Adoration and Taizé Prayer with our Parish Saints

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini
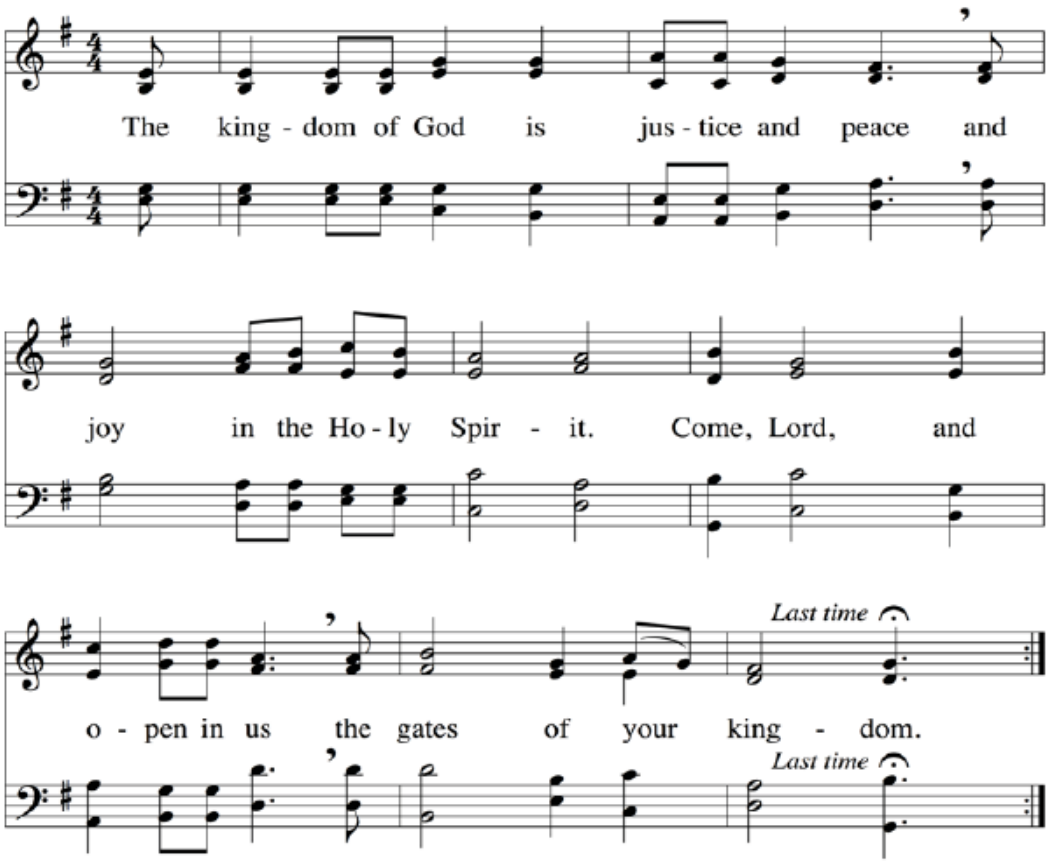


Wednesday, November 18
7:00-8:00

Christians have always celebrated each week the central mystery of their faith: the Paschal Mystery, the dying and rising of Christ. This mystery sheds light on our own lives as followers of Jesus, as we constantly "pass over" with Him from doubt and anxiety to confident trust, through death to new beginnings. Taizé prayer is a way of expressing an invisible communion not only with the crucified Christ, but with all who suffer, especially those affected by this pandemic, those who have lost their life from the corona virus, victims of abandonment, abuse, and discrimination. In the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, we begin our prayer with meditative chants. We hear readings from scripture and meditate in silence. This prayer reminds us that now, risen from the dead, Christ accompanies each of us in his or her suffering, even when his presence isn't recognized. The Resurrection of Christ is the promise of our own resurrection which already began invisibly here on earth.

When we try to express communion with God in words, we rapidly reach the end of our capacities. But in the depths of our being, Christ is praying, far more than we can imagine. That is why silence is so essential in discovering the heart of prayer. Although God never stops trying to communicate with us, God never wants to impose anything on us. Often God's voice comes in a whisper or in a breath of silence. Remaining in silence in God's presence, open to the Spirit, is already prayer.

