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Divine Service Setting Three ~ Pg 184
April 21, 2024

As We Gather: Those Who Wait on the Lord Shall Rejoice

The people of God are pilgrims and sojourners in this world, looking ahead to a destination yet to come (1 Peter 2:11–20). Though we are now children of God, the fullness of what we shall be has not yet been revealed (1 John 3:1–3). We are those who wait on the Lord. “*The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him*” (Lam. 3:25). Jesus tells us that the wait is just a little while. “*A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me*” (John 16:16). Though you must experience sorrow for a time, though you must live as strangers in a world that is at enmity with Christ, yet your sorrow will be turned to joy when He returns. “*But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength*” (Is. 40:31). The little while of weeping shall be replaced with an eternity of rejoicing in the presence of Christ the crucified and risen Savior. “*And no one will take your joy from you*” (John 16:22).

*(As the Cross, a symbol of our redemption, enters the sanctuary,
God’s people stand and fix our eyes upon it)*

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

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Exhortation

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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.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

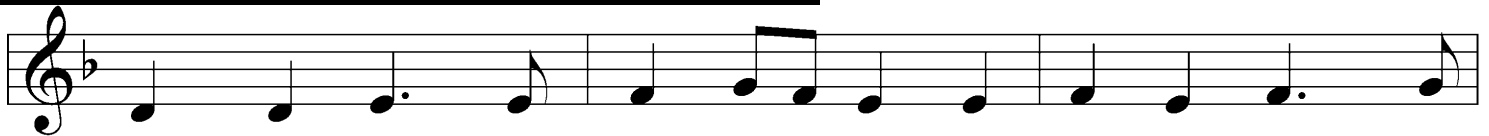
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution

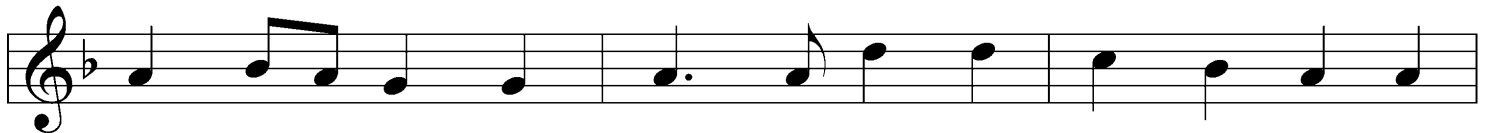
P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Hymn ‘Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying’



1 Wa - ter, blood, and Spir - it cry - ing, By their wit - ness
 2 In a wa - t'ry grave are bur - ied All our sins that
 3 Dark the way, yet Christ pre - cedes us, Past the scowl of
 4 Though a - round us death is seeth - ing, God, His two - edged
 5 Spir - it, wa - ter, blood en - treat - ing, Work - ing faith and



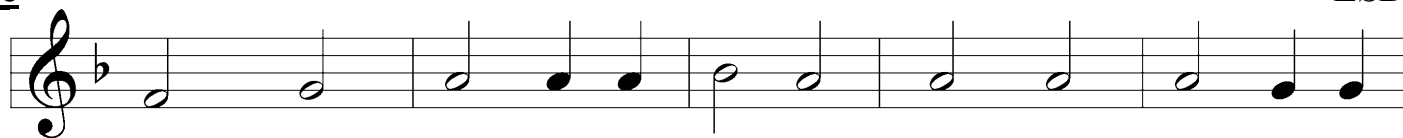
tes - ti - fy - ing To the One whose death - de - fy - ing
 Je - sus car - ried; Christ, the Ark of Life, has fer - ried
 death He leads us; Spreads a ta - ble where He feeds us
 sword un - sheath - ing, By His Spir - it life is breath - ing
 its com - plet - ing In the One whose death - de - feat - ing



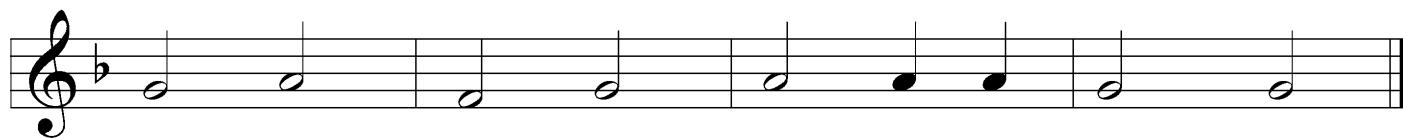
Life has come, with life for all.
 Us a - cross death's rag - ing flood.
 With His bod - y and His blood.
 Through the liv - ing, ac - tive Word.
 Life has come, with life for all.

Kyrie

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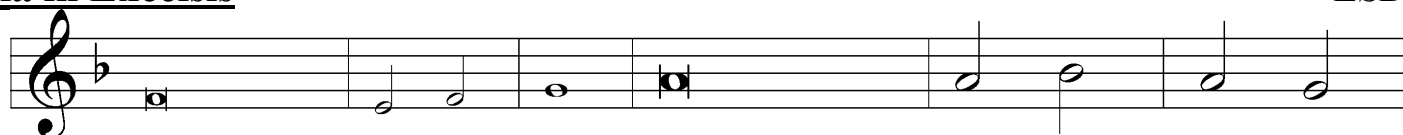
C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



