

1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly  
 2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His  
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the  
 4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His

in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in  
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He  
 Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He  
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose

heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
 spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.  
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.  
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.



# DIVINE SERVICE

## *Setting Two*

PASTORAL GREETING

Stand

HYMN OF INVOCATION

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**A** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

**A** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*1 John 1:8-9*

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

**A** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**A** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*[John 20:19-23]*

**C** Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### INTROIT

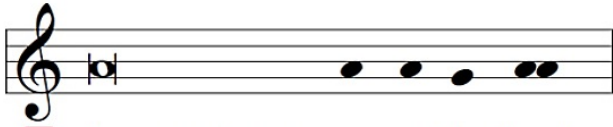
*Psalm 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b*

- A** These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.  
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
- C** **In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;  
in your righteousness deliver me.**
- A** For you are my rock and my fortress;  
and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.
- C** **Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.**
- C** **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.**
- A** These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.  
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.



### Massacre of the Holy Innocents

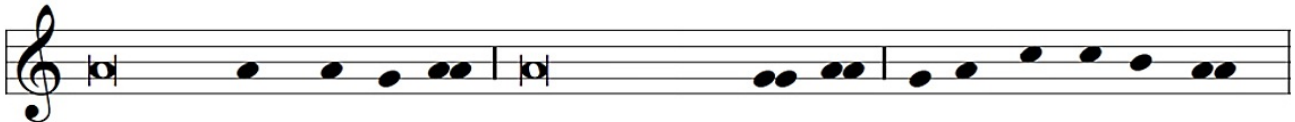
*“A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children”* (Jer. 31:15). Herod rages and sends to kill all boys two years and younger (Matt. 2:16), desperate to destroy the newborn King of kings. The Church remembers these innocent victims as martyrs. They died for the One who came to die for them. This dark commemoration bears witness to the cruelty of sinful men and the world's hatred of Christ, who has sanctified our fragile life even from His conception and birth. But the boy who escaped Bethlehem's bloody streets unscathed went on to face thorns, nails and spear for them and for us. He is the Lamb whose name is written with the Father's name on the foreheads of His baptized saints (Rev. 14:1). By His death, He has redeemed an inheritance for Himself and brought peace at last by His blood. On the fourth day of Christmas, we sing “a new song” of the Lamb, of Christ the true martyr, whose death testifies that our redemption is won. We “follow the Lamb wherever he goes” (Rev. 14:3, 4), for He will bring our tears to an end.



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



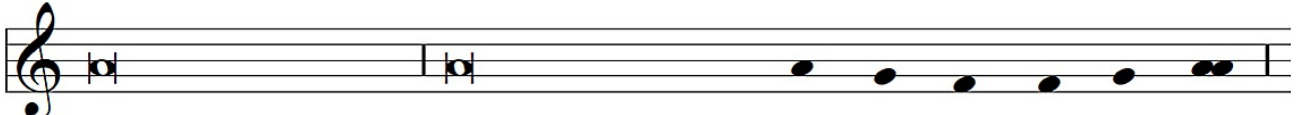
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



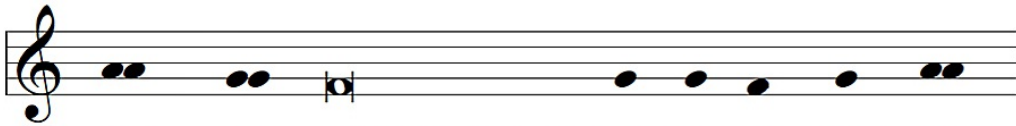
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.



*Kyrie Eleison*

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LORD, HAVE MERCY

# HYMN OF PRAISE ~ This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And al - so with you.

**A** Let us pray.

*The COLLECT OF THE DAY is spoken or chanted.*

**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## OLD TESTAMENT or FIRST READING

*After the reading:*

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL

*Psalm 71:4a, 5a, 6a, b, 8*

**A** Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked.  
For you, O Lord, are my hope.  
Upon you have I leaned from before my birth;  
you are he who took me from my mother's womb.  
My mouth is filled with your praise,  
and with your glory all the day.