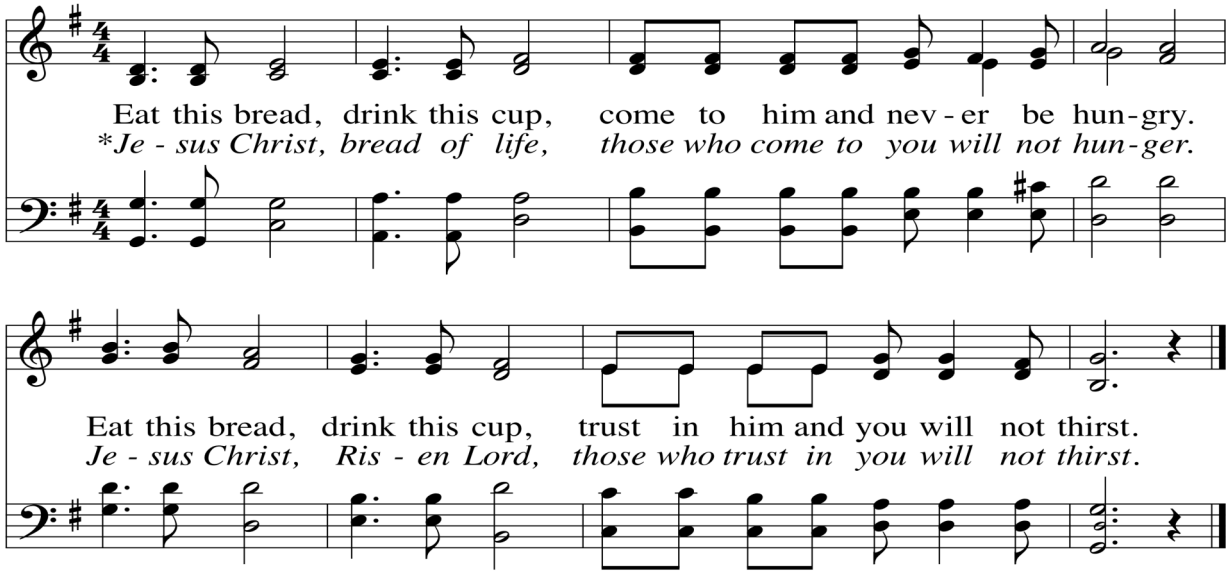
The Kingdom of God



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Eat This Bread

