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Reflection

Relationship with Jesus is the end of our struggle to make a name for ourselves. His grace frees us from the tyranny of living for our own glory; we are freed to live for his glory....To know and experience that we are fully and eternally accepted by God in Christ makes the marketing of false idols much less attractive.
–Scotty Smith

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Welcome and Call to Worship

Hymn of Gathering

O Trinity, Most Blessed Light, *on page 3 of this worship guide*

CONFESSION OF SINS*

Vicar Tim: Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.

All: **When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."**

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We take a few moments of quiet time for personal reflection.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS*

Vicar Tim: The Lord has forgiven our sin because of what Jesus Christ has done for us.

Therefore, the Lord does hear our prayers.

The Lord is our hiding place.

The Lord is our protection from trouble.

The Lord has surrounded us with songs of deliverance!

We take a few moments of quiet time for personal reflection.

HEARING OF GOD'S WORD

Reading of *The Passion History of our Lord Jesus Christ*
Drawn from the Gospels

Hymn of Response
Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing, *on page 4 of this worship guide*

MESSAGE

The Son of God Goes Forth to War: The Warrior Defeats Worldly Lies with Heavenly Truth
Based on John 18:38

Prayer
Vicar Tim will offer the Prayer.

Lord's Prayer

All: 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 forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING

Vicar Tim: May God grant you good health and hope in Jesus.

Hymn of Sending
Were You There, *on page 6 of this worship guide*

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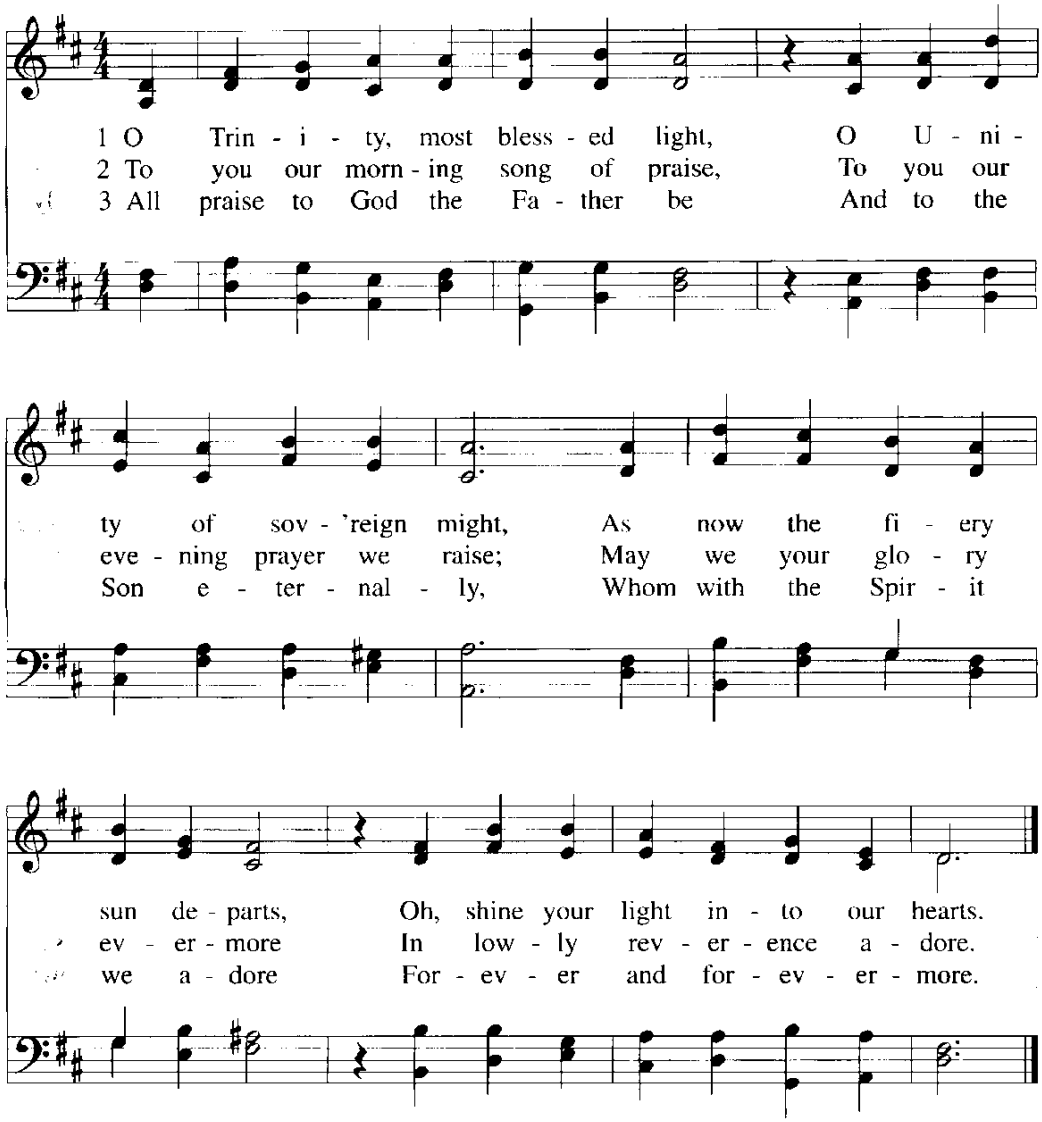