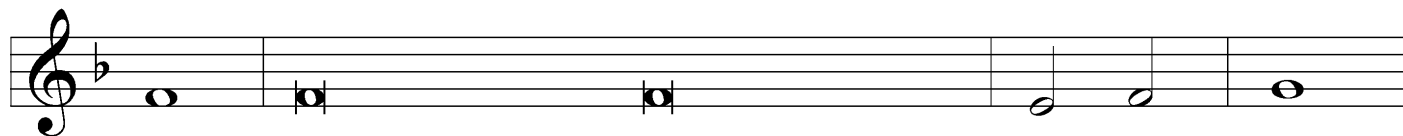
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

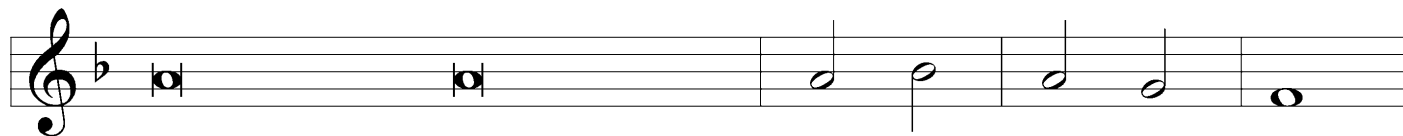
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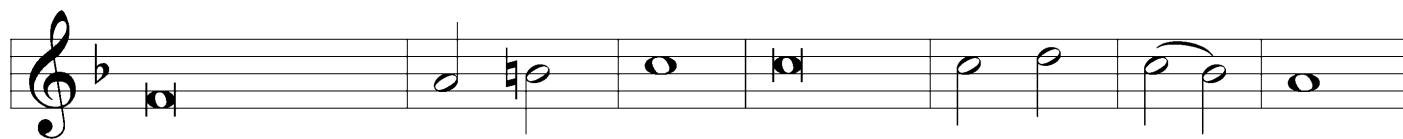
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



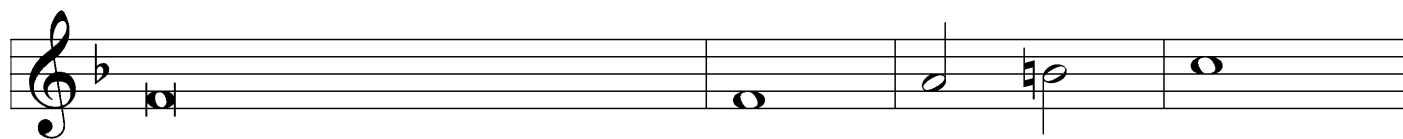
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



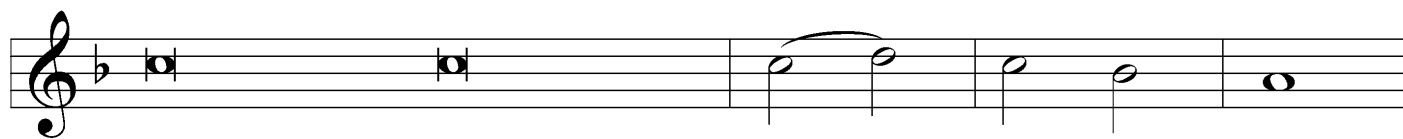
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



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



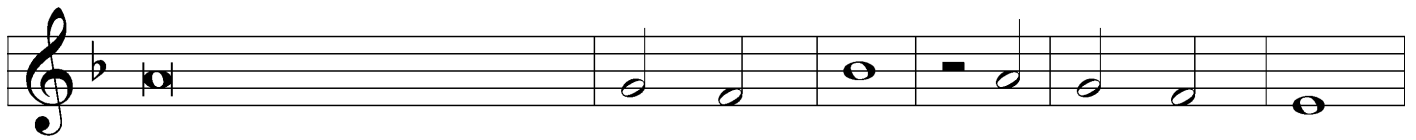
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



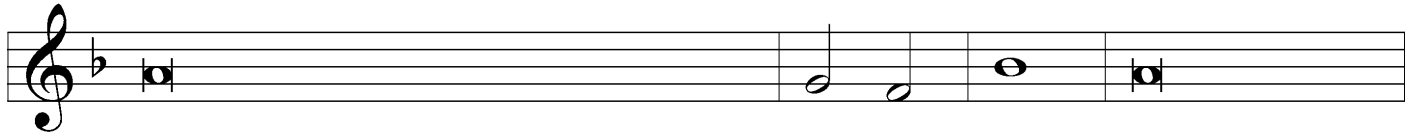
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



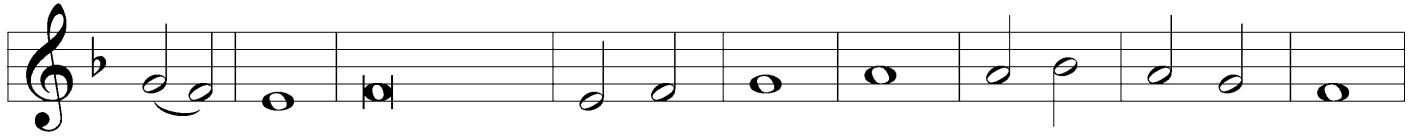
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



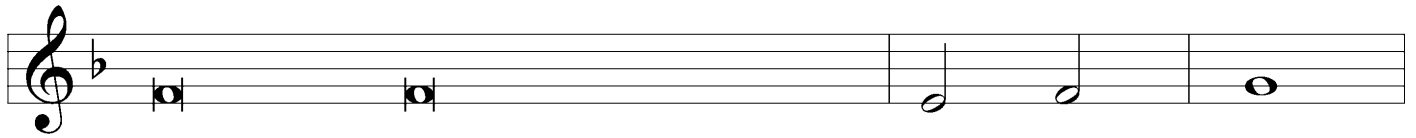
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



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.