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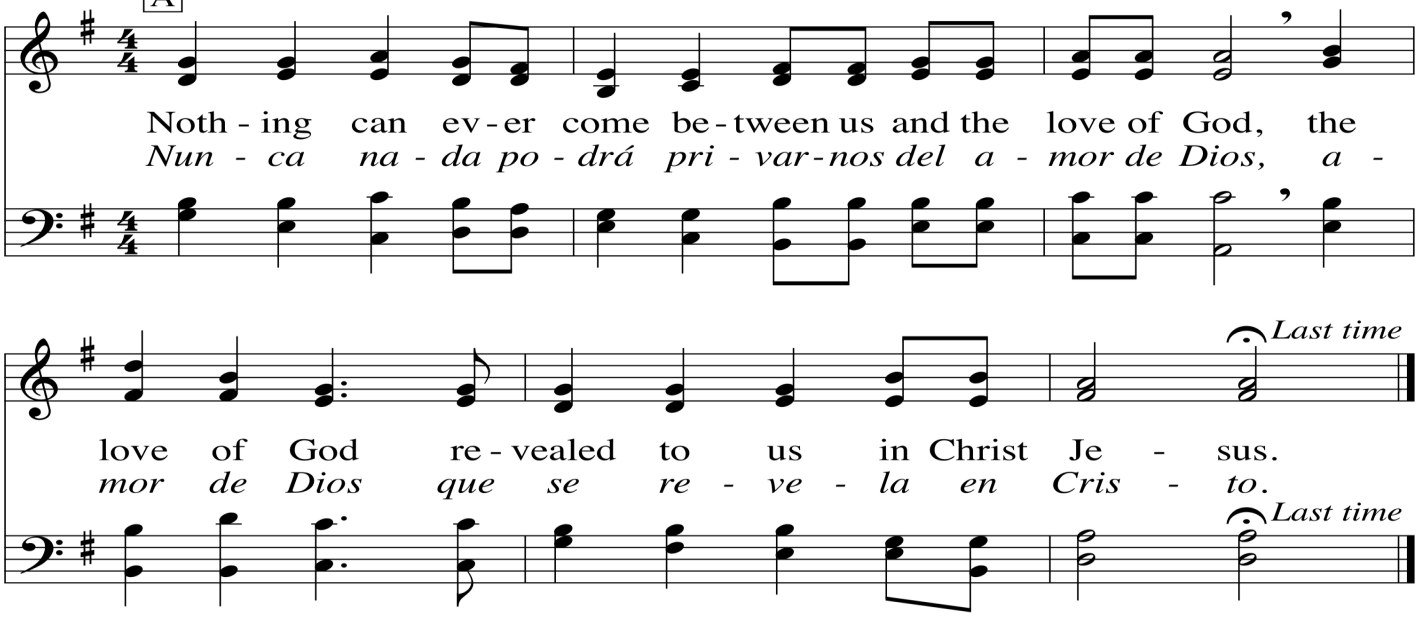
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