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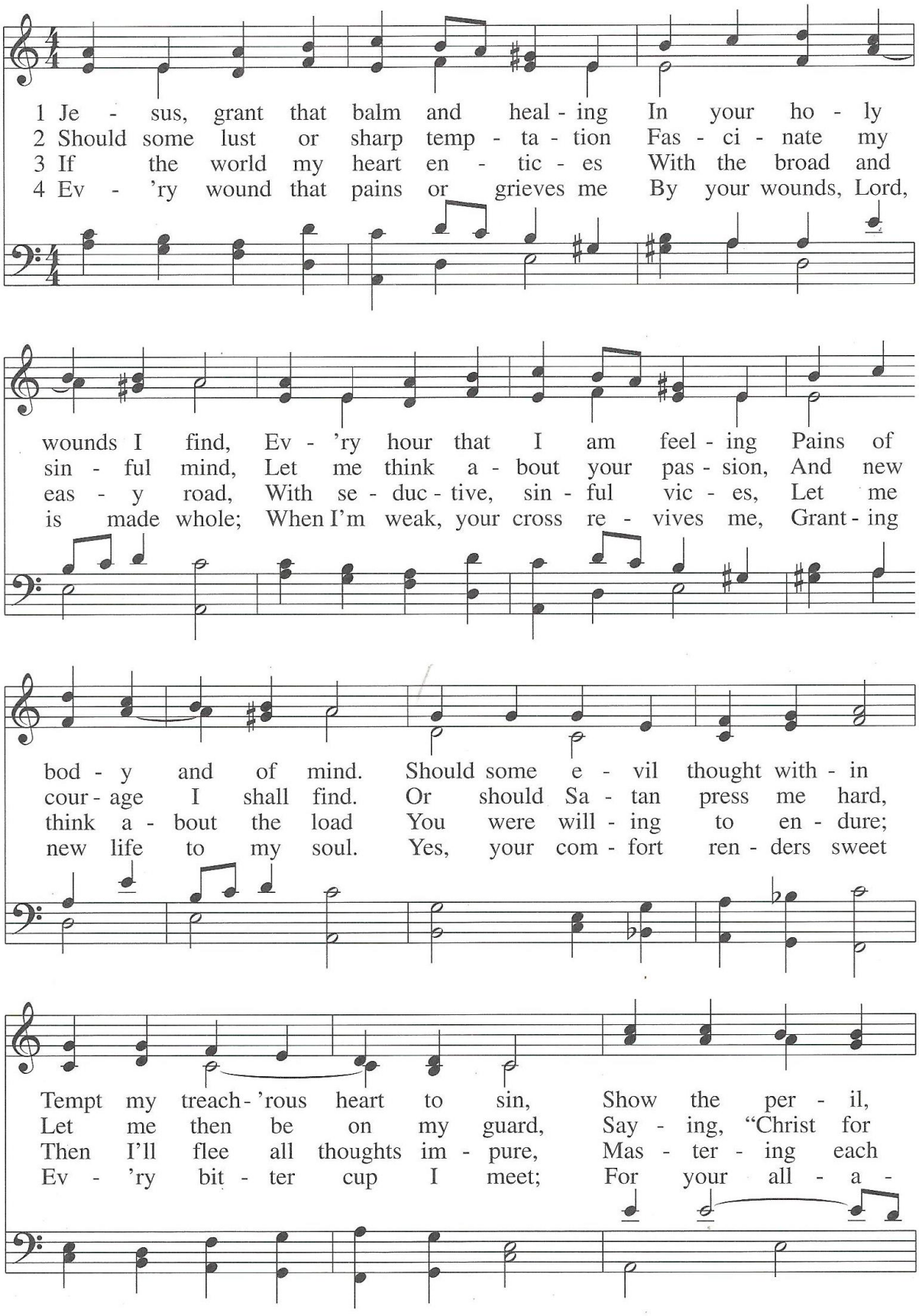