## EPISTLE or SECOND READING

*After the reading:*

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA

*Joel 2:13*

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

*After the reading:*

**A** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*



1 O lit - tle flock, fear not the foe Who mad - ly  
 2 Be of good cheer; your cause be - longs To Him who  
 3 As true as God's own Word is true, Not earth nor  
 4 A - men, Lord Je - sus, grant our prayer; Great Cap - tain,



seeks your o - ver - throw; Dread not his rage and pow'r.  
 can a - venge your wrongs; Leave it to Him, our Lord.  
 hell's sa - tan - ic crew A - gainst us shall pre - vail.  
 now Thine arm make bare, Fight for us once a - gain!



And though your cour - age some-times faints, His seem - ing  
 Though hid - den yet from mor - tal eyes, His Gid - eon  
 Their might? A joke, a mere fa - cade! God is with  
 So shall Thy saints and mar - tyrs raise A might - y



tri - umph o'er God's saints Lasts but a lit - tle hour.  
 shall for you a - rise, Up - hold you and His Word.  
 us and we with God— Our vic - t'ry can - not fail.  
 cho - rus to Thy praise For - ev - er - more. A - men.

*Stand*

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

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**LORD  
TO WHOM  
SHALL WE GO?  
YOU HAVE THE WORDS  
OF ETERNAL LIFE.**

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## NICENE CREED

**C** 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.

# PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

*Sit*

## OFFERING

*Stand*

## OFFERTORY

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19



**C** What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



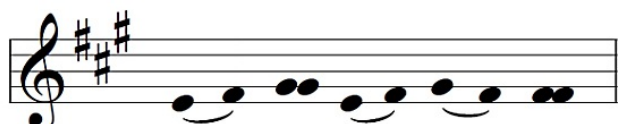
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo - ple, in the




courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa - lem.

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT


## PREFACE



**P** The Lord be with you.




**C** And al-so with you.




**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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

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



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
 pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
 of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from ✝ evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.

Amen.

*Matthew 6:9-13*

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

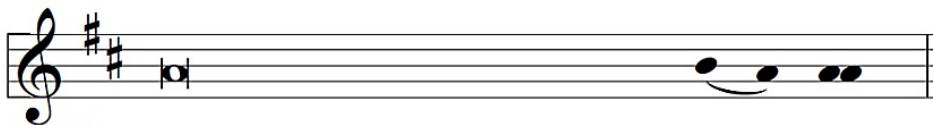
*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24  
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

**P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance 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** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
 sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of  
 God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Sit*

- 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.

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, When  
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That  
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, When I was sink - ing down Be -  
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll

caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread - ful curse for my  
 neath God's righ - teous frown, Christ laid a - side His crown for my  
 is the great I AM, While mil - lions join the theme, I will  
 sing His love for me, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, To bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!  
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side His crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make  
 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it  
 3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a  
 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and

here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,  
 of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—  
 vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:  
 king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,

That the Lord chose such a birth.  
 Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.  
 God was there up - on His throne.  
 His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

5 God the Father was His source,  
 Back to God He ran His course.  
 Into hell His road went down,  
 Back then to His throne and crown.

7 From the manger newborn light  
 Shines in glory through the night.  
 Darkness there no more resides;  
 In this light faith now abides.

6 For You are the Father's Son  
 Who in flesh the vict'ry won.  
 By Your mighty pow'r make whole  
 All our ills of flesh and soul.

△ 8 Glory to the Father sing,  
 Glory to the Son, our king,  
 Glory to the Spirit be  
 Now and through eternity.

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -  
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions

King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him  
 ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
 ground; He comes to make His bless - ings  
 prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -

room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture  
 plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
 flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is  
 ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His

sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
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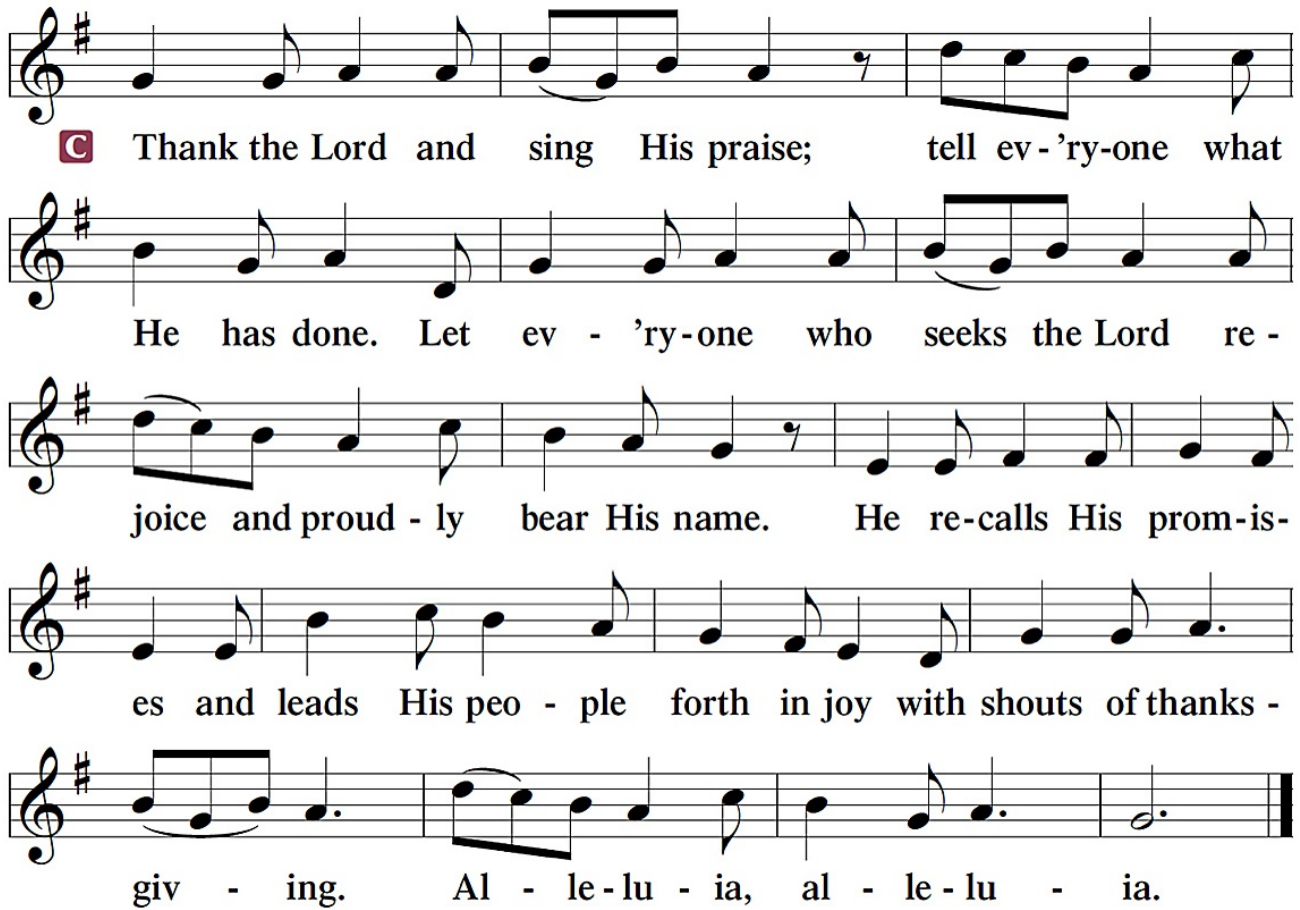
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In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

**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.

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE ~ Thank the Lord



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done. Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He re-calls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

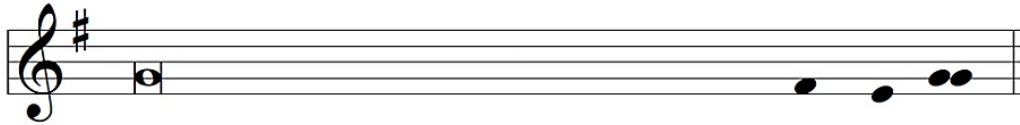
## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**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.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



*Sit*

✠ *Soli Deo Gloria* ✠

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1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is  
 2 Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are  
 3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While  
 feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The  
 own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is  
 si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall  
 lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the



Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;  
 pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;  
 song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar-y!  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar-y!  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar-y!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The treble staff contains a melody with various note values, including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, and rests. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are centered between the two staves, aligned with the musical phrases. The lyrics are: "Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar-y! Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar-y! Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar-y!"