

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, MENASHA, WI
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2023



DIVINE SERVICE

Setting Three

PASTORAL GREETING

Stand

HYMN OF INVOCATION

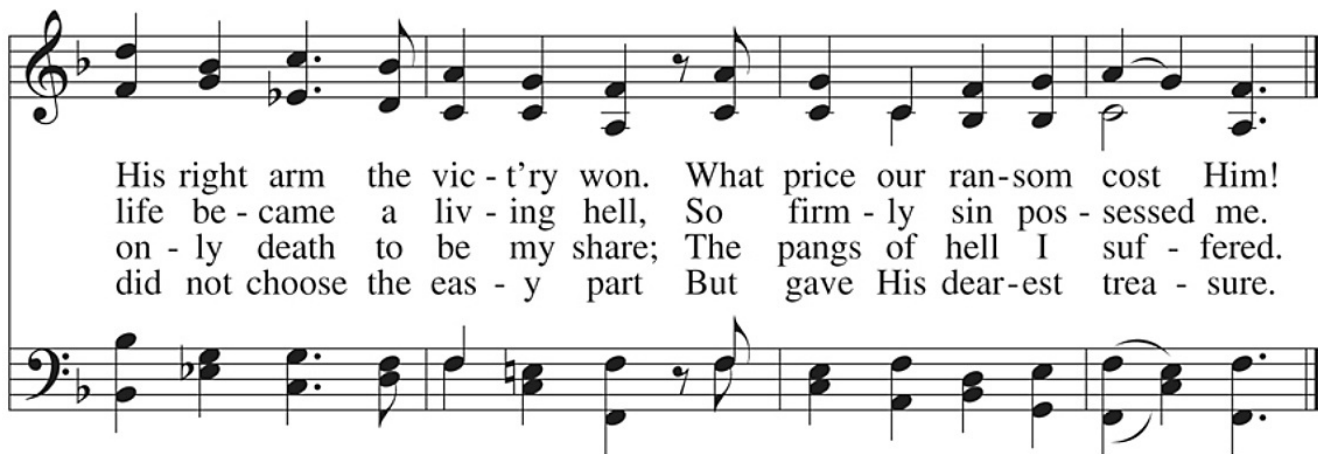
Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

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1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re-joice, With ex-ul-ta-tion
2 Fast bound in Sa-tan's chains I lay; Death brood-ed dark-ly
3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or mer-it
4 But God had seen my wretch-ed state Be-fore the world's foun-

spring-ing, And with u-nit-ed heart and voice And ho-ly
o'er me. Sin was my tor-ment night and day; In sin my
gain-ing; Free will a-gainst God's judg-ment fought, Dead to all
da-tion, And mind-ful of His mer-cies great, He planned for

rap-ture sing-ing, Pro-claim the won-ders God has done, How
moth-er bore me. But dai-ly deep-er still I fell; My
good re-main-ing. My fears in-creased till sheer de-spair Left
my sal-va-tion. He turned to me a fa-ther's heart; He



5 God said to His beloved Son:
 “It’s time to have compassion.
 Then go, bright jewel of My crown,
 And bring to all salvation.
 From sin and sorrow set them free;
 Slay bitter death for them that they
 May live with You forever.”

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,

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 124:8

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalms 32:5

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C 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

INTROIT

Psalm 119:89–93; antiphon: v. 105

P Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

C Forever, O Lord, your word
is firmly fixed in the heavens.

P Your faithfulness endures to all generations;
you have established the earth, and it stands fast.

C By your appointment they stand this day,
for all things are your servants.

P If your law had not been my delight,
I would have perished in my affliction.

C I will never forget your precepts,
for by them you have given me life..

ALL 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.

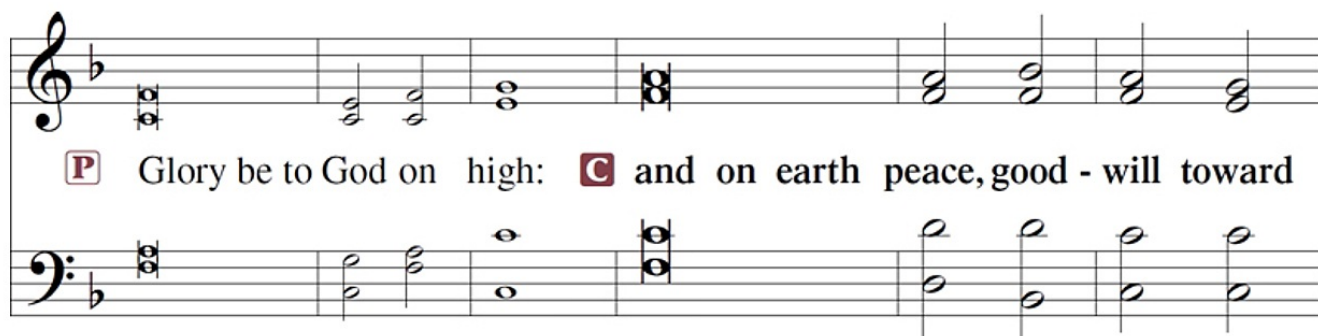
P Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