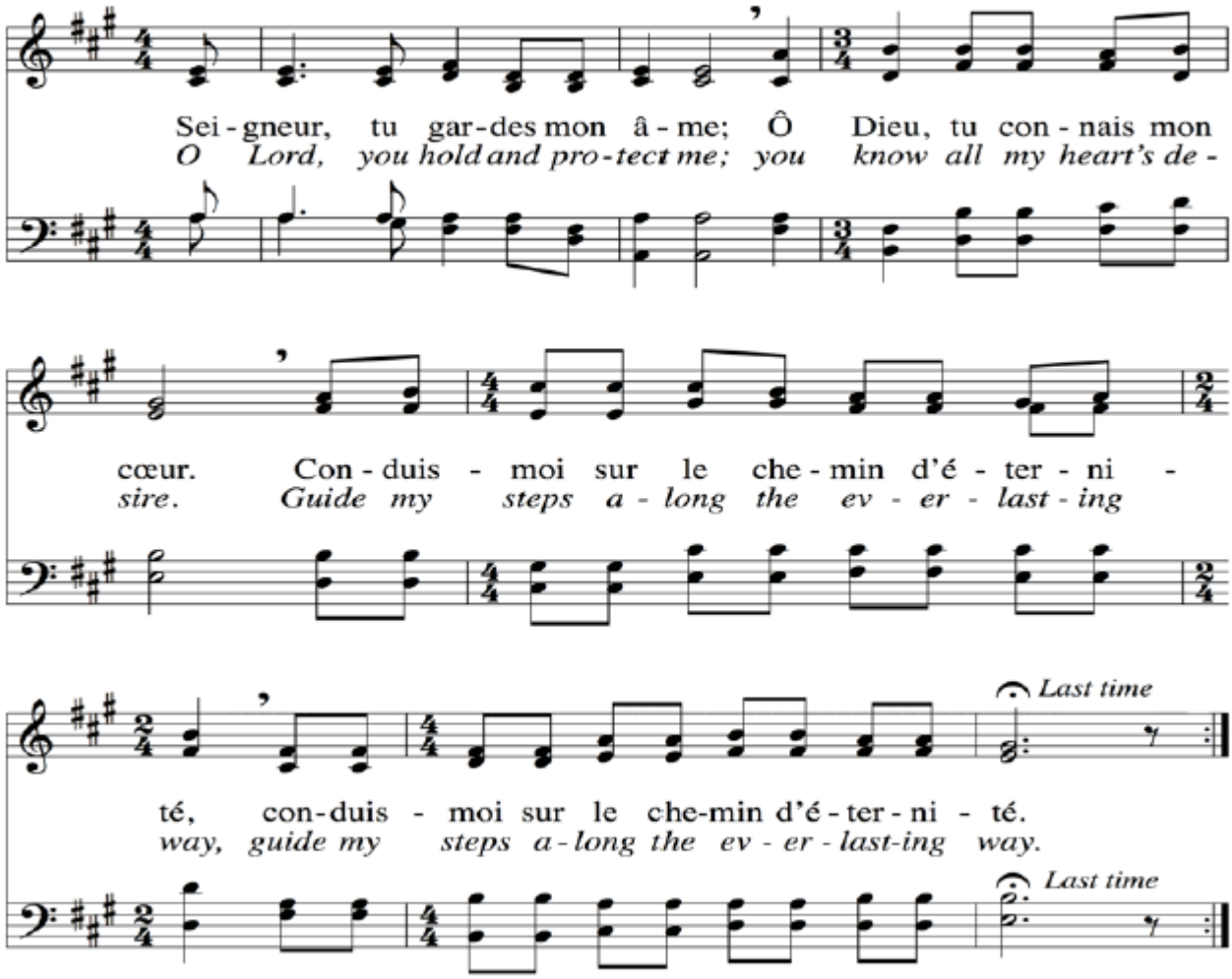
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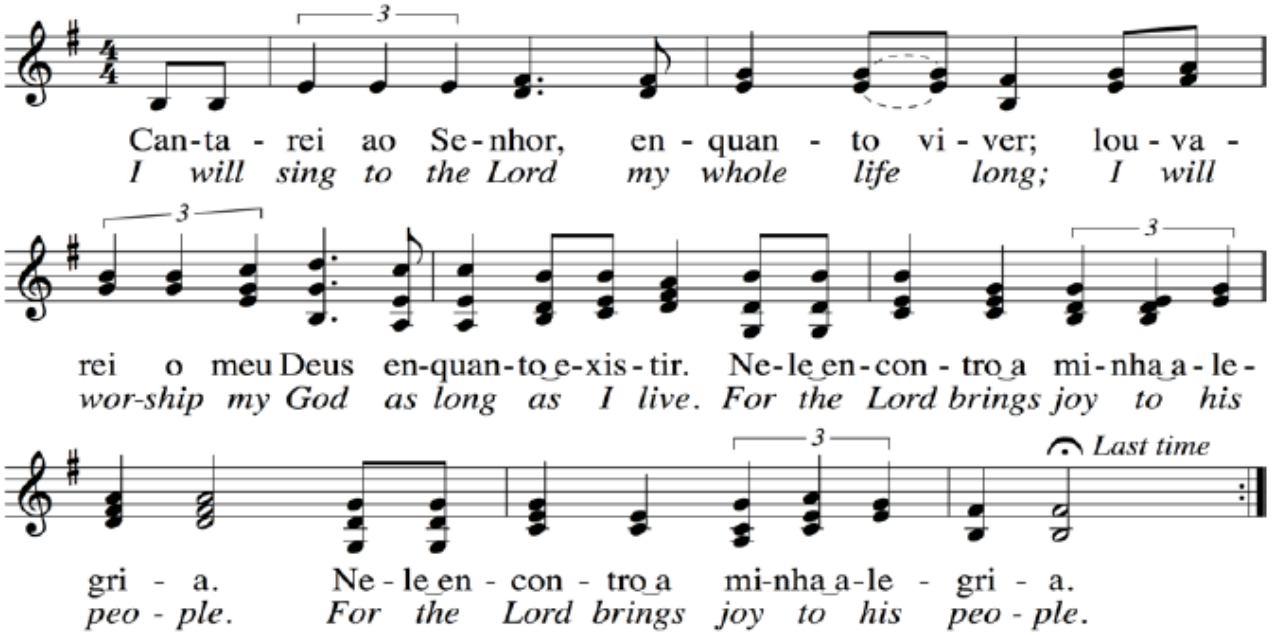


