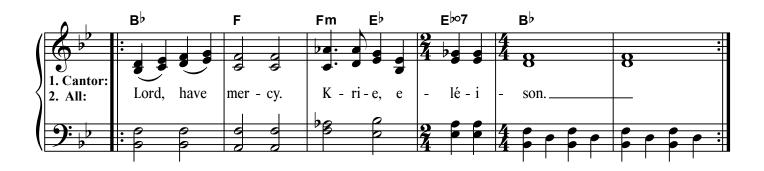
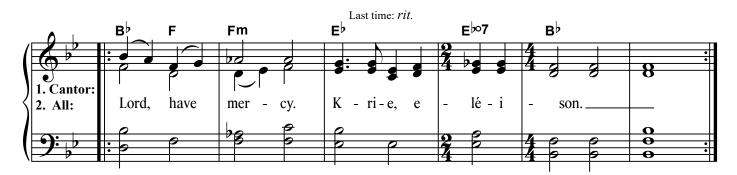


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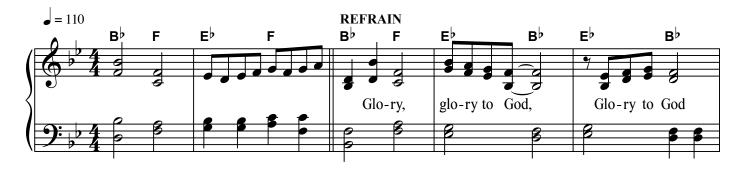






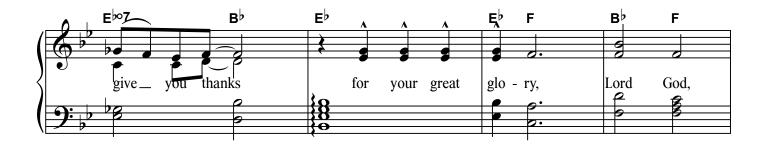


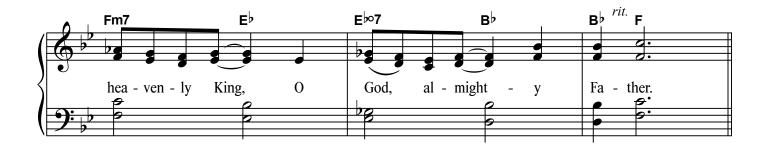
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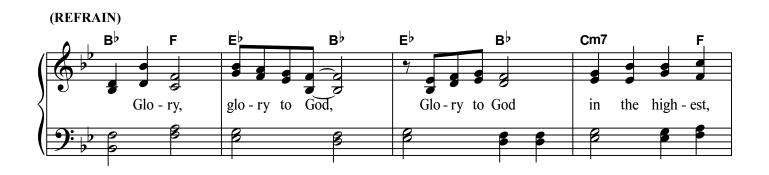


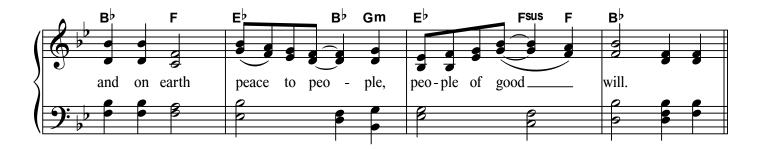


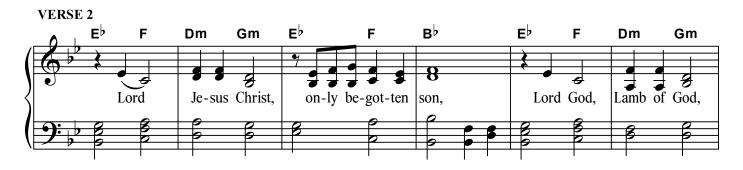
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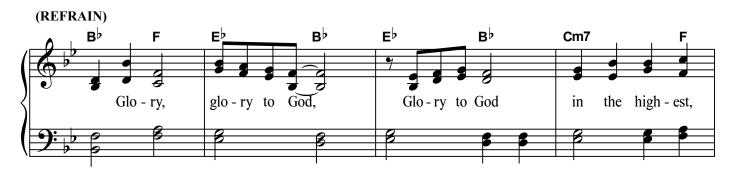