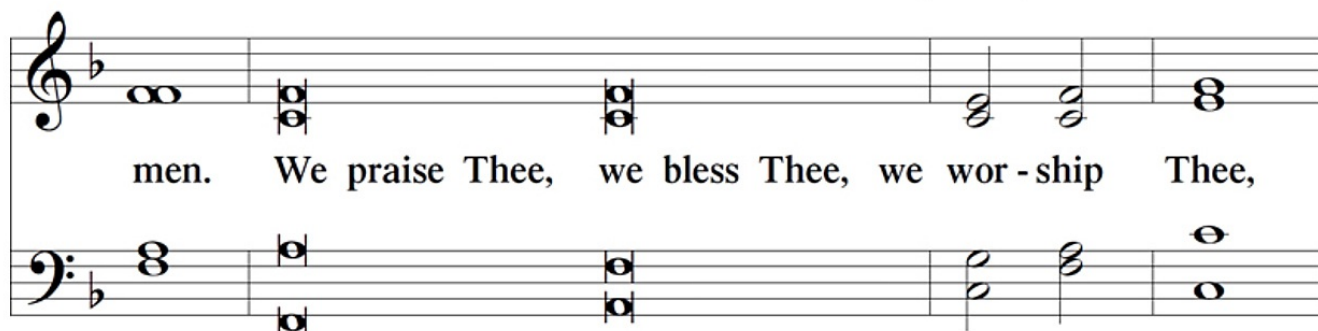
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Kyrie Eleison

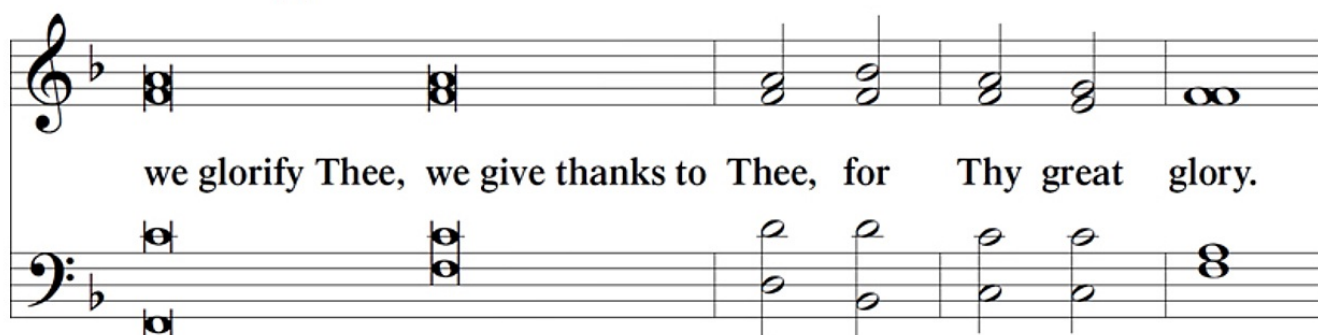
LORD, HAVE MERCY




P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



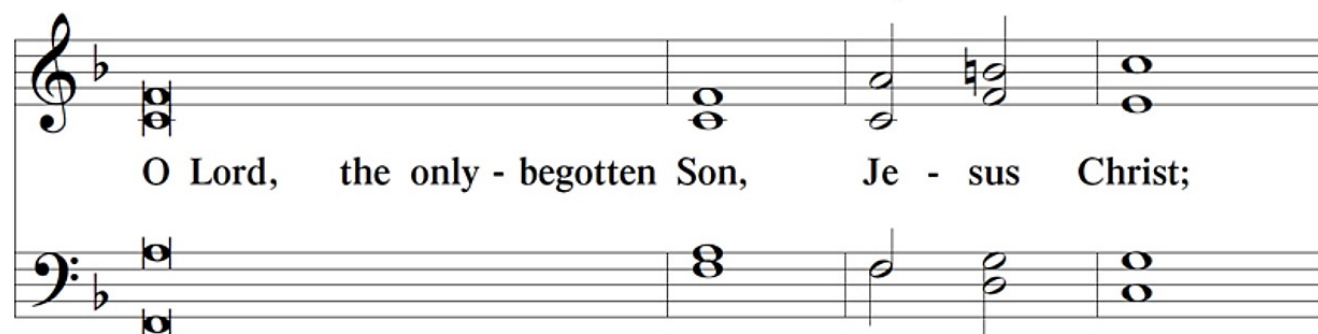
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only - begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

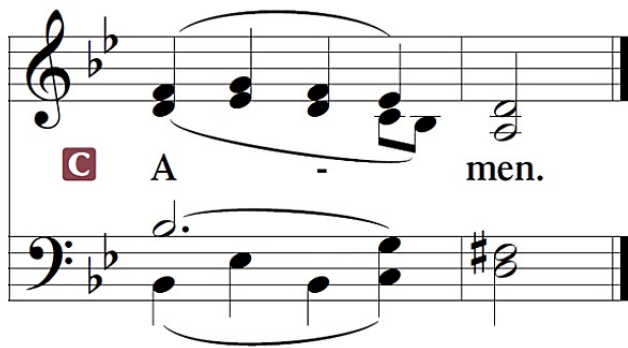
2 Timothy 4:22

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

The COLLECT OF THE DAY is spoken or chanted.

A O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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 17:16–31

¹⁶ Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷ So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸ Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹ And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰ For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” ²¹ Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

²² So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶ And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷ that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸ for “ ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, “ ‘For we are indeed his offspring.’ ²⁹ Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine

being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man.
³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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 3:13–22

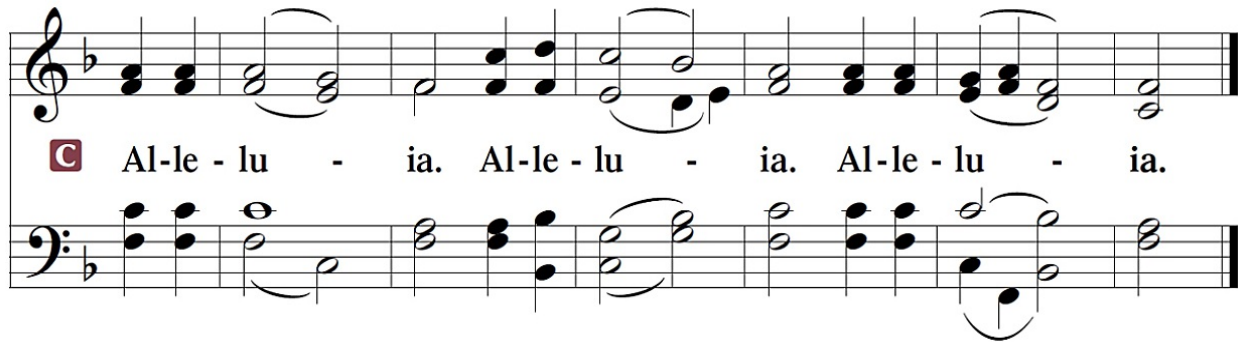
¹³ Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵ but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ because they formerly did not obey, when God’s patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹ Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

The musical score for the Alleluia is written for a two-part setting (treble and bass clef) in a key with one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and homophonic, with the lyrics "Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia." written below the notes. The score ends with a double bar line.

