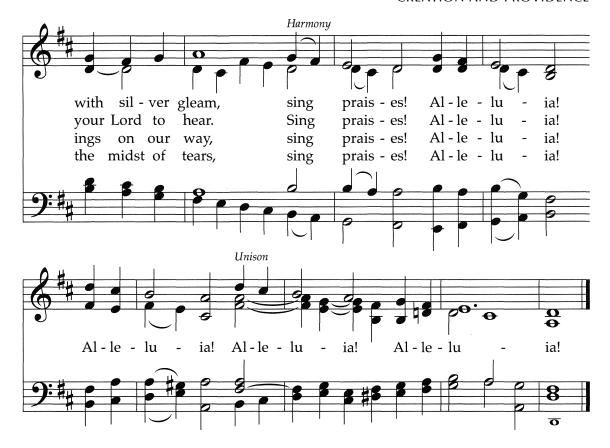
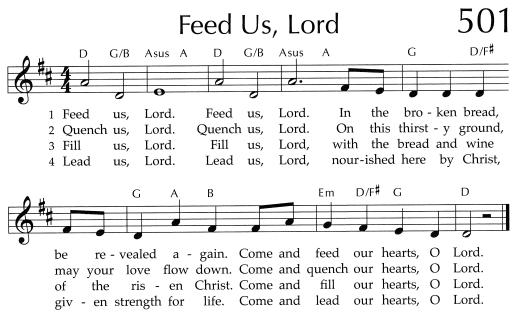
15 All Creatures of Our God and King



Sometimes called "The Canticle of the Sun," this cosmic roll call allows human beings to give voice to all creation. One of the earliest religious poems in the Italian language, it is made even more expansive by this broad, repetitive melody with interspersed "Alleluias."



- 5 And you, most gentle sister death, waiting to hush our final breath:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom, fair is the night that leads us home.
 Sing praises! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 - O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart. Alleluia! Alleluia! All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One! Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



Not many Lord's Supper hymns call attention to the post-Resurrection meals Christ shared with his disciples, but the first stanza here alludes to the meal at Emmaus, when he was made known in the breaking of the bread (Luke 24:13–35), and stanza three refers to "the risen Christ."

Bless the Lord, O My Soul 535



This responsive adaptation of Psalm 103:1–2 is the first option provided to follow communion in the Service for the Lord's Day. The setting is arranged from an easily learned Appalachian folk melody and lends itself to accompaniment by guitars or other suitable instruments.