Seigneur, Tu Gardes mon Âme / O Lord, You Hold and Protect Me
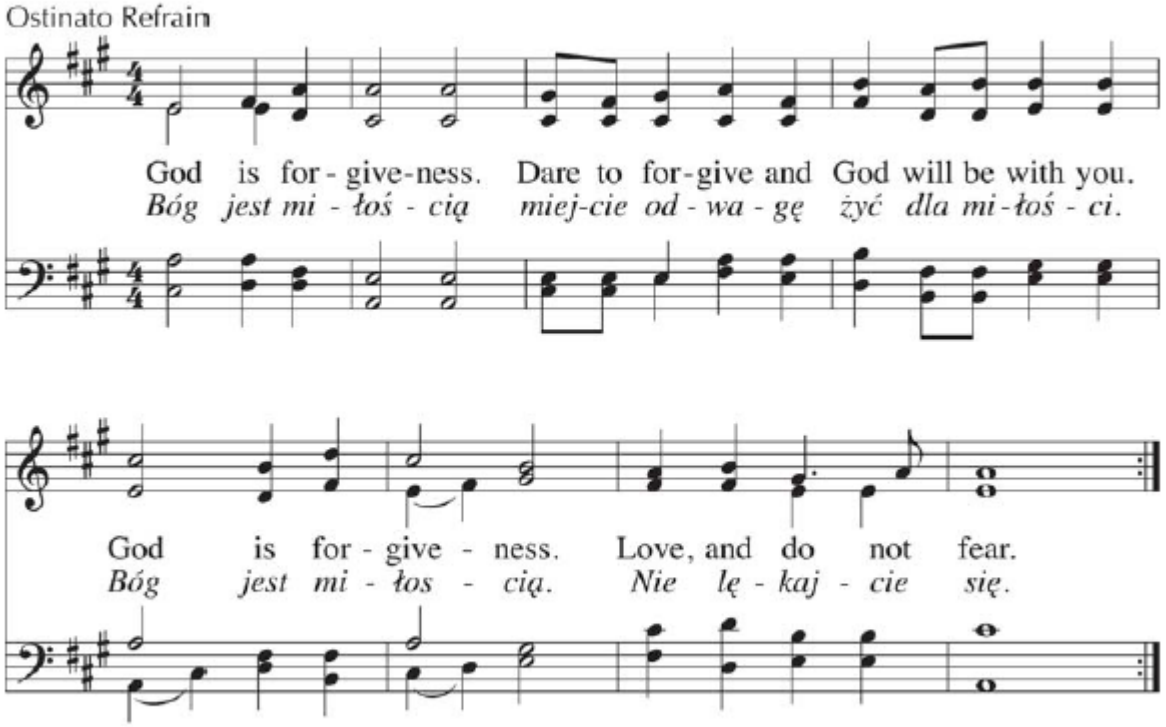