HOLY GOSPEL ~ John 14:15-21

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



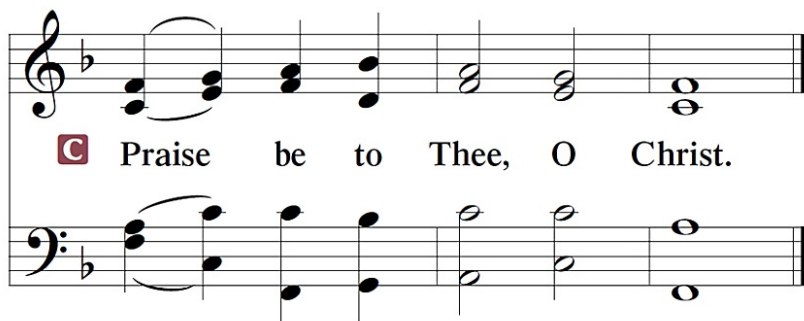
C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

The musical score for the Holy Gospel is written for a two-part setting (treble and bass clef) in a key with one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and homophonic, with the lyrics "Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord." written below the notes. The score ends with a double bar line.

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

¹⁸ "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The musical score for the Gospel of the Lord is written for a two-part setting (treble and bass clef) in a key with one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and homophonic, with the lyrics "Praise be to Thee, O Christ." written below the notes. The score ends with a double bar line.

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen

Sit





- 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 ~ "To the Unknown God"

Acts 17:16-31

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

C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -

new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -

way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it

from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -

tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Sit

OFFERING

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]



SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

 We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

[Psalm 136]

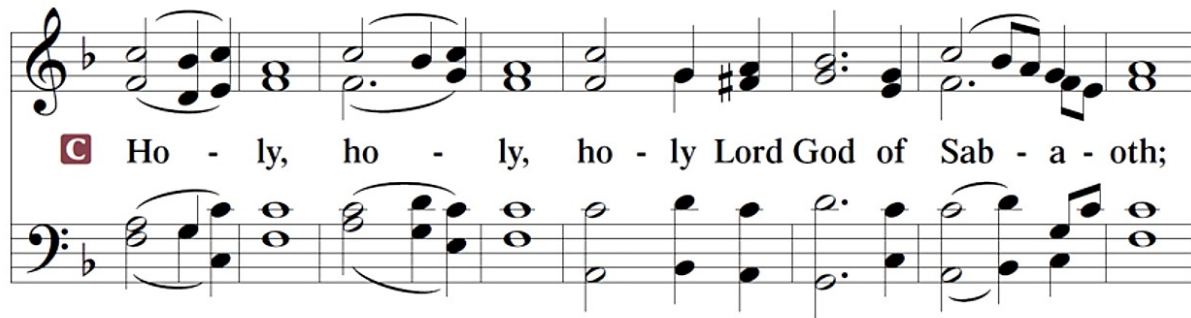
 It is meet and right so to do.

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

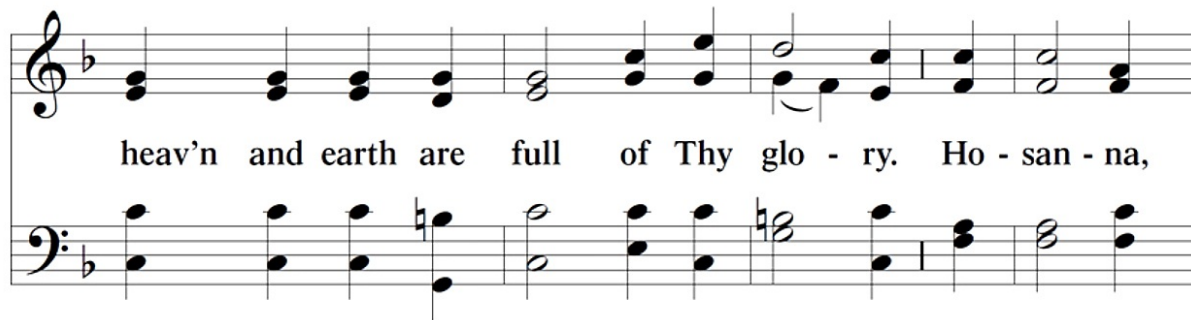
P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS ~ Holy, Holy, Holy

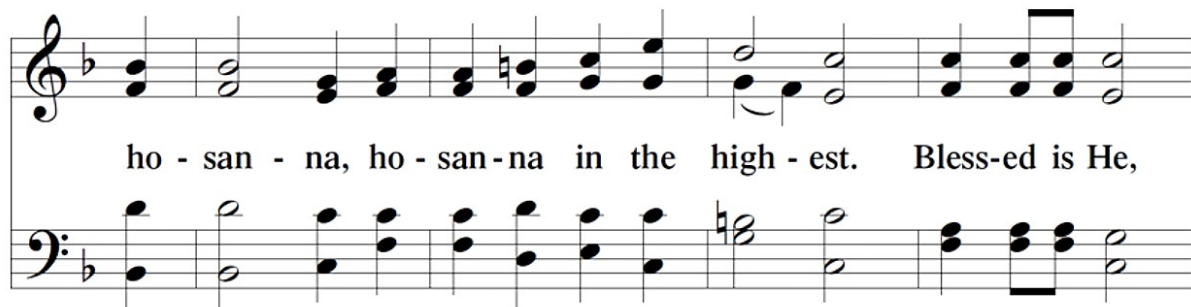
Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



