

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, MENASHA, WI THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023



DIVINE SERVICE

Setting Three

Pastoral Greeting Stand Hymn of Invocation



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross

→ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen. Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

 [Hebrews 10:22]
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

 Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

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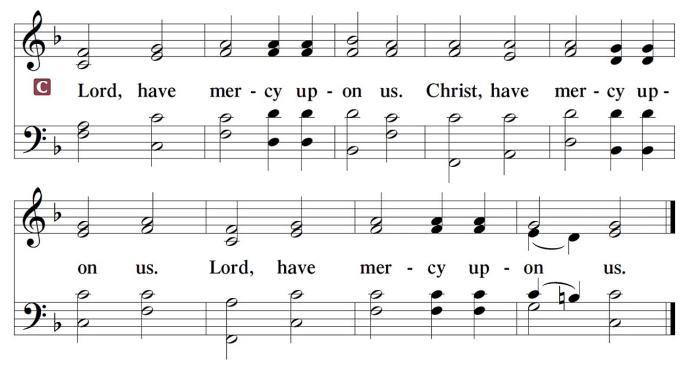
Psalm 30:1–5; antiphon: Psalm 149:1

- Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!
- I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.
- P O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.
- O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.
- P Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.
- For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

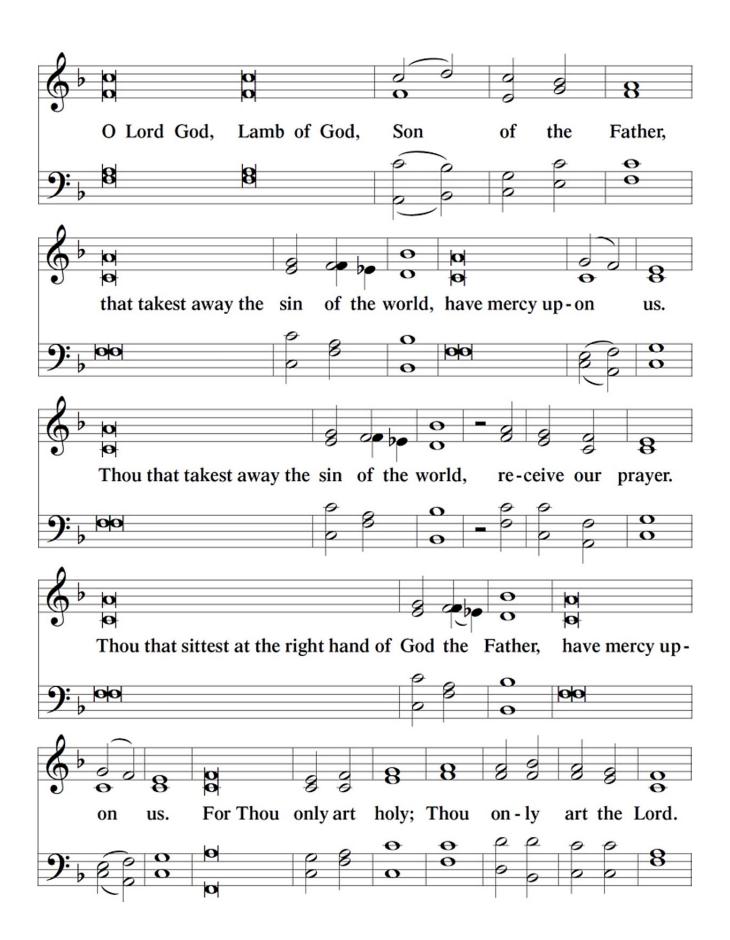
 Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
 - Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!

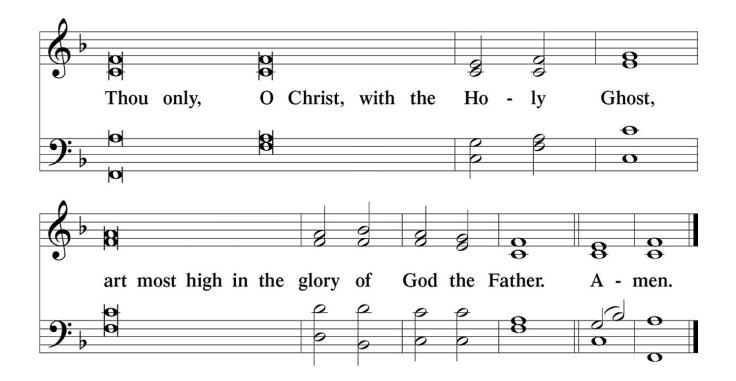
KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47

