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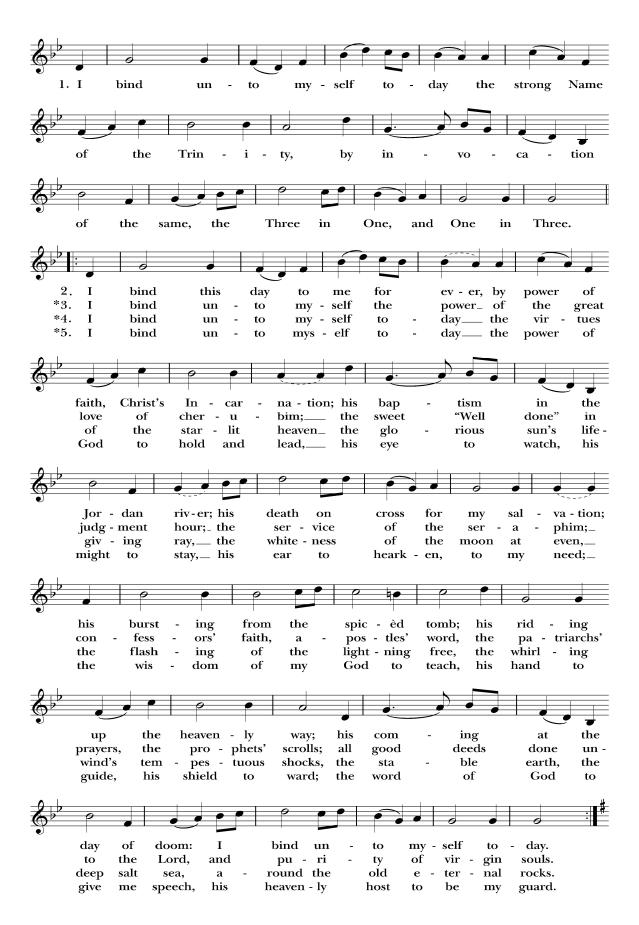
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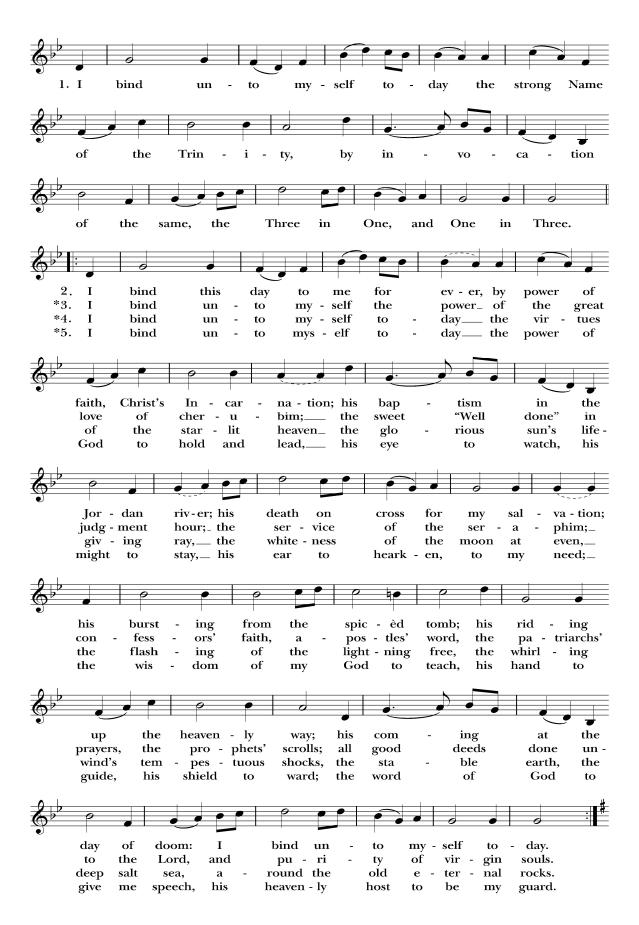
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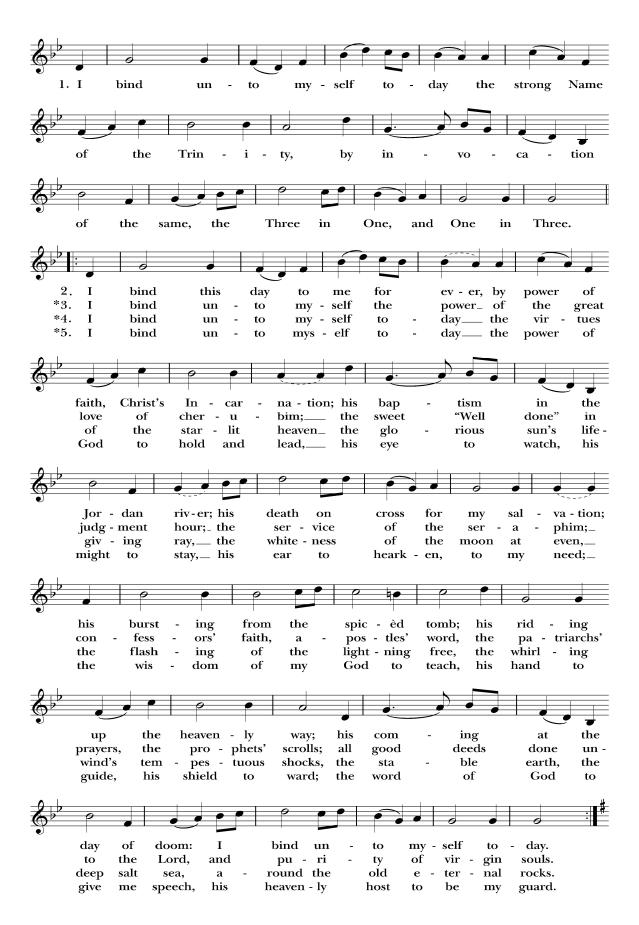
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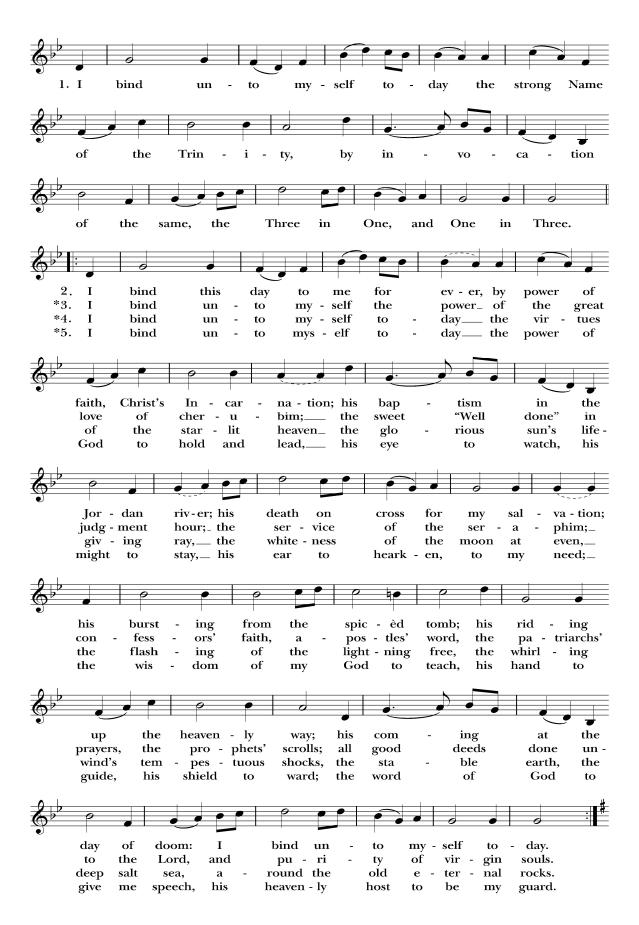