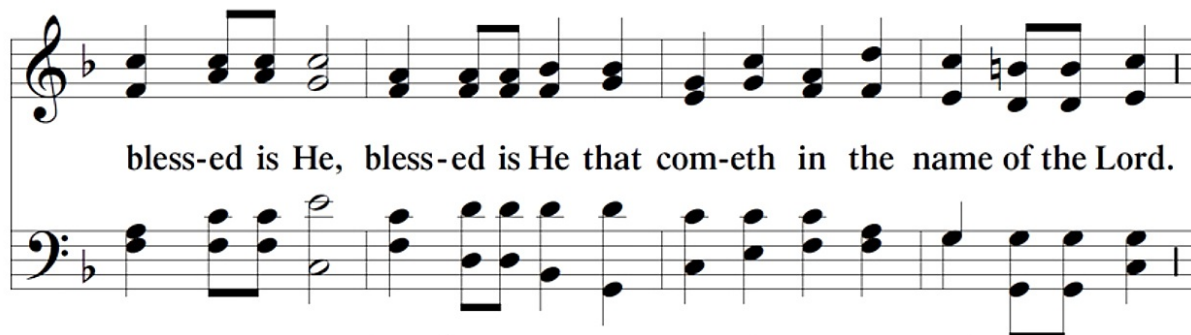
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



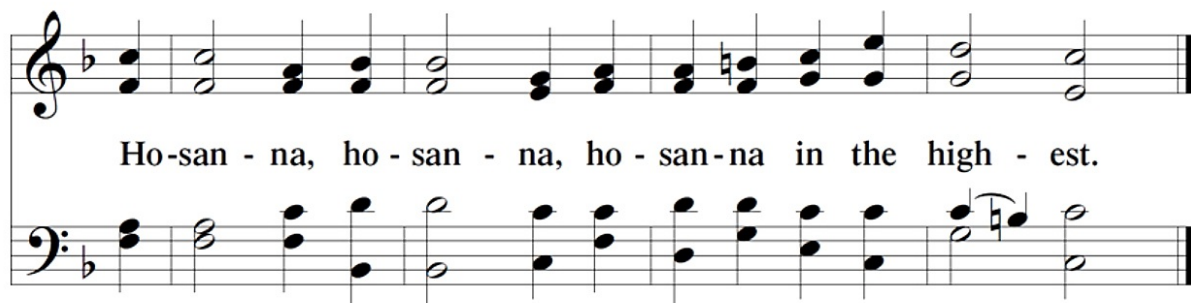
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Sabaoth (SAH-bay-oath) is Hebrew for “heavenly hosts.”
Hosanna is a Hebrew word of praise meaning “save us now.”

LORD'S PRAYER

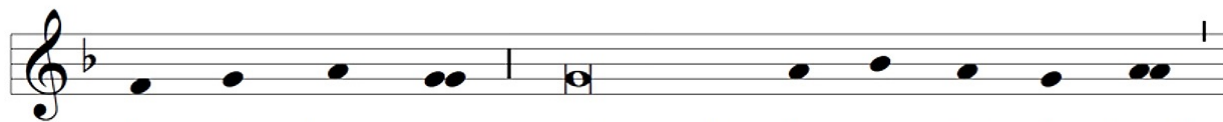
Matthew 6:9-13



P Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it



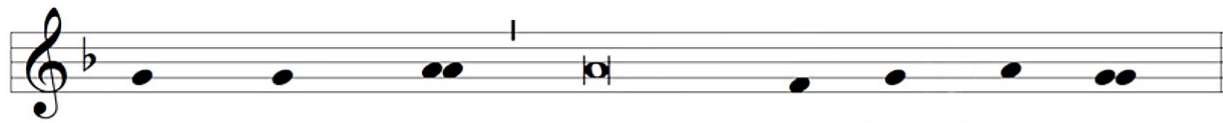
is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;



and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who



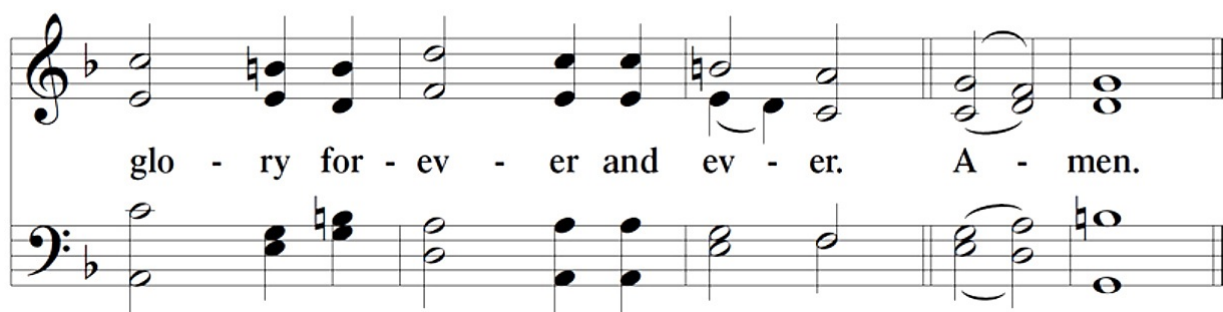
tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to



temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from † e - vil.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

P Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,
and when He had giv-en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the
dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My bod-y, which is giv-en for you.
This do in re-mem-brance of Me." In the same way al- so
He took the cup after sup-per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it
to them, say-ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in
My blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.
This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

PAX DOMINI ~ The Peace of the Lord

John 20:19



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the

world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that

tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the

world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

P Take and eat, this is the true body of our Lord Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

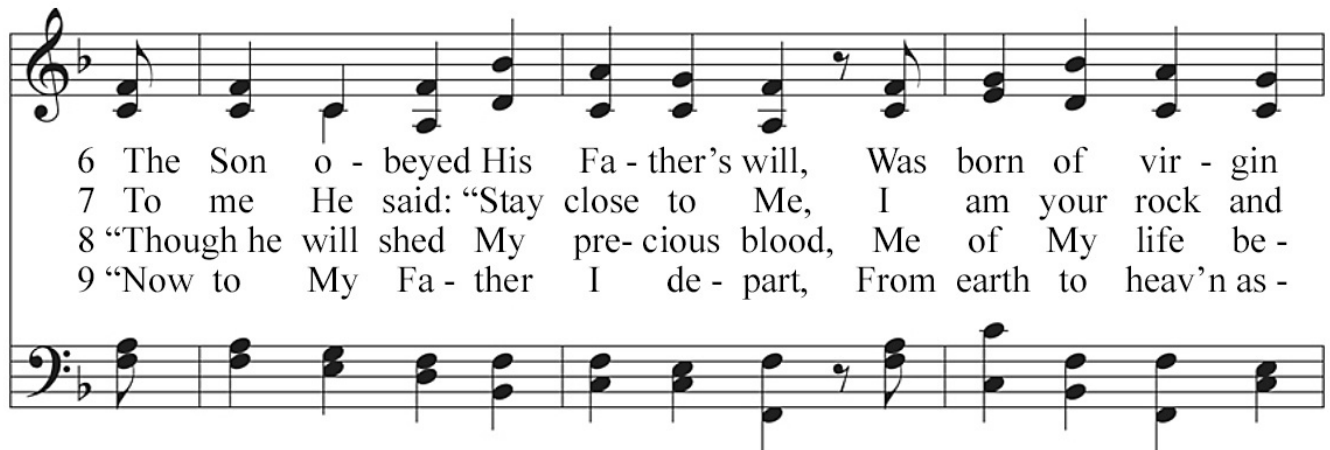
C Amen.

P Take and drink, this is the true blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, poured out for you for the forgiveness of your sins.

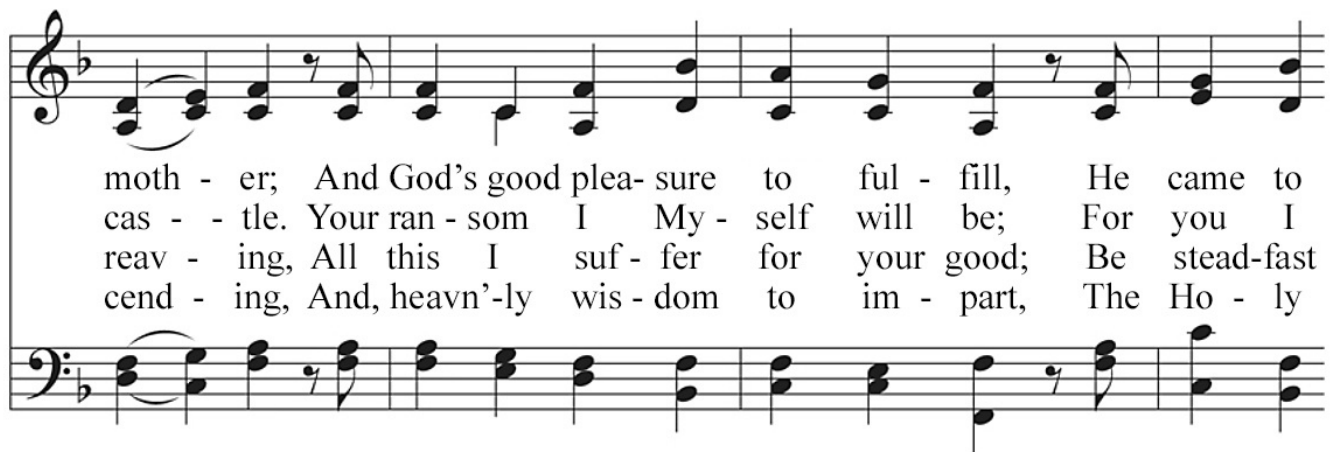
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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS ~ Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