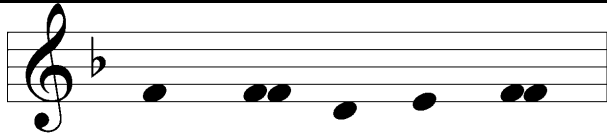


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,



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

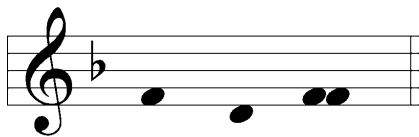
Salutation and Collect of the Day: Easter 4 (One-Year Lectionary)



P The Lord be with you.

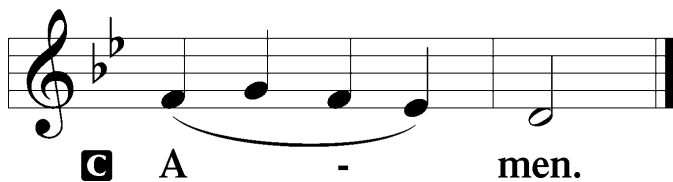


C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:25–31

²⁵To whom then will you compare me,
that I should be like him? says the Holy One.

²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see:
who created these?

He who brings out their host by number,
calling them all by name,
by the greatness of his might,
and because he is strong in power
not one is missing.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,

“My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?

²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹He gives power to the faint,
and to him who has no might he increases strength.

³⁰Even youths shall faint and be weary,
and young men shall fall exhausted;

³¹but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alleluia.

Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alleluia.

Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!

So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.”

Come and see what God has done:

he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

Bless our God, O peoples;

let the sound of his praise be heard,

who has kept our soul among the living

and has not let our feet slip.

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.

Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alleluia.

Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alleluia.

Epistle*1 Peter 2:11–20*

¹¹Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹²Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

¹³Be subject for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. ¹⁵For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. ¹⁶Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. ¹⁷Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

¹⁸Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. ¹⁹For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as you are able.

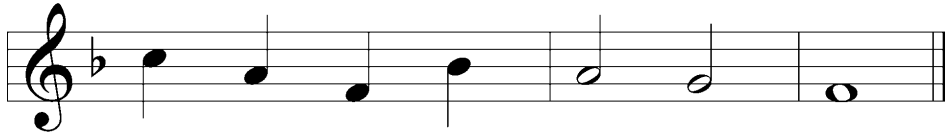


C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 16:16–22

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁶[Jesus said:] “A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” ¹⁷So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?” ¹⁸So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” ¹⁹Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’?” ²⁰Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²²So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.


Nicene Creed

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

**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 ‘With High Delight Let Us Unite’

1 With high de-light Let us u - nite In songs of great
2 True God, He first From death has burst Forth in - to life,
3 Let prais-es ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord



ju - bi - la - tion. Ye pure in heart, All bear your part,
 all sub-du - ing. His en - e - my Doth van-quished lie;
 ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed By word and deed

Sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To set us
 His death has been death's un - do - ing. "And yours shall
 To ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So shall His

free For - ev - er, He Is ris'n and sends To all earth's
 be Like vic - to - ry O'er death and grave," Saith He, who
 love Give us a - bove, From mis - er - y And death set

ends Good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
 gave His life for us, life re - new - ing.
 free, All joy and full con - so - la - tion.

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Sermon

“ ‘Watch’ or ‘See’? ”

John 16:16-22

Votum

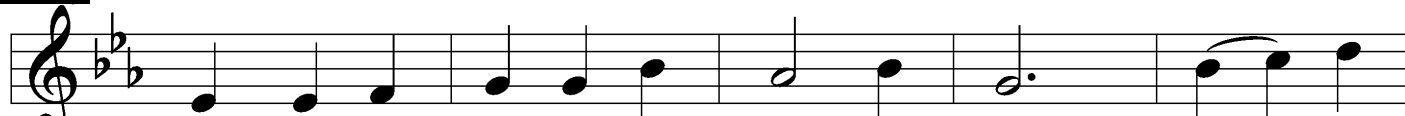
P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Please stand, as you are able.

Offertory

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



Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P That the enemies of God may be brought to repentance and join the praises of the faithful, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the young and the aged, that they would be knit into one Church; and that the wisdom and strength of the Lord would bless our way into His heavenly kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For diligence in our own daily labors and holy devotion to observe the day of Christ's resurrection, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For humility before the rulers God Himself has appointed, that His will would be done in our land; and for strong faith in His heavenly authority, which will not permit the righteous to be moved, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who suffer, [*especially* _____,] that the Lord would heal them and grant to us all strength and endurance to pursue His heavenly kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who commune, that here in the Sacrament God would give us joy in the midst of sorrow, repentance, firm faith and honest fellowship in the blessings of Christ's testament; and that we would receive consciences thus cleansed from evil and renewed in Him, that we may stand undaunted until the day of visitation, let us pray to the Lord:

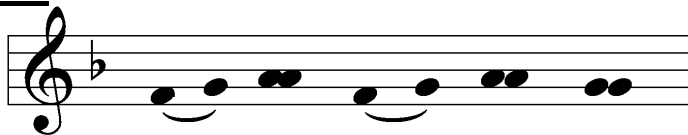
C Lord, have mercy.