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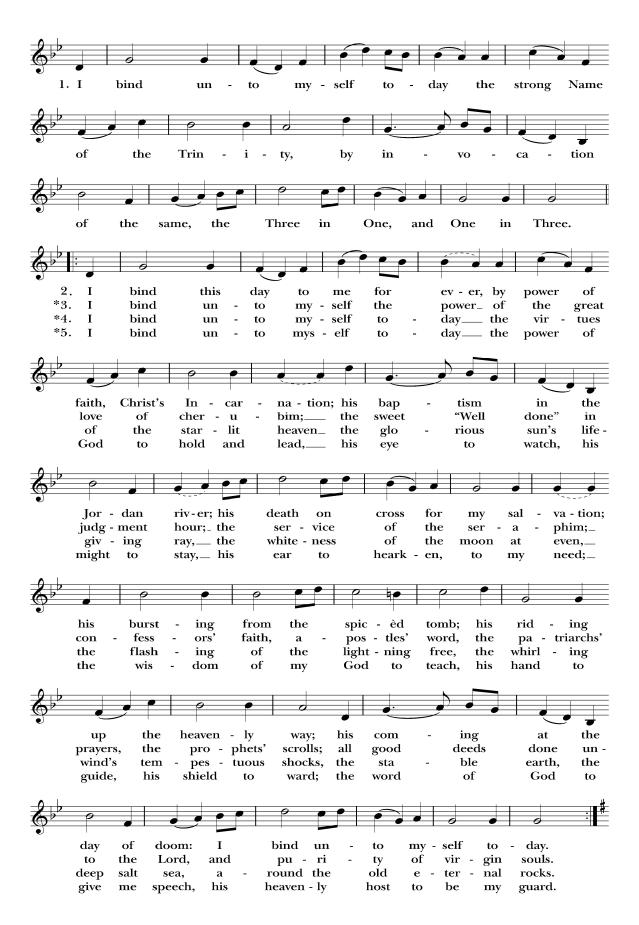
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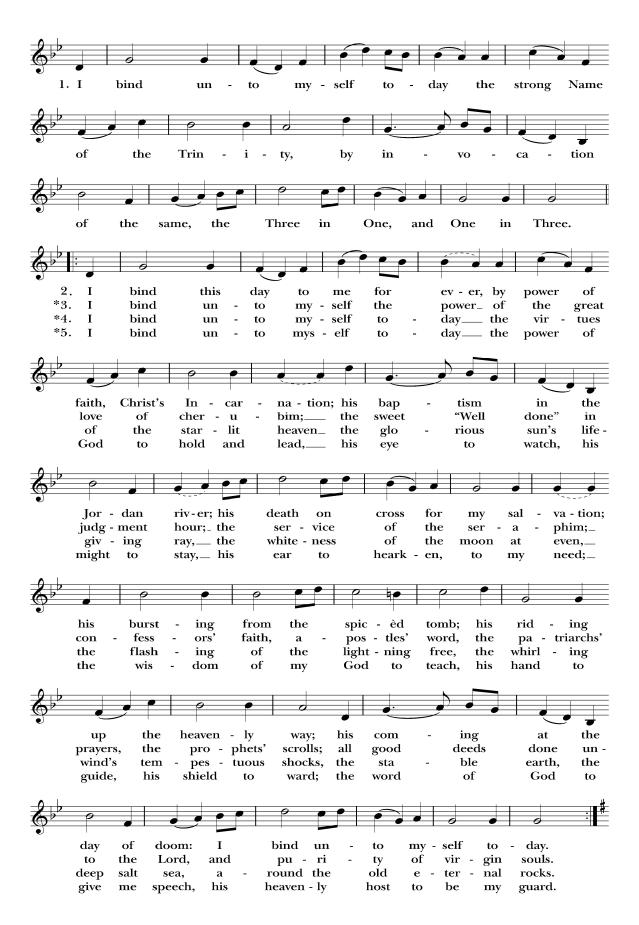
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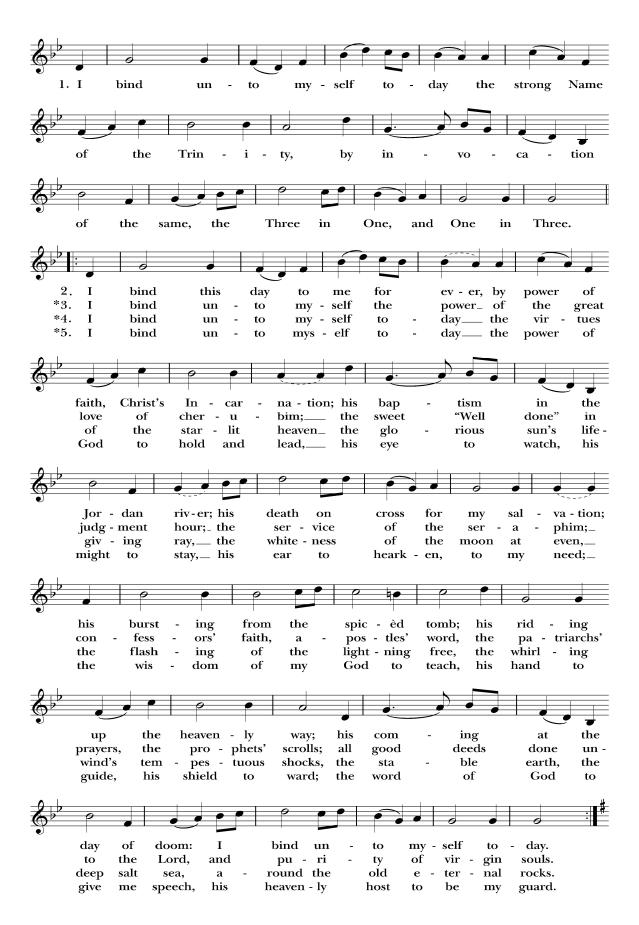
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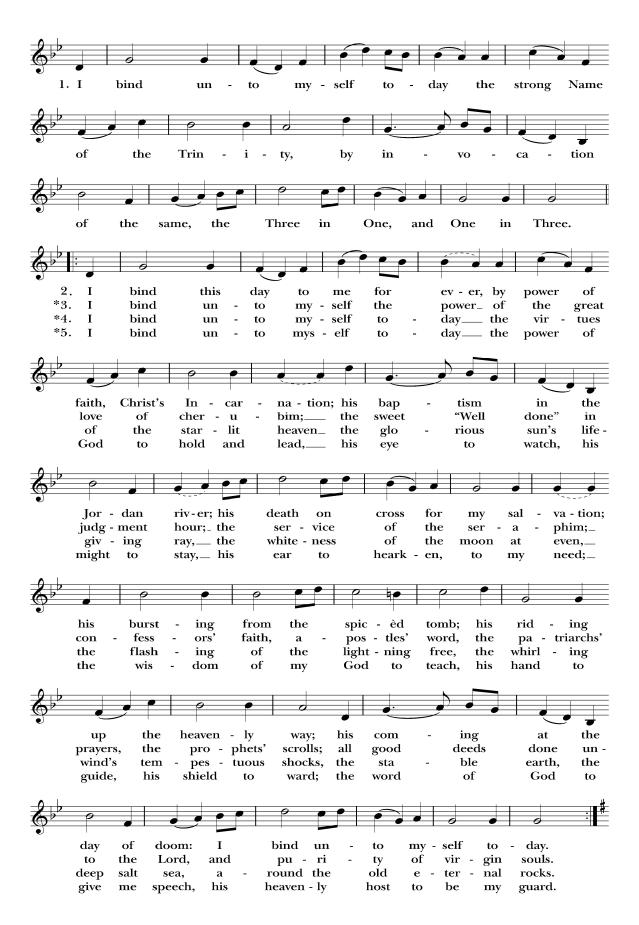