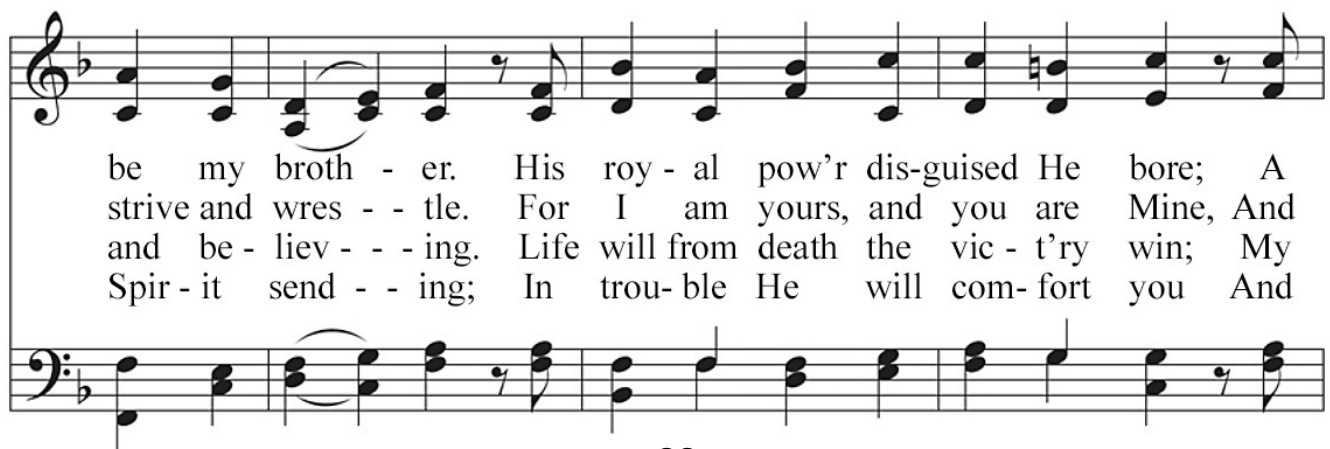
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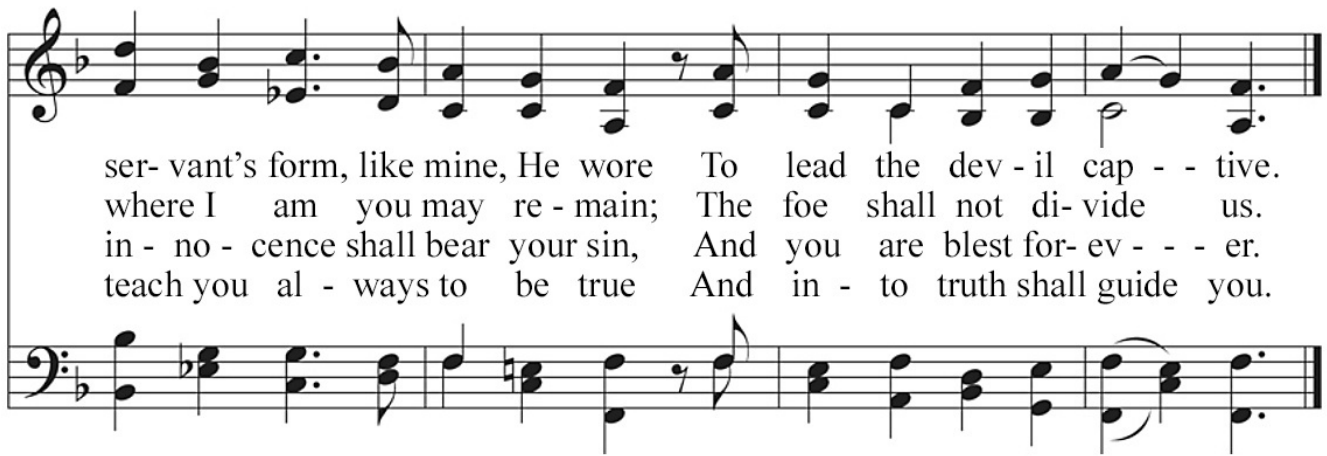
6 The Son o - beyed His Fa - ther's will, Was born of vir - gin
 7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and
 8 "Though he will shed My pre - cious blood, Me of My life be -
 9 "Now to My Fa - ther I de - part, From earth to heav'n as -



moth - er; And God's good plea - sure to ful - fill, He came to
 cas - - tle. Your ran - som I My - self will be; For you I
 reav - ing, All this I suf - fer for your good; Be stead-fast
 cend - ing, And, heavn'-ly wis - dom to im - part, The Ho - ly



be my broth - er. His roy - al pow'r dis-guised He bore; A
 strive and wres - - tle. For I am yours, and you are Mine, And
 and be - liev - - ing. Life will from death the vic - t'ry win; My
 Spir - it send - - ing; In trou - ble He will com - fort you And



10 "What I on earth have done and taught
 Guide all your life and teaching;
 So shall the kingdom's work be wrought
 And honored in your preaching.
 But watch lest foes with base alloy
 The heav'nly treasure should destroy;
 This final word I leave you."

Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Romans 5:1-2



1 Seek where you may To find a way That
 2 Seek whom you may To be your stay, None
 3 Seek Him a - lone Who did a - tone, Who
 4 My heart's de - light, My crown most bright, O



leads to your sal - va - tion. My heart is stilled,
 can re - deem his broth - er. All help - ers failed;
 did your souls de - liv - er. O seek Him first,
 Christ, my joy for - ev - er. Not wealth nor pride



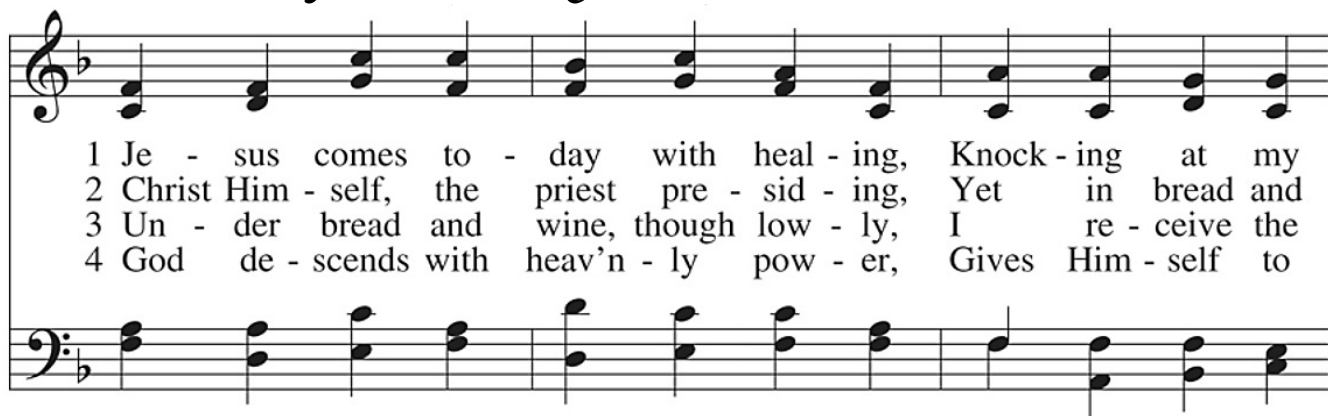
On Christ I build, He is the one foun - da - tion.
 This man pre - vailed, The God-man and none oth - er,
 All you who thirst For grace that fails you nev - er.
 Nor for-tune's tide Our bonds of love shall sev - er.