P Lord God, of Your fatherly goodness You allow Your children to come under Your chastening rod to conform us to Your only begotten Son here in suffering on earth and hereafter in glory. Comfort us by Your Holy Spirit in all temptations and afflictions, that we would not despair but trust continually in Your Son's promise that our trials will endure but a little while and then be followed by eternal joy. Grant that we would overcome all evil in patient hope and at last obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

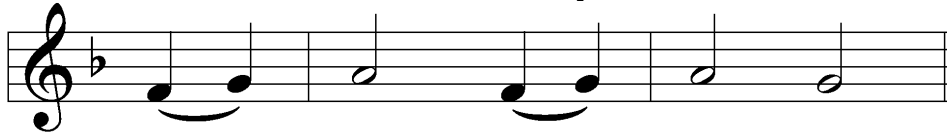
C Amen.

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.



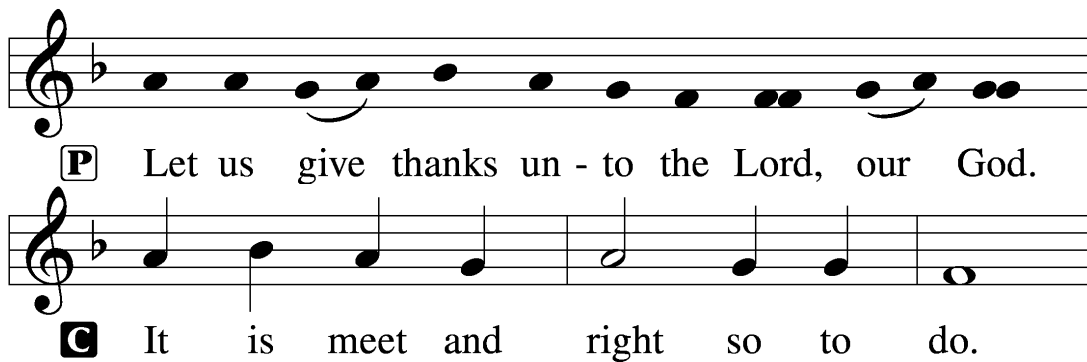
C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



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

C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface (Full)

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

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C 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,

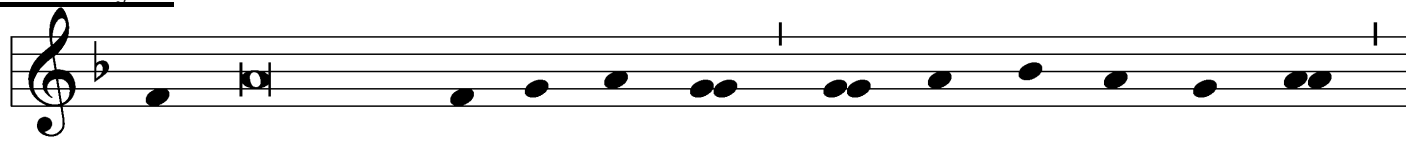
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,

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

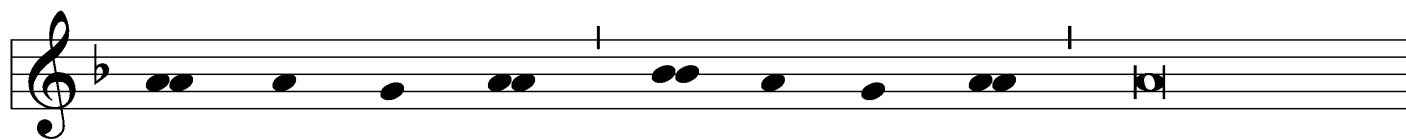
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

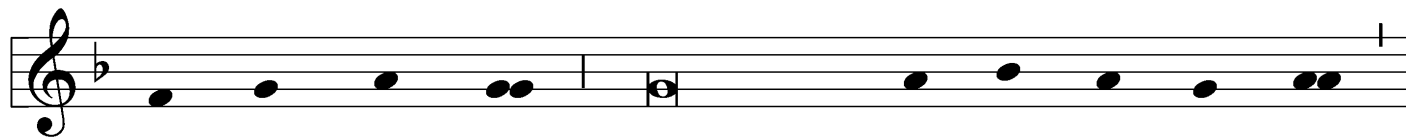
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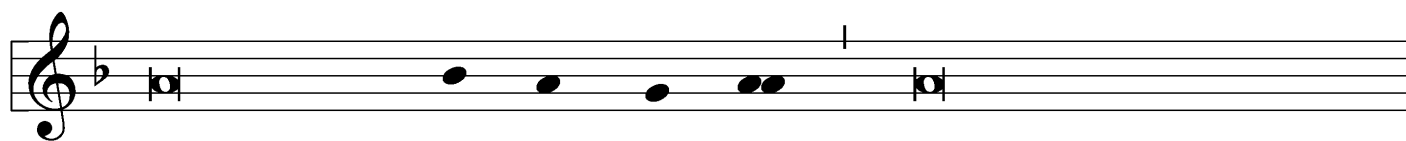
P Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