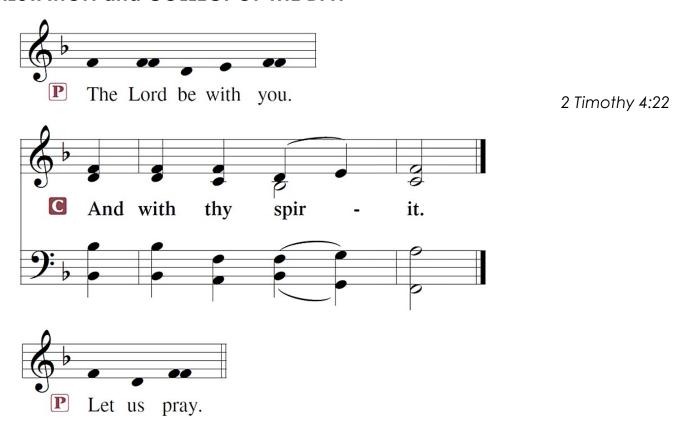






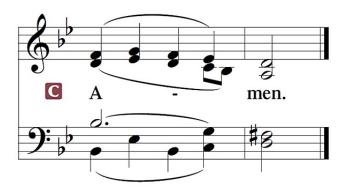


SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY



The Collect of the Day is spoken or chanted.

A O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

FIRST READING ~ Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60

¹Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. ²And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ³Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." ⁵And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

⁸And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. . . .

²And Stephen said:

[&]quot;Brothers and fathers, hear me. . . .

⁵¹You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵²Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it."

⁵⁴Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." ⁵⁷But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

A Christ has risen from the dead.

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.

He has given him dominion over the works of his hands; he has put all things under his feet.

EPISTLE ~ 1 Peter 2:2-10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture:

"Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,"

⁸and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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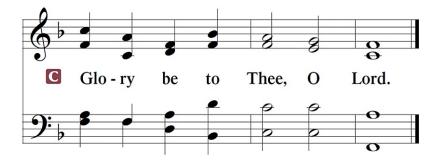
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ALLELUIA



HOLY GOSPEL ~ John 14:1-14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

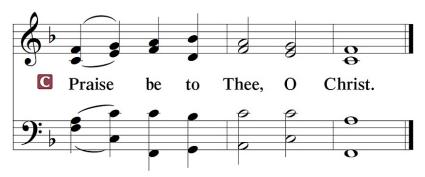


¹[Jesus said:] "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

¹²"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.





NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery

CW 535



- 1 Come, be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, in the dawn-ing of the King,
- 2 Come, be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, he the per-fect Son of Man;
- 3 Come, be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, Christ the Lord up-on the tree;
- 4 Come, be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, slain by death the God of life;



he the theme of heav-en's prais - es, robed in frail hu-man-i - ty. in his liv - ing, in his suf-f'ring nev - er trace nor stain of sin. in the stead of ru-ined sin - ners hangs the Lamb in vic-to-ry. but no grave could e'er re-strain him; praise the Lord; he is a-live!



In our long-ing, in our dark-ness, now the light of life has come. See the true and bet-ter Ad - am, come to save the hell-bound man. See the price of our re-demp-tion, see the Fa-ther's plan un - fold, What a fore-taste of de - liv-'rance; how un - wa - ver - ing our hope.



Look to Christ, who con-de-scend-ed, took on flesh to ran-som us. Christ the great and sure ful-fill-ment of the law; in him we stand. bring-ing man - y sons to glo - ry, grace un-mea-sured, love un - told. Christ in pow - er res-ur-rect - ed as will we be when he comes.

SERMON ~ "Keeping Focused"

Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60

Stand

- P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C Amen.