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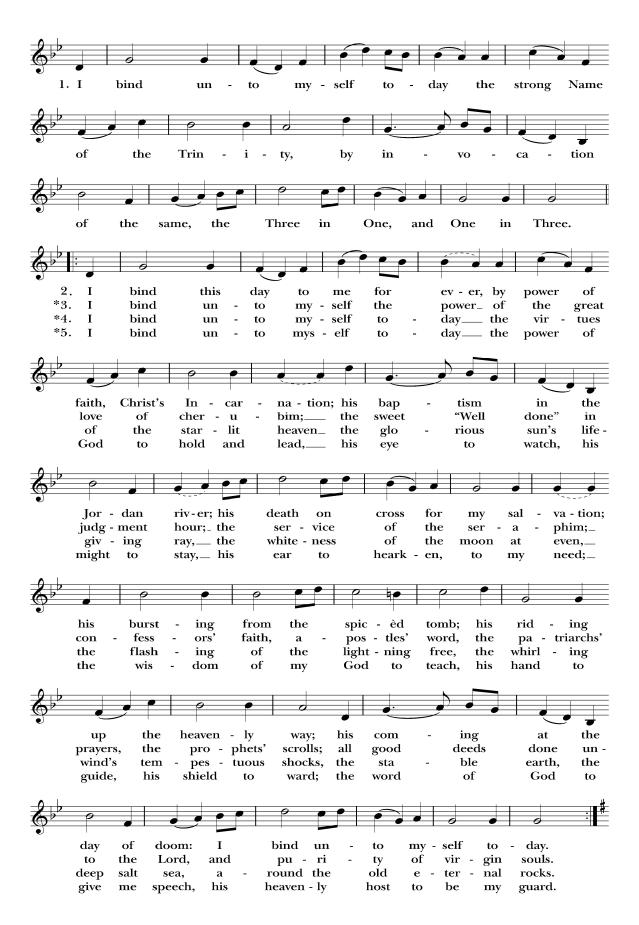
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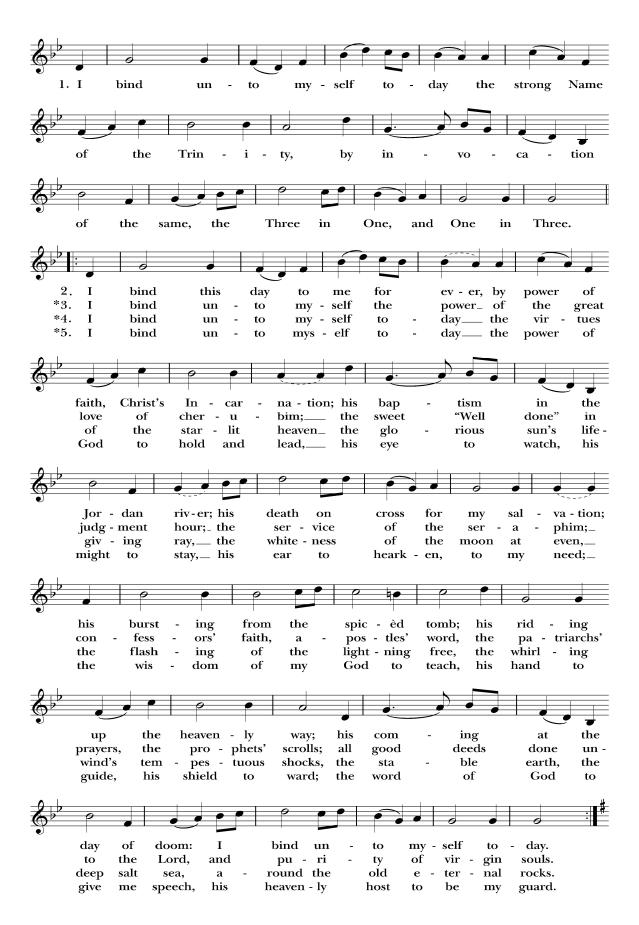
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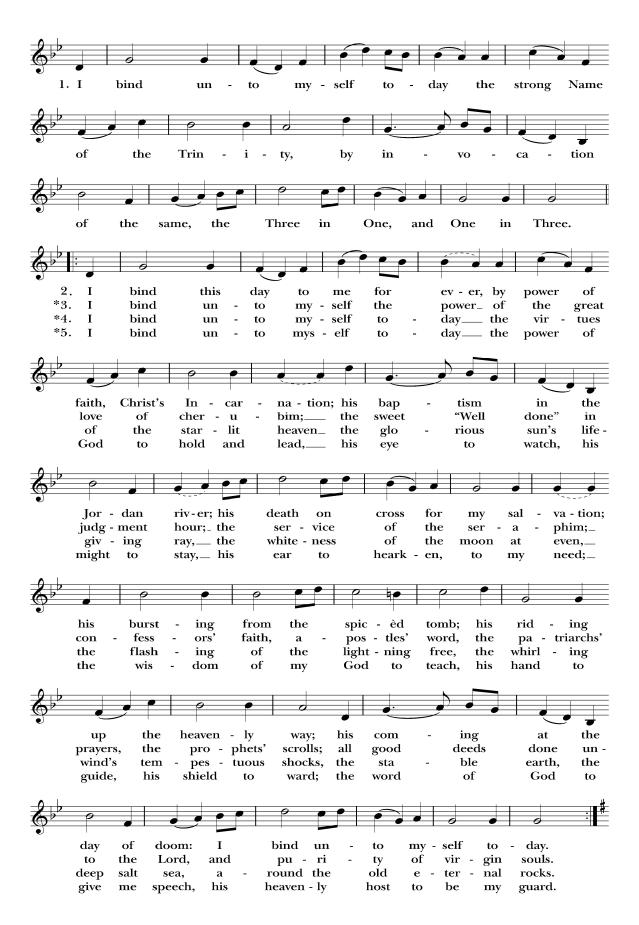
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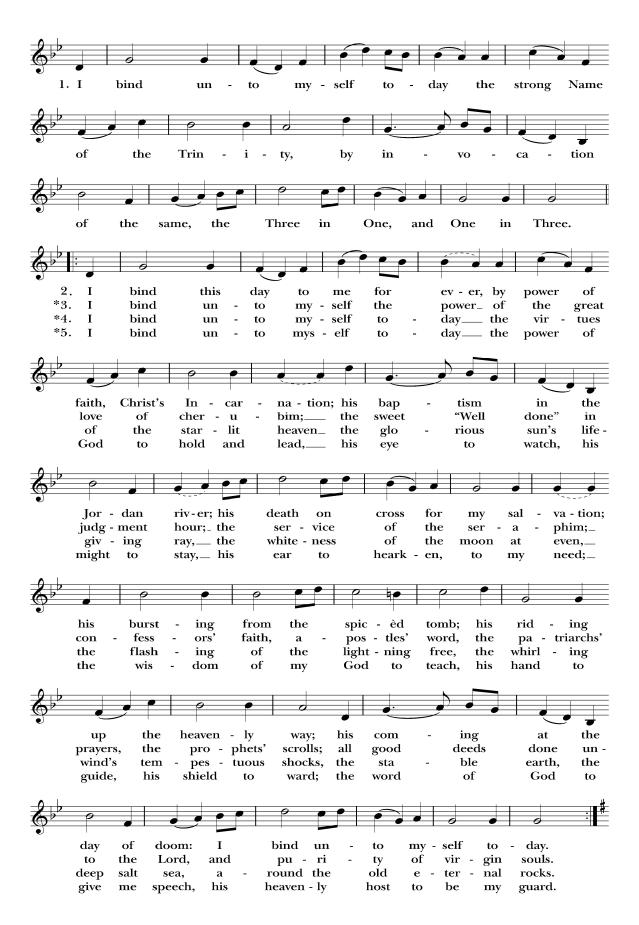