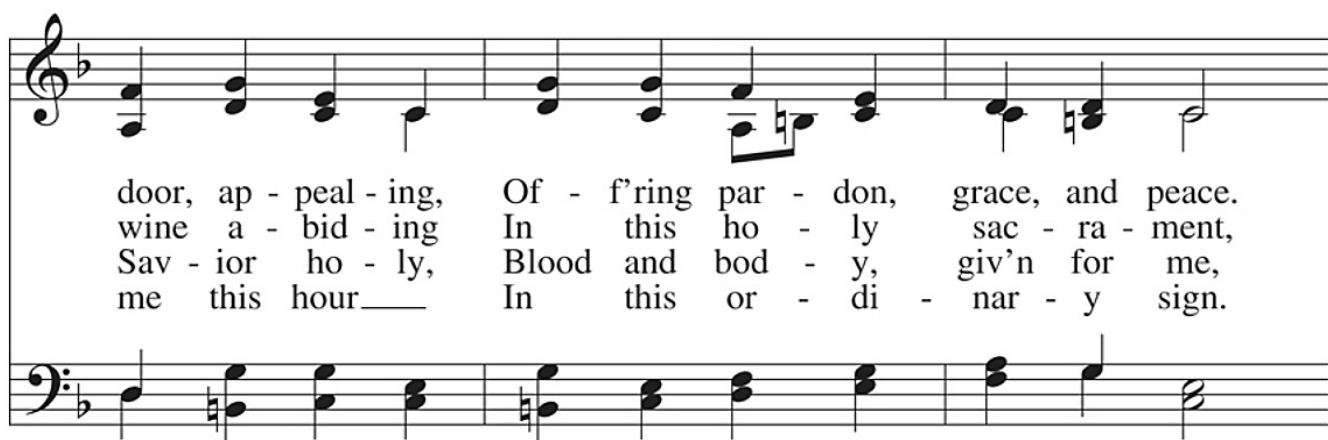
His Word is sure, His works en - dure; He o - ver - throws
 Our Ser - vant-King Of whom we sing. We're jus - ti - fied
 In ev - 'ry need Seek Him in - deed; To ev - 'ry heart
 You are my Lord; Your pre - cious Word Shall guide my way



All e - vil foes; Through Him I more than con - quer.
 Be - cause He died, The guilt - y be - ing guilt - less.
 He will im - part His bless - ings with - out mea - sure.
 And help me stay For - ev - er in Your pres - ence.



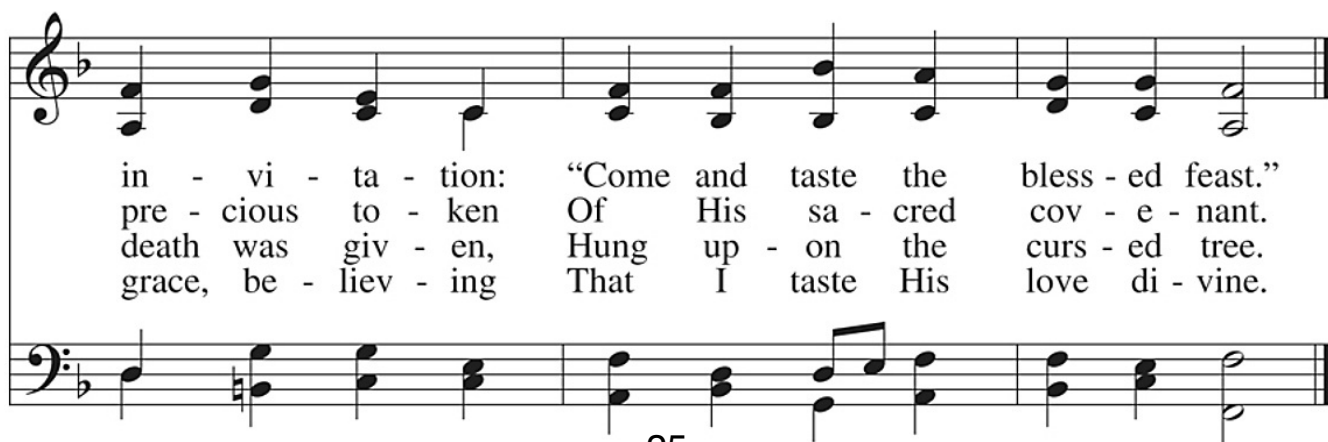
1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my
 2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and
 3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the
 4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.
 wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,
 Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,
 me this hour— In this or - di - nar - y sign.



He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His
 Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the
 Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter
 On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His



in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."
 pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.
 death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.
 grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,
Whose own feast of love I savor,
Bidden by His gracious call.
Wedding garments He provides me,
With a robe of white He hides me,
Fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,
Comfort in my tribulation,
Balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
Cleanses me from sin and error,
Makes my wounded spirit whole.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P 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.

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -

The first line of musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a treble and bass staff. The lyrics 'Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -' are written below the notes. A red 'C' in a square box is placed at the beginning of the first line of lyrics.

cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

The second line of musical notation continues the melody. The lyrics 'cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,' are written below the notes.

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

The third line of musical notation concludes the phrase. The lyrics 'which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,' are written below the notes.