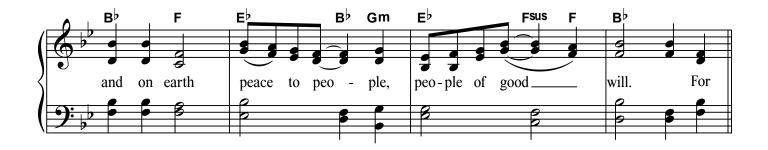




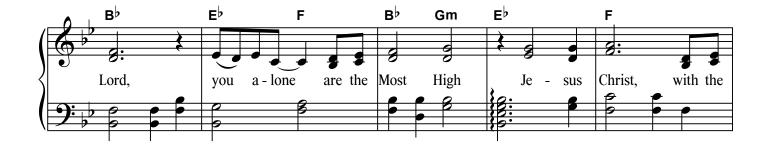
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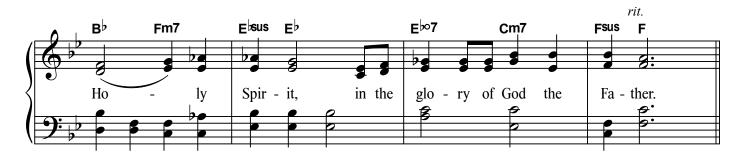






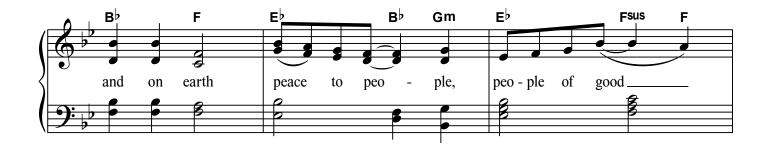
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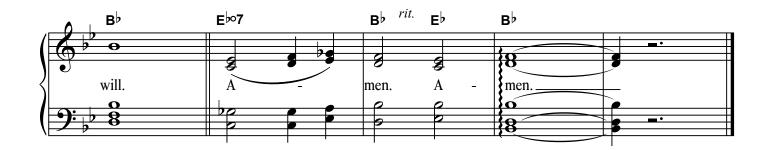




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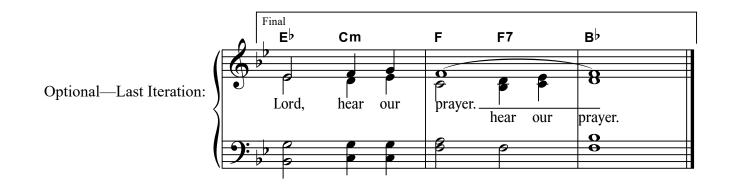






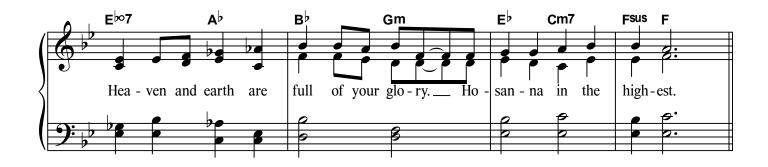
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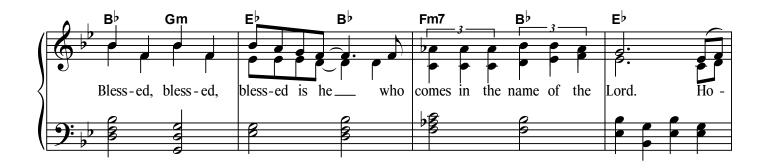


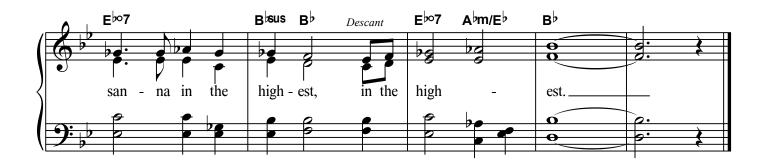


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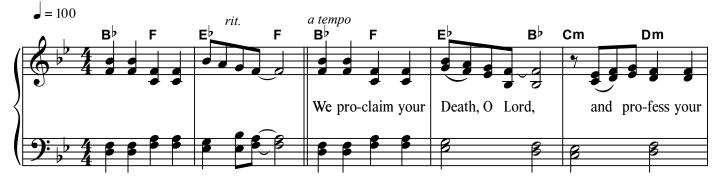