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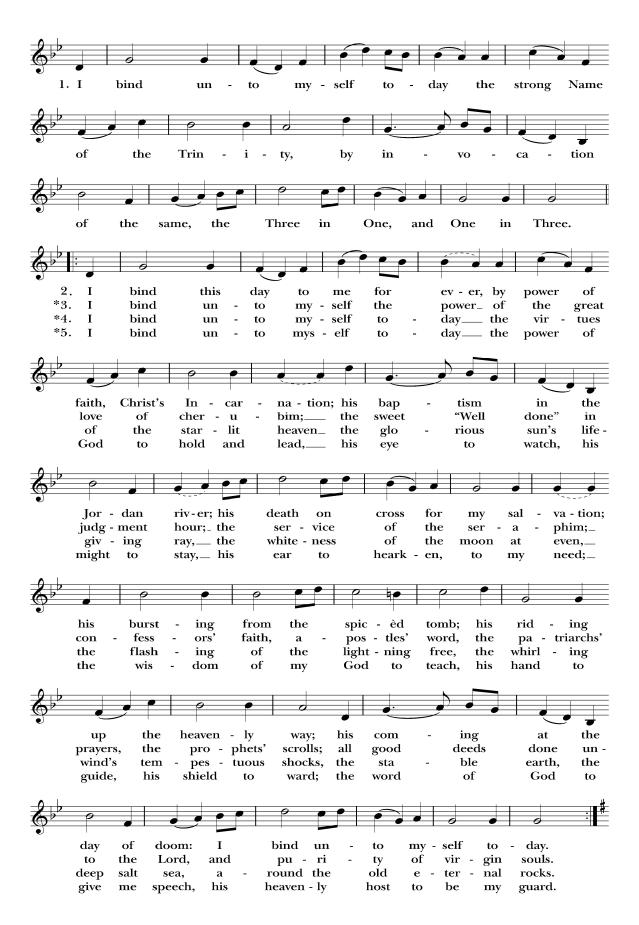
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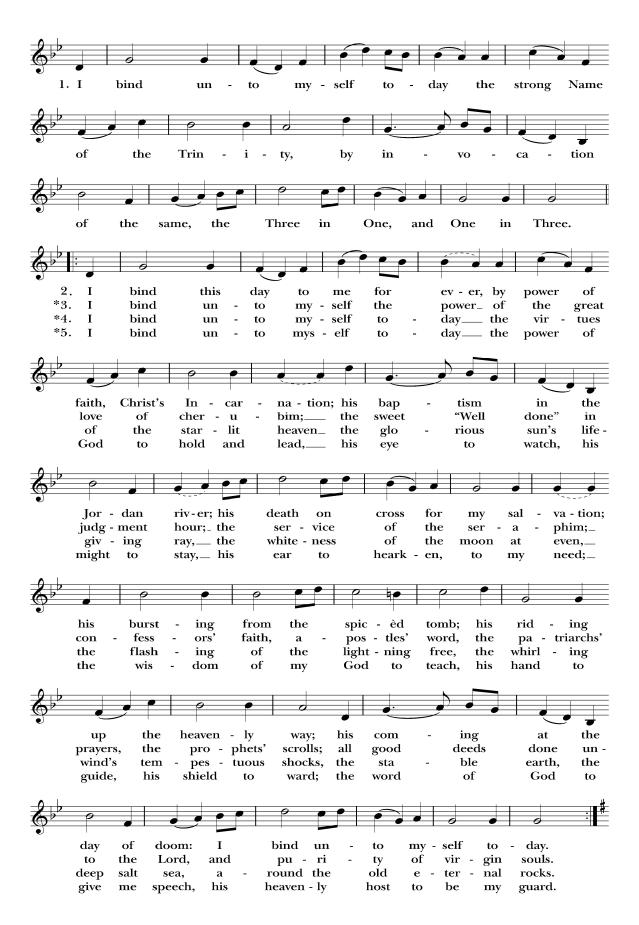
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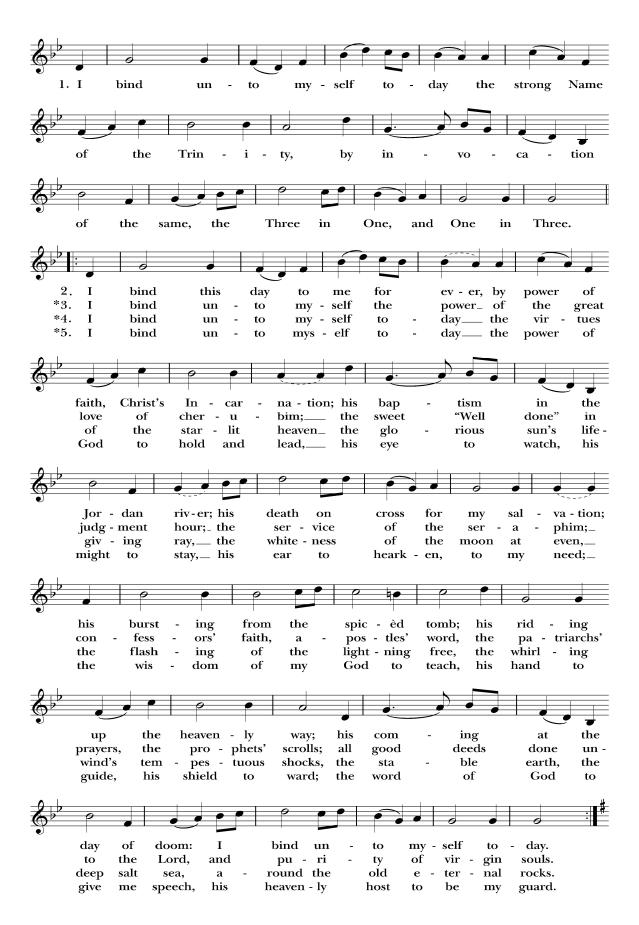
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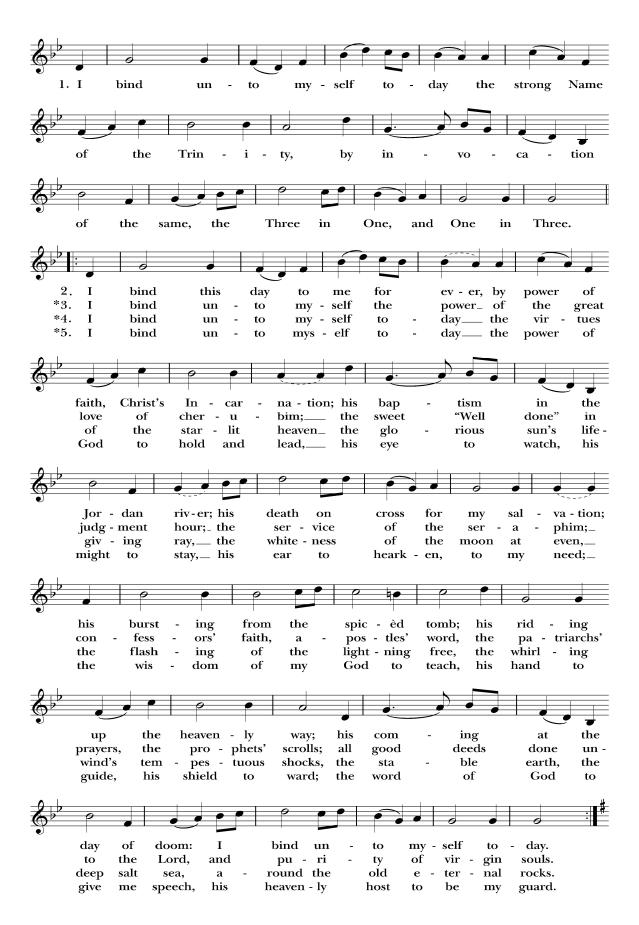