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Cantarei ao Senhor / I Will Sing to the Lord



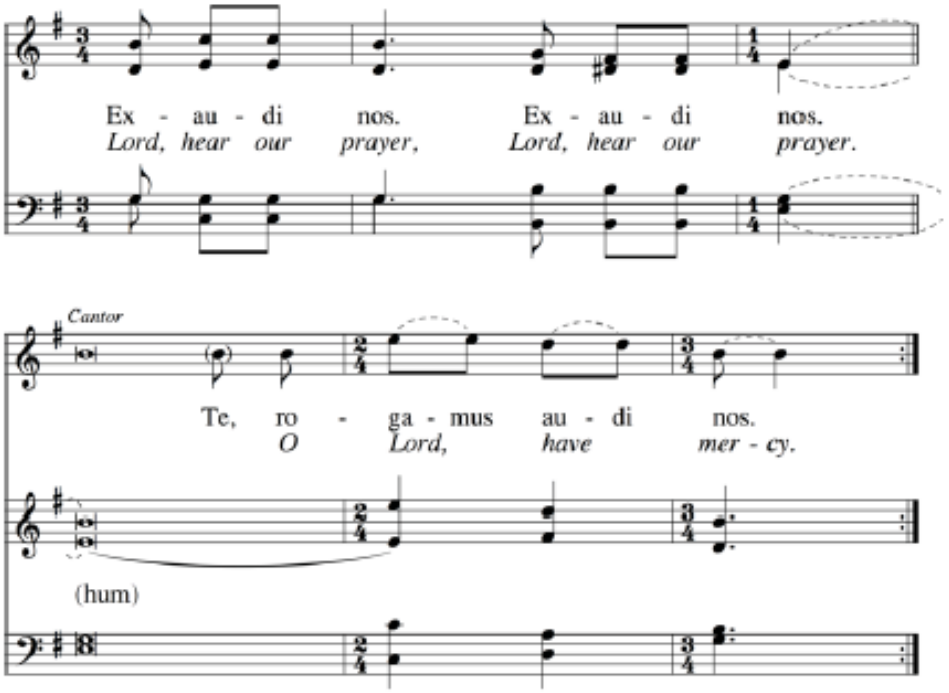
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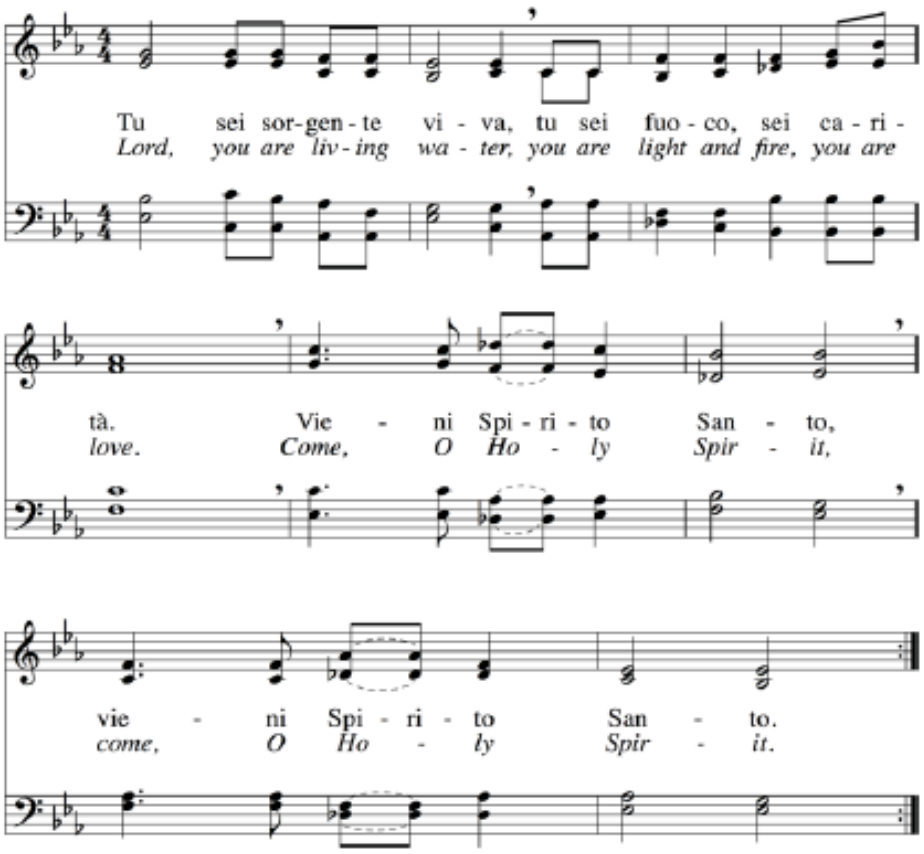


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Exaudi Nos / Lord, Hear Our Prayer