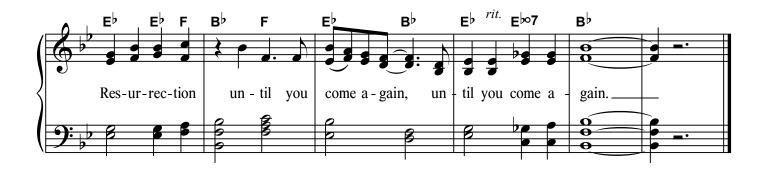




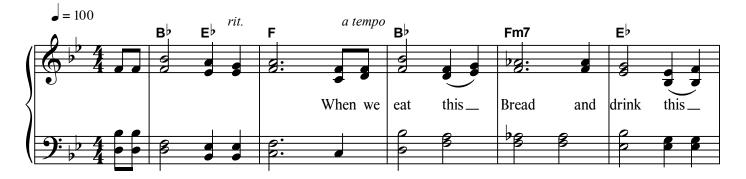


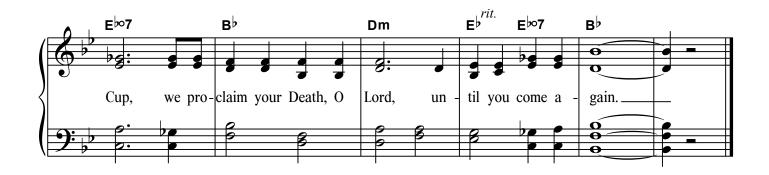






Mystery II: When We Eat This Bread





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Mystery III: Save Us, Savior

Doxology and Amen

NOTE: To be in compliance with the standard set by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Committee on Divine Worship, omit accompaniment on the Doxology.







St Hedwig of Silesia (1174 - 1243)

A noblewoman of eastern Europe, Hedwig lived in an age and area still emerging from the influence of pagan superstition. She made use of her power and wealth to provide Christian resources and relief for the inhabitants of her country.

Born about 1174, at Andechs Castle, Bavaria, she was betrothed at the age of twelve—by parental arrangement—to Henryk Brodaty, the son of Boleslaw of Silesia. Thus was she uprooted from her rich Bavarian heritage and transplanted to a cultural backwater some four hundred miles to the northeast. She accepted the challenge with resilience and a willingness to love her foreign husband and his peasant people. Upon Boleslaw's death in 1204, Henryk succeeded to his father's duchy, and Hedwig became a duchess.

In this role she exhibited great strength of character and a healthy physical vigor, mothering seven children while dispensing charity and works of mercy among the people of her husband's realm. Hedwig nursed the sick, advocated for prisoners, and distributed financial aid to the needy. Chroniclers of the era have stated that "she allowed no petitioner to leave her presence uncomforted." So devoted was she to her peasant people that in solidarity with them—according to legend—she walked everywhere barefoot, even in the cold midwinter. When her husband protested that it was unseemly for a duchess to go about unshod, and possibly unhealthy as well, she remained steadfast in this humble practice. Only when urged by the bishop to wear shoes did she comply; she attached her shoes to a cord tied around her waist and thus "wore" them.

Hedwig was also a good and faithful wife. When Henryk lay severely wounded in Pomerania, she traveled to Gonsawa and cared for him with her own hands. When he was captured and imprisoned by Conrad, Duke of Masovia, she made the 200-mile journey to Plock and personally negotiated his release. Because of Hedwig's prudence, fortitude, and piety, her advice and counsel were valued by her husband, and she played a prominent role in the governance of the land.

Both Hedwig and Henryk lived devout and useful lives. At Hedwig's behest Henryk introduced civilizing reforms in his duchy, establishing and endowing scores of hospitals and schools, monasteries and convents, including Trzebnica Abbey, the first house of religious women in Silesia. When Henryk and Hedwig died—he in 1238, she in 1243—both were buried in that same abbey. Hedwig was canonized in 1267, and her feast day is celebrated on October 16.

Silesia no longer exists as an independent nation, but comprises adjacent parts of Poland, Czech Republic, and Germany. From this region, in the late 1800s, a Silesian diaspora made its way through U.S. ports, many families settling here in the heart of Texas. ~ 2022, Laverne Wiles

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