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

THANKSGIVING

Psalm 107:1

Two staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff is a single melodic line. The second staff is a two-part setting with a treble and bass clef. Both staves contain the lyrics: "O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, and His mercy endureth for - ev - er."

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

The following is said or chanted:

A Let us pray.

A O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Two staves of music in G major. The first staff is a single melodic line. The second staff is a two-part setting with a treble and bass clef. Both staves contain the word "Amen." with a long note on "A" and a short note on "men."

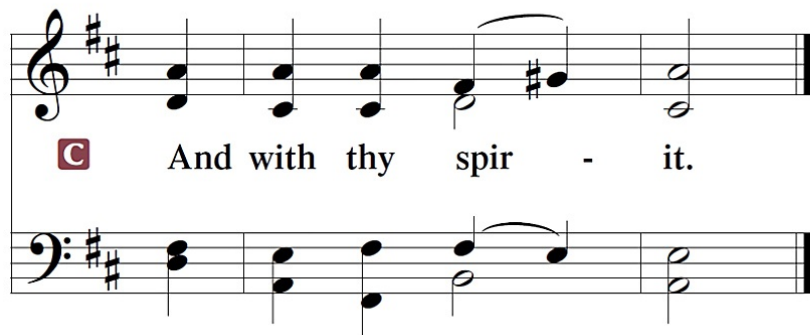
C A - men.

SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS



P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

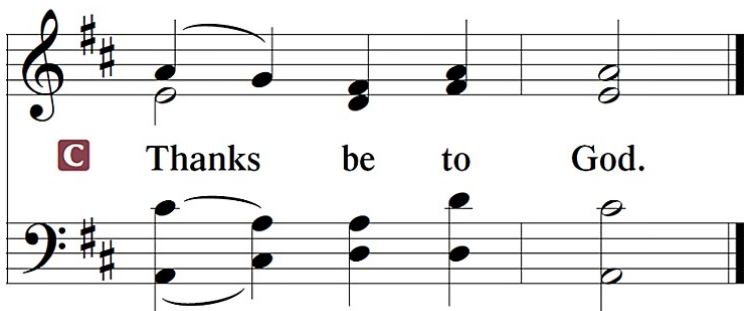


C And with thy spir - it.



A Bless we the Lord.

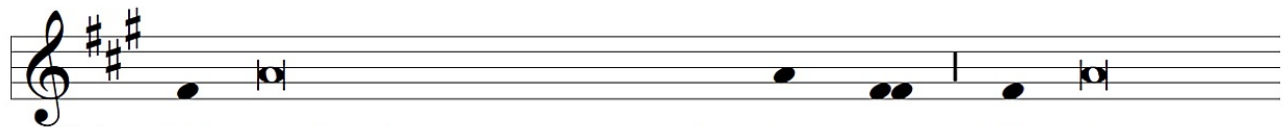
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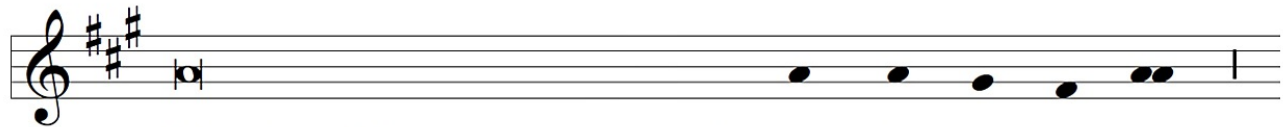
C Thanks be to God.

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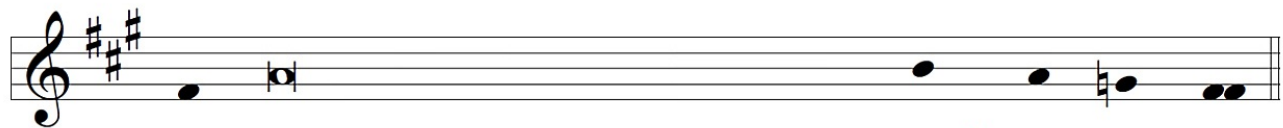
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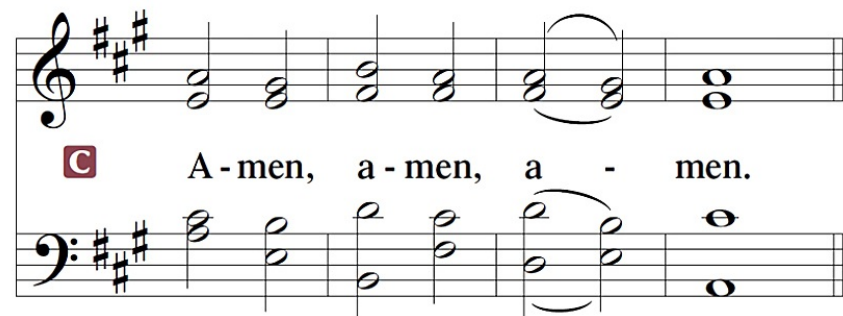
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



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



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



C A - men, a - men, a - men.

Sit

✠ *Soli Deo Gloria* ✠



1 From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's
 2 E - ter - nal are Thy mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal truth at -
 △ 3 All praise to God the Fa - ther be, All praise, e - ter - nal



praise a - rise;
 tends Thy Word. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Son, to Thee.



Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung Through ev - 'ry land by
 Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and
 Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore For - ev - er and for -



ev - 'ry tongue.
 set no more. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 ev - er - more:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Paul at the Areopagus in Athens (Acts 17:16-31).*

- * The Areopagus is a prominent rock outcropping located northwest of the Acropolis in Athens, Greece. Its English name is the Late Latin composite form of the Greek name *Areios Pagos*, translated "Hill of Ares," also known as "Mars Hill." (*Mars* is the Roman equivalent of *Ares*, the Greek god of war.)