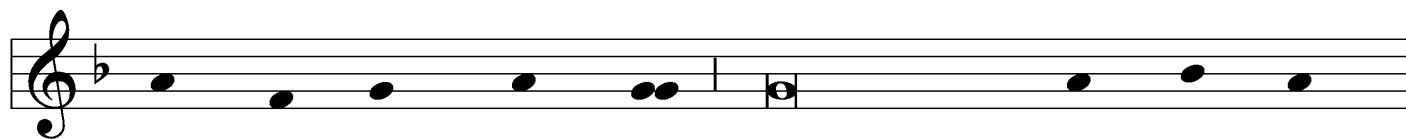
Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it



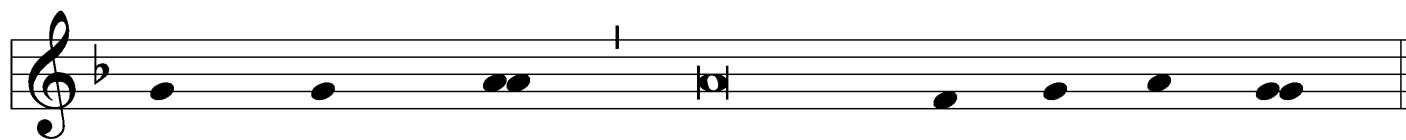
is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;



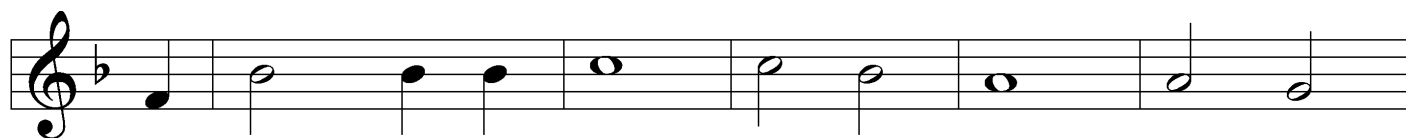
and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who



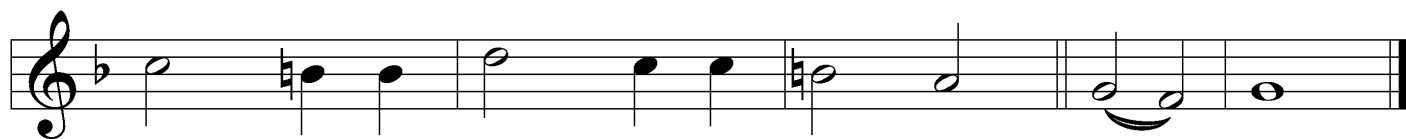
tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to



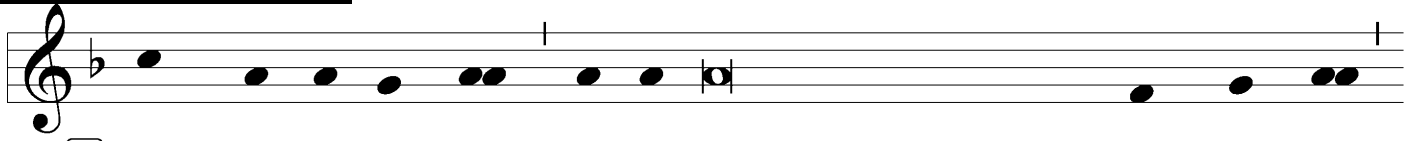
temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.



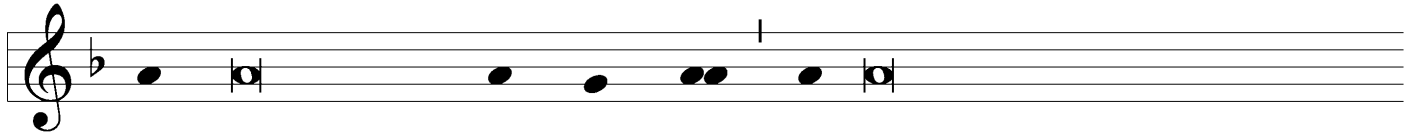
C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



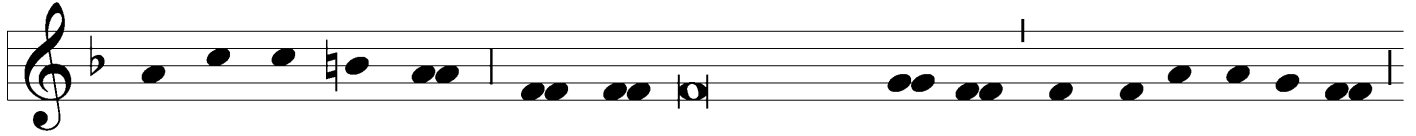
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.



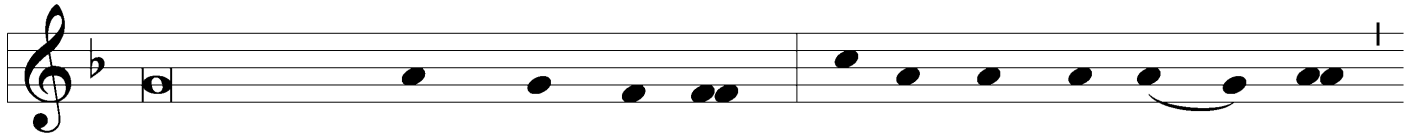
P Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,



