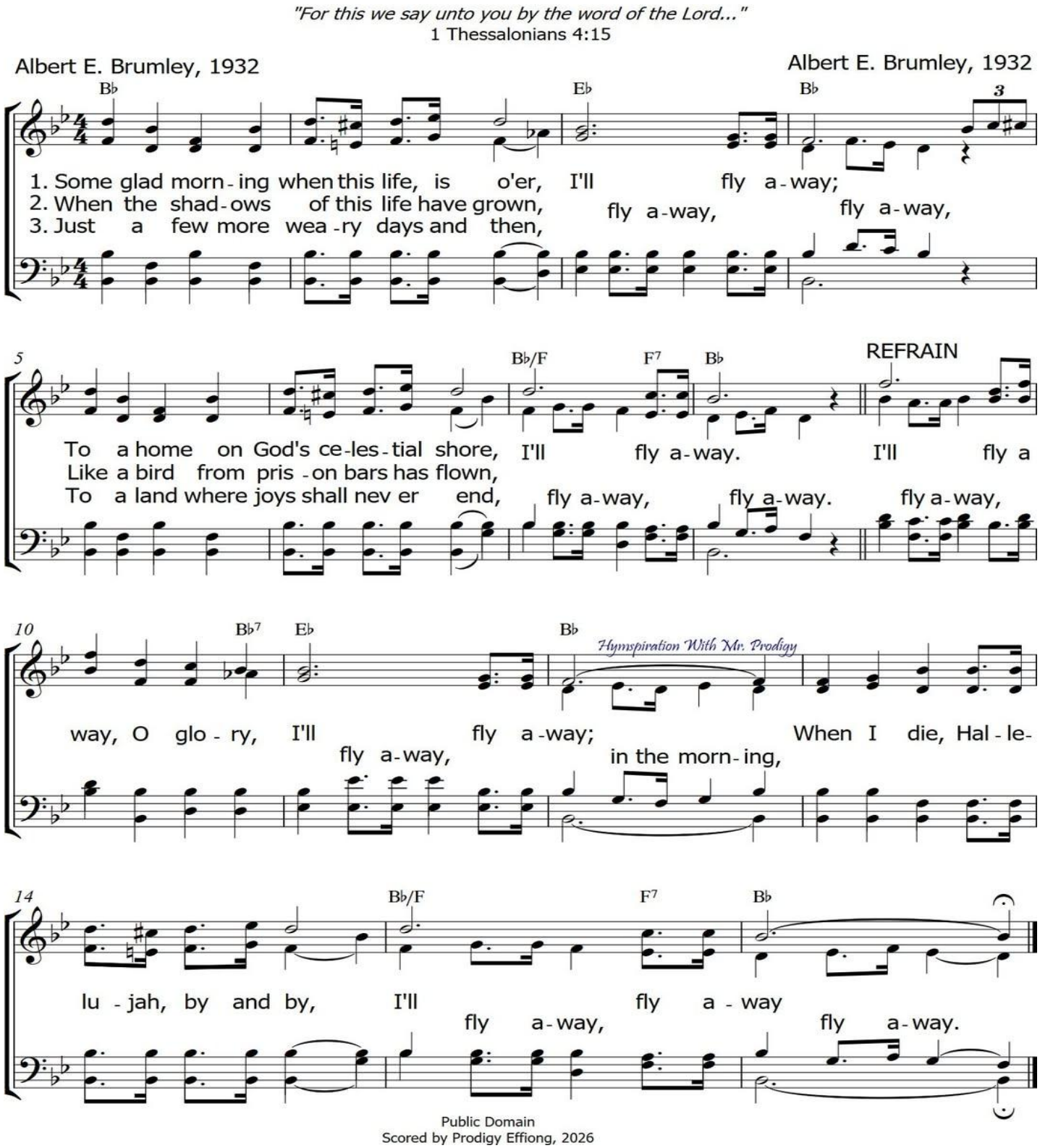
Celebrant The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge of God and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, **+** the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

The Family will greet guests at a reception following this service in the Parish Hall.

In memory of Ridgie, donations can be made to:

- ***The Greater Westhampton Historical Museum at https://whbhistorical.org/***
- ***Alzheimer's Association at https://www.alz.org/***

Recessional Hymn *I'll fly away*

Ora Belle (Ridgie) Holdridge Barnett

Ridgie lived a long and wonderful life, passing on May 25, 2026. She was 98 years old.

She was born on May 15, 1928 in Quincy, MA and raised in Madison, CT to S. Archie and Sally (Sarah Lois Fuller) Holdridge. She graduated from UConn as a Pi Beta Phi sorority sister prior to her marriage, and later received her Masters in Education from SUNY at Oswego, New York.

She married Charlie (Charles Russell) Barnett August 27, 1950 and had 5 children: Steven Russell, Jeffrey Charles, Julie Ann, Cynthia and Ellen Holdridge Barnett. She was predeceased by her husband Charlie November 16, 2002, her son Jeffrey in January 2022 and her brother S. Wesley Holdridge in 2018. She is survived by her brother Dale H. and his wife Patty Holdridge of Madison CT, her children Steven and his wife Carol of Flanders NY, Julie and her husband John of Gig Harbor, WA, Cindy and her husband Mark of Federal Way, WA and Ellen of Seattle, WA, plus 7 grandchildren: Sarah (Michael), Greg (Estephany), Jeffrey, Amy (Joe), Allison, Thomas (Brianna) and Emily (Alex) and 9 great grandchildren: Benjamin, Hannah, Sadie, Rebecca, Charlie, Logan, Cohen, Lilah and Cole.

Her family moved from Oswego, NY to Auburn, NY to East Aurora, NY to Westhampton Beach, NY where she had varied careers in teaching elementary school, selling Mary Kay Cosmetics and Legend Office Furniture. She was a Girl Scout leader for all 3 of her daughters, a church deacon and Ladies Auxiliary Guild and chaired the Family Counseling annual gala for several years at St. Mark's Episcopal church in WHB. She was president of the Interfaith Council and a leader in the annual International Day of Prayer.

She ran for Village Trustee office 11 times and won each election, taking joy in shaking everyone's hand in the Village. In that office, she helped to beautify and improve the Village. Under her leadership, the Village became a Tree City, moved colonial houses into the Village, set an anchor historical marker at the marina, placed hanging baskets and benches down Main Street and installed a gazebo and garden on the Village Green. She was the president of the WHB Historical Society and the Eastern Long Island Audubon Society and a member of the WHB Garden Club.

Ridgie loved her family, her Village, antiques and history and Bridge parties, bird watching, long walks and travel. She taught her kids camp songs on family canoe trips in the Adirondacks and encouraged neighborhood skits and pageants at Christmas. She cooked feasts for the many large family gatherings and was always smiling and humming a song.

From The 1979 Book of Common Prayer (P. 507)

The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised.

The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.

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The first "Sunday" of each month Healing & Anointing will be included in both services.

Thursday Services

11:15 AM Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing in Fr. Chris' Office
8:00 PM Compline via zoom

Office Hours

Tuesday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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