OFFERTORY Psalm 51:10-12

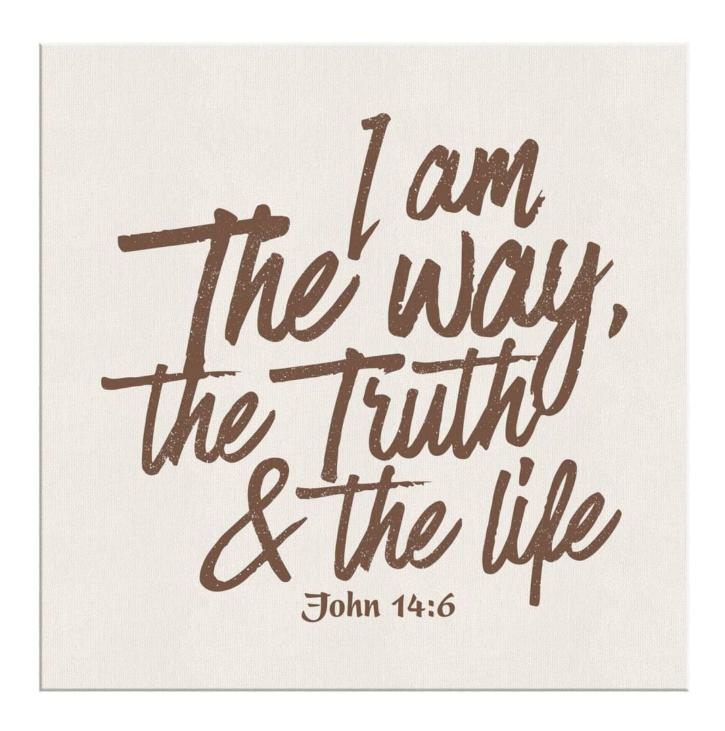


OFFERING

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]



SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE



The Proper Preface appropriate to the day or season is spoken:

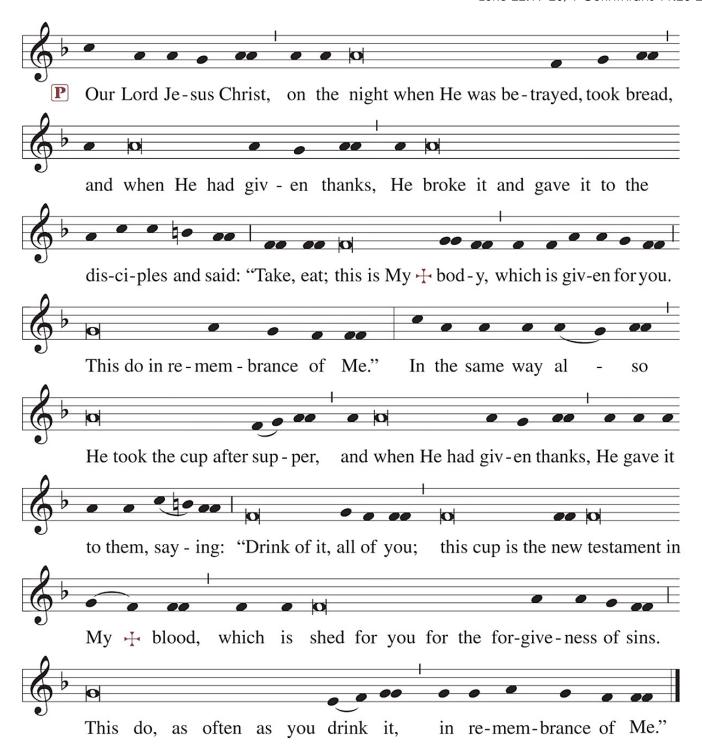
P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

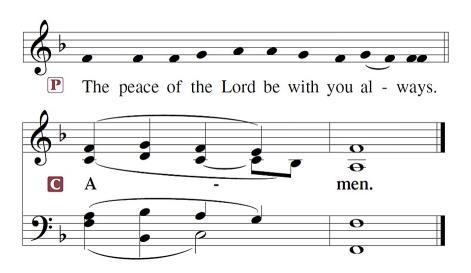


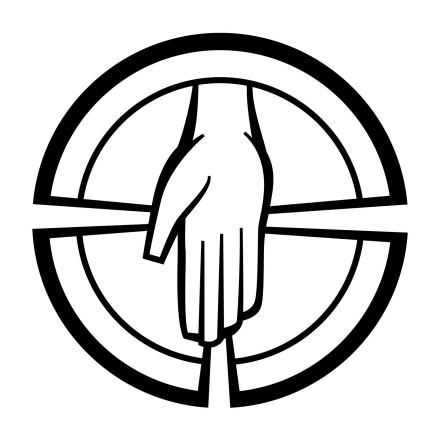
Sabaoth (SAH-bay-oath) is Hebrew for "heavenly hosts."

Hosanna is a Hebrew word of praise meaning "save us now."











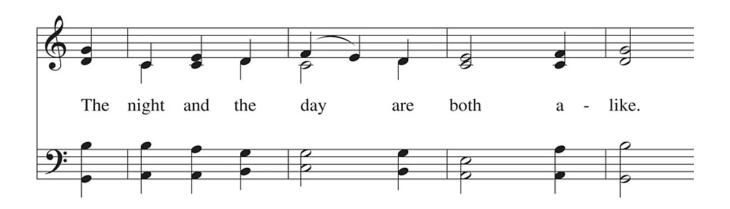
- P Take and eat, this is the true body of our Lord Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.
- C Amen.
- P Take and drink, this is the true blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, poured out for you for the forgiveness of your sins.
- C Amen.