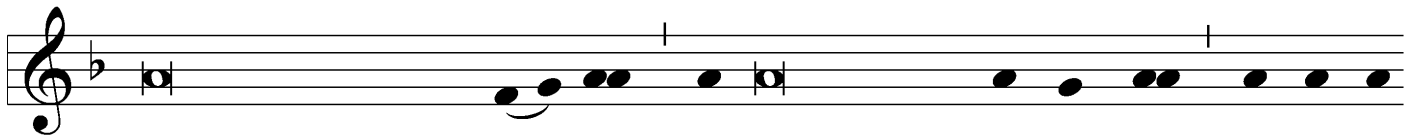
and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the



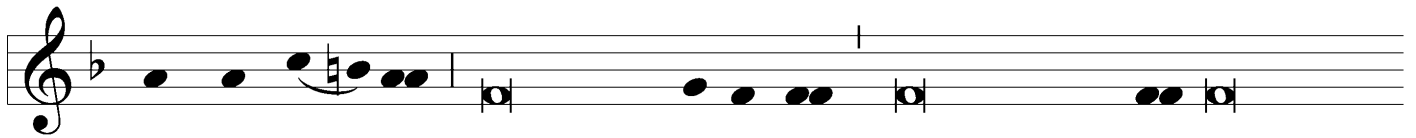
dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ bod - y, which is giv-en for you.



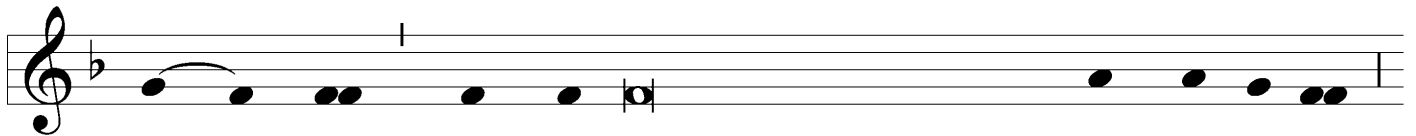
This do in re - mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so



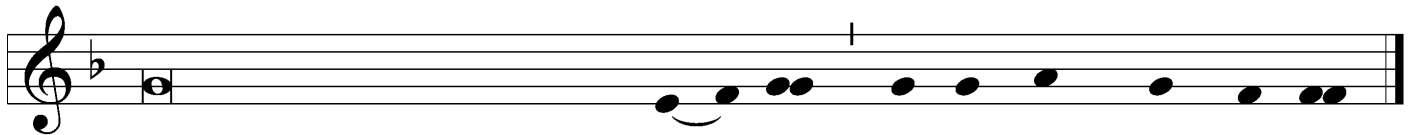
He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it



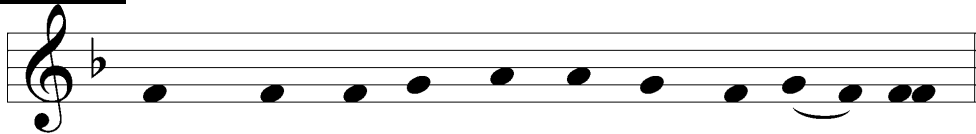
to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in



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

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

C A - men.

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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.

Please be seated.

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1 The gifts Christ free - ly gives He gives to you and me
2 The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;
3 The gifts of grace and peace From ab - so - lu - tion flow;
4 The gifts are there each day The ho - ly Word is read;



To be His Church, His bride, His cho - sen, saved and free!
New life He gives that makes Us His and His a - lone.
The pas - tor's words are Christ's For us to trust and know.
God's chil - dren lis - ten, hear, Re - ceive, and they are fed.



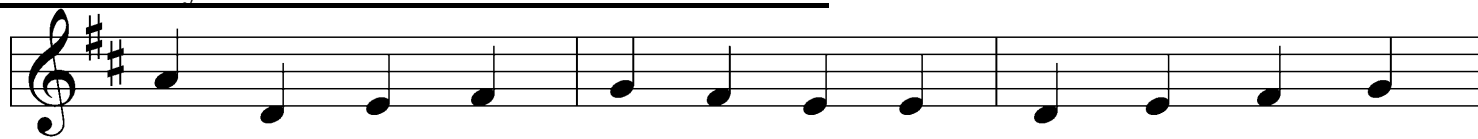
Saints blest with these rich gifts Are chil - dren who pro - claim
Here He for - gives our sins With wa - ter and His Word;
For - give - ness that we need Is grant - ed to us there;
Christ fills them with Him - self, Blest words that give them life,



That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.
The tri - une God Him - self Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.
The Lord of mer - cy sends Us forth in His blest care.
Re - stor - ing and re - fresh - ing Them for this world's strife.

5 The gifts are in the feast,
Gifts far more than we see;
Beneath the bread and wine
Is food from Calvary.
The body and the blood
Remove our ev'ry sin;
We leave His presence in
His peace, renewed again.

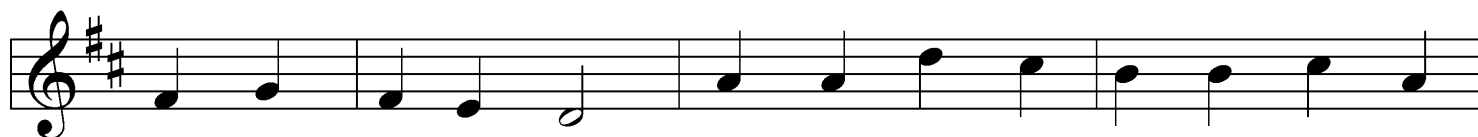
6 All glory to the One
Who lavishes such love;
The triune God in love
Assures our life above.
His means of grace for us
Are gifts He loves to give;
All thanks and praise for His
Great love by which we live!