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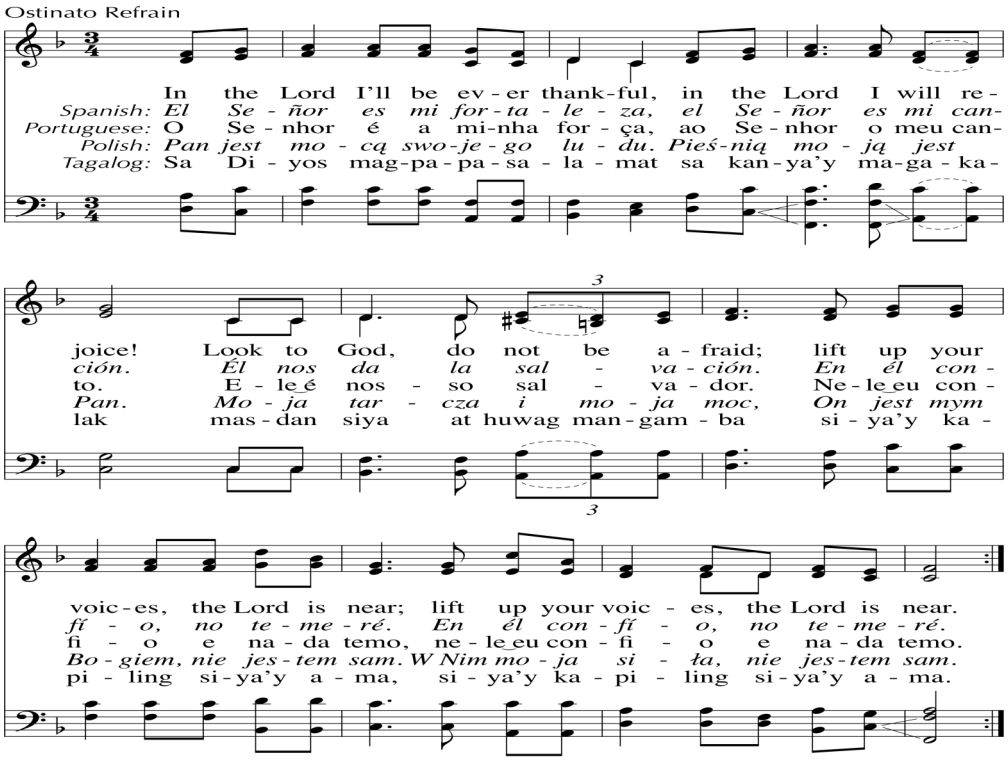
Tu Sei Sorgente Viva / Lord, You Are Living Water



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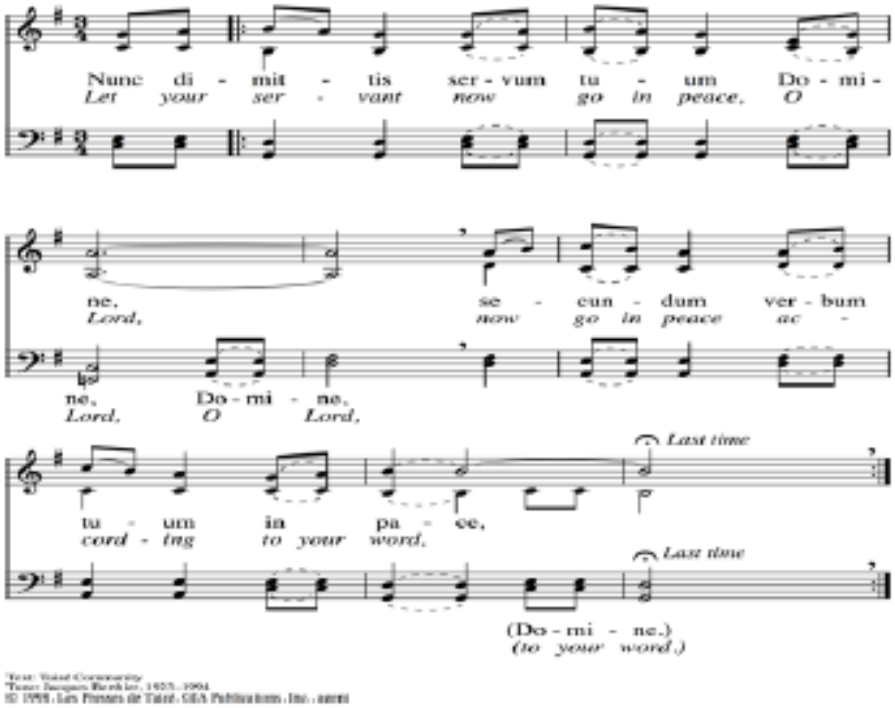
In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

Ostinato Refrain



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Nunc Dimittis / Let Your Servant Now Go in Peace



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