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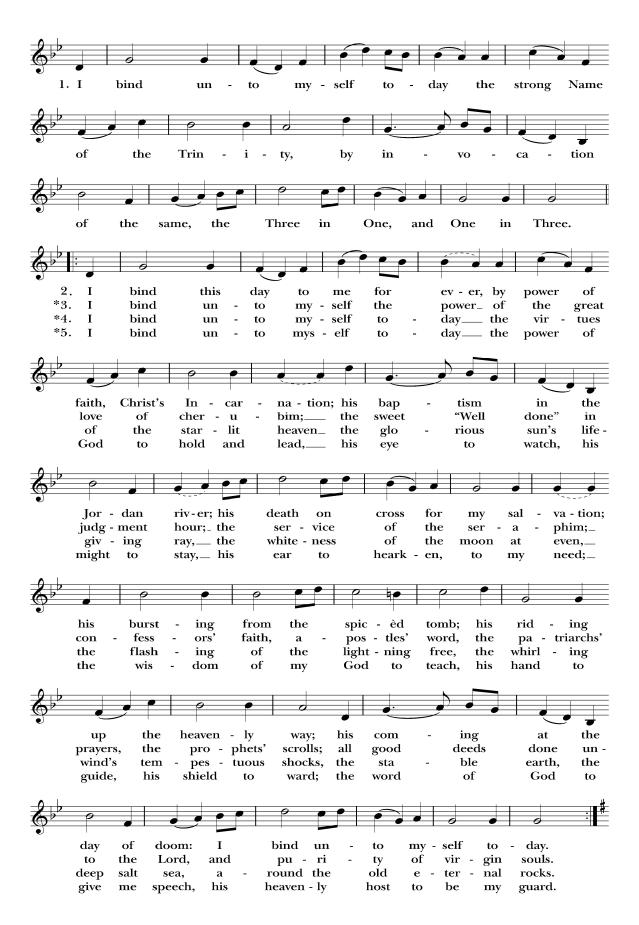
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St. John's Episcopal Church Morning Prayer Sunday, October 10 2021 – Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

All stand

God is Spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth. John 4:24



CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Officiant

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen*.

The Invitatory and Psalter

VERSICLE

All stand

OfficiantLord, open our lips.PeopleAnd our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.

INVITATORY

Venite Psalm 95:1-7 Come, let us sing to the Lord; * let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving * and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, * and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, * and the heights of the hills are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, * and his hands have molded the dry land.

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PSALM:

Psalm 90:12-17

12 So teach us to number our days * that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

13 Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? * **be gracious to your servants.**

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15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us * and the years in which we suffered adversity.

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Amos 5:6-7,10-15

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