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
 bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He
 con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to
 from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
 is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,
 us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
 You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
 We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
 that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,

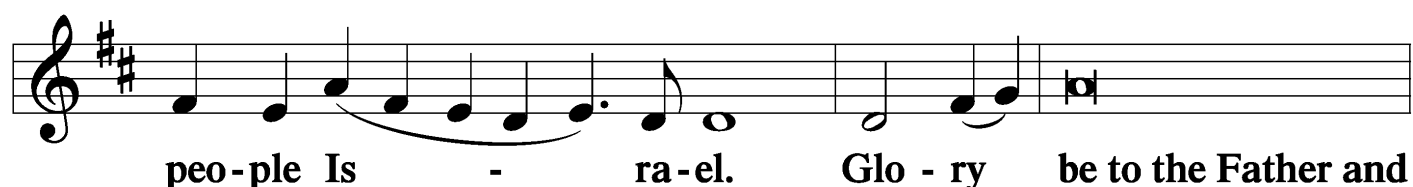
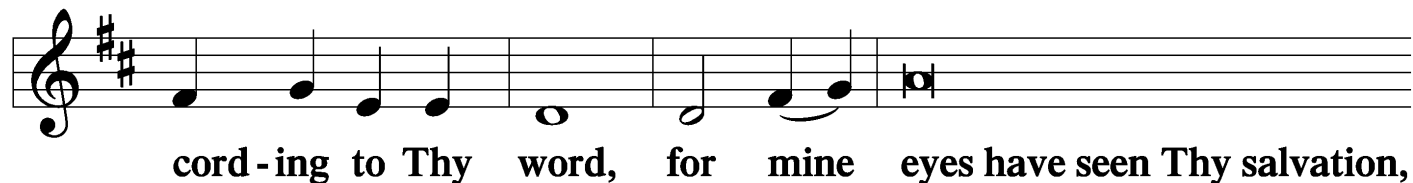
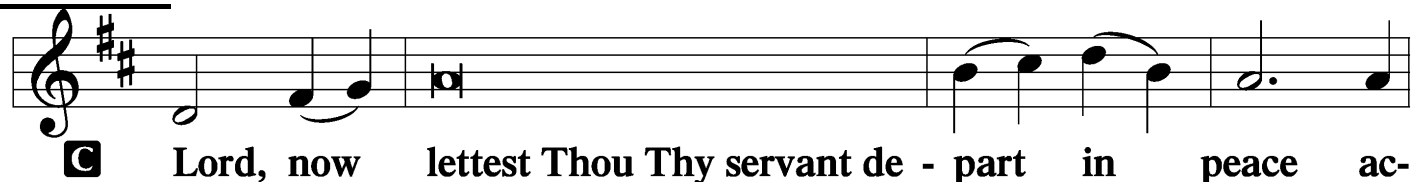


Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.
 here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

Please stand, as you are able.

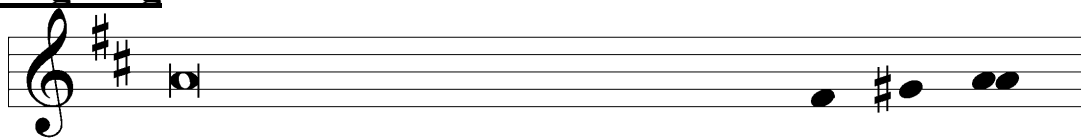
Nunc Dimittis

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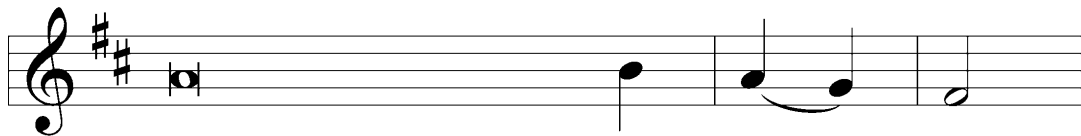


Thanksgiving

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

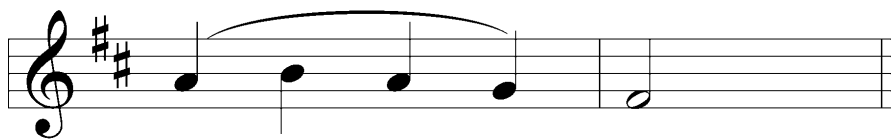


C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

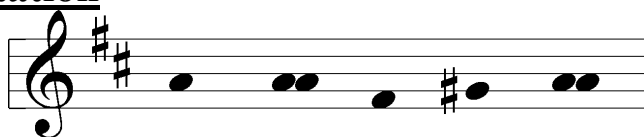
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You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



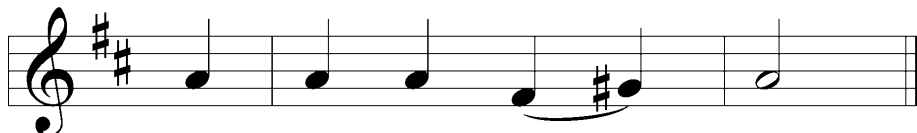
C A - men.

Salutation

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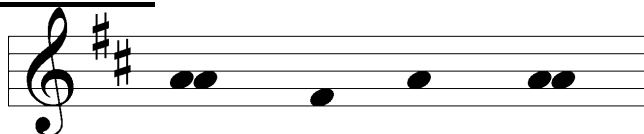
P The Lord be with you.