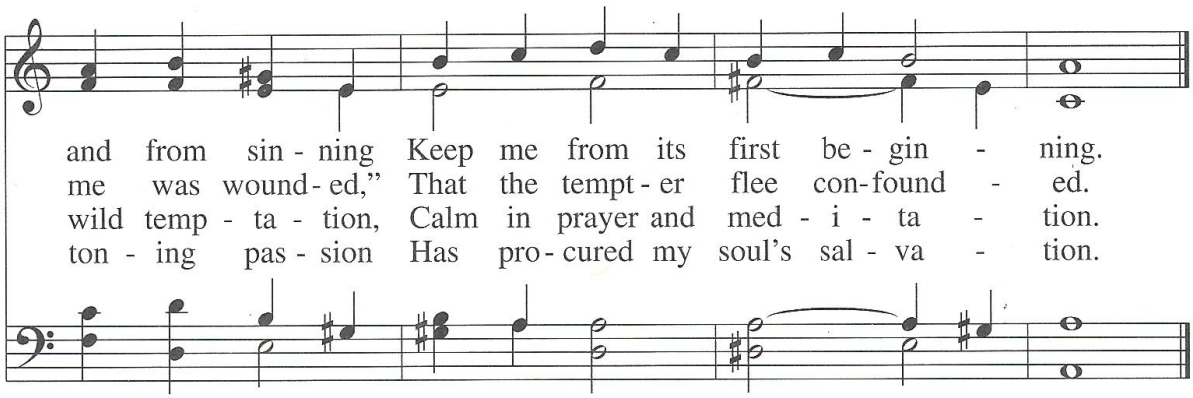

5 O my God, my Rock and Tower,
Grant that in your death I trust,
Knowing death has lost his power
Since you crushed him in the dust.
Savior, let your agony
Ever help and comfort me;
When I die be my protection,
Light and life and resurrection.

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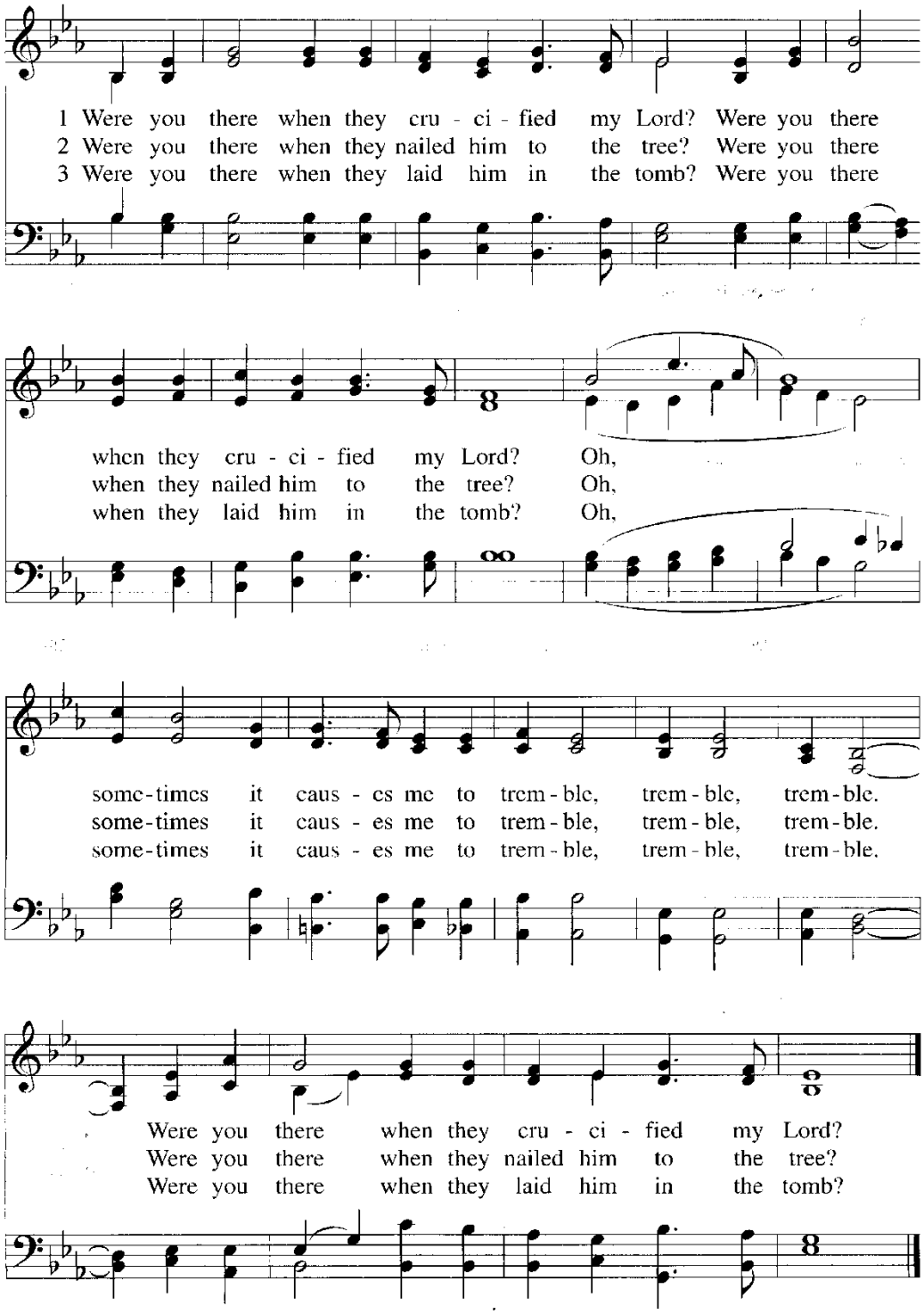

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