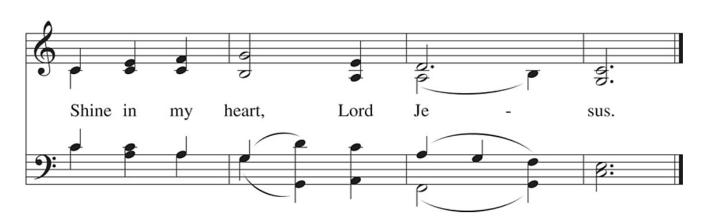














5 Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us,
May see You face to face.

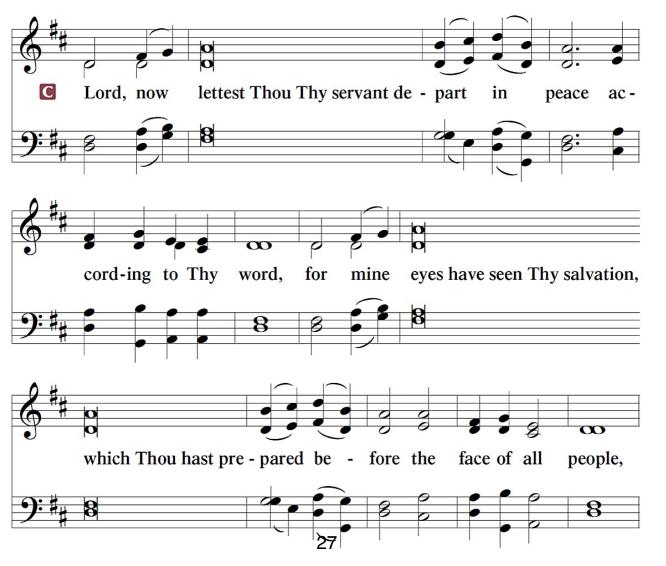
In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the one true Faith unto life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- C Amen.

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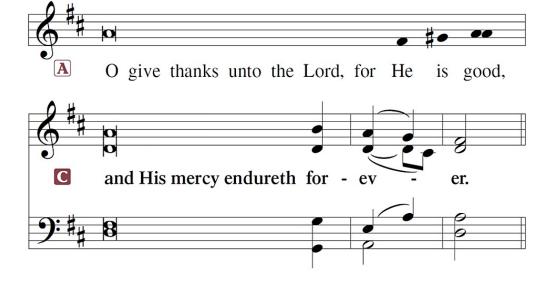
NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32



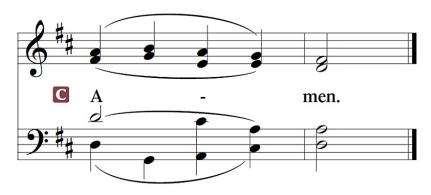


THANKSGIVING Psalm 107:1



The following is said or chanted:

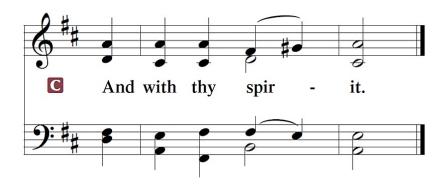
- A Let us pray.
- Me give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS

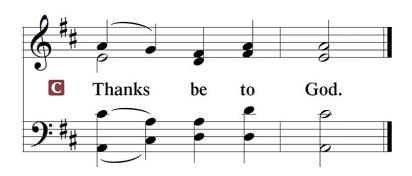


2 Timothy 4:22

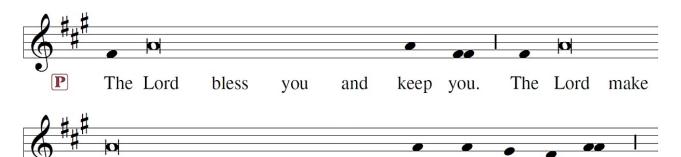




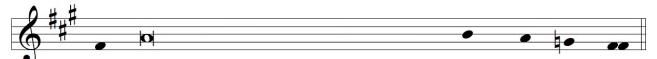
[Psalm 103:1]



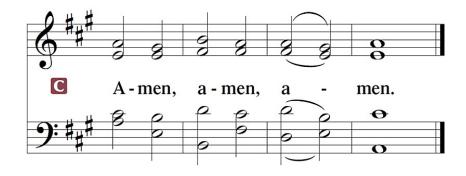
BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24-26



His face shine upon you and be gra-cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



Sit

+ Soli Deo Gloria +



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