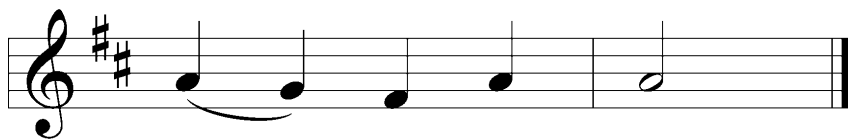
C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

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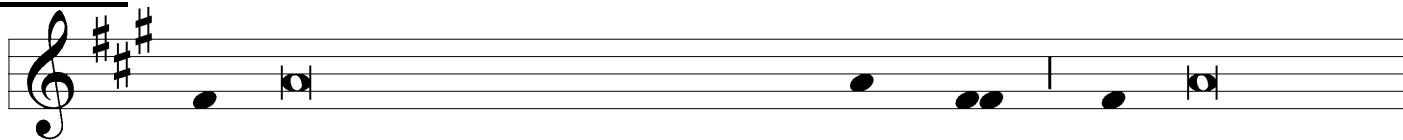
A Bless we the Lord.



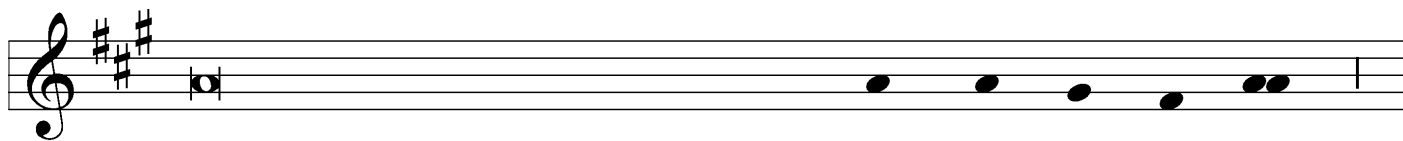
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

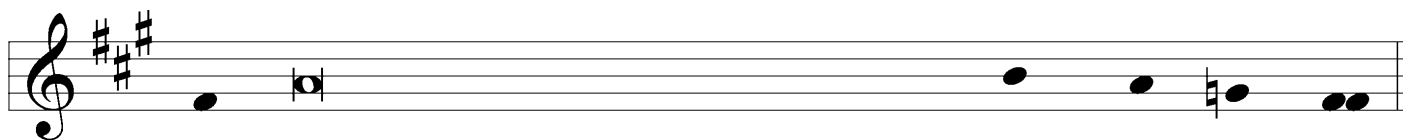
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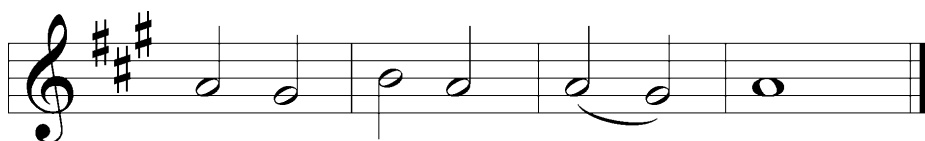
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



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.

Closing Hymn 'Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me'

LSB 756



1 Why should cross and tri - al grieve me? Christ is near
2 When life's trou - bles rise to meet me, Though their weight
3 God gives me my days of glad - ness, And I will
4 From God's joy can noth - ing sev - er, For I am
5 Now in Christ, death can - not slay me, Though it might,



With His cheer; Nev - er will He leave me.
May be great, They will not de - feat me.
Trust Him still When He sends me sad - ness.
His dear lamb, He, my Shep - herd ev - er.
Day and night, Trou - ble and dis - may me.



Who can rob me of the heav - en That God's Son
God, my lov - ing Sav - ior, sends them; He who knows
God is good; His love at - tends me Day by day,
I am His be - cause He gave me His own blood
Christ has made my death a por - tal From the strife



For me won When His life was giv - en?
All my woes Knows how best to end them.
Come what may, Guides me and de - fends me.
For my good, By His death to save me.
Of this life To His joy im - mor - tal!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guests: Welcome! We are so glad to have you with us today! If you are visiting us for the first time, please sign our guest book, or a guest card in the pew and place in the offering plate before leaving. Please join us for fellowship after the service.

Communion Statement: As we learn from 1 Corinthians, when we commune together we make a confession of our oneness in doctrine & understanding of God's Word. Since those who show publicly that they agree with the teachings believed, taught, & confessed by the Pastor & congregation at which the Sacrament is distributed, we ask that those who are not members in good standing of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, or one of our sister churches to please refrain from partaking of the Sacrament. Instead, if you would like to receive a blessing, you are more than welcome to come to the altar rail & please indicate you would like to receive a blessing by crossing your arms in front of your chest. A list of church bodies with whom we share Altar & Pulpit fellowship is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. If you would like to visit about this doctrine & practice, please talk to Pastor or an Elder. For further study on this matter see Matthew 5:23, 18:15-35, 26:26-39; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20 & 1 Cor. 11:17-34. Thank you.

Voters' Assembly today after the service.

Sunday School: "A Fiery Marvel" is the title of today's lesson. Despite King Nebuchadnezzar's directive to bow before his golden statue, three faithful Israelites ignore the order. In a burning rage, the king orders Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to be tossed into a flaming furnace heated seven times hotter than usual. To the king's astonishment, four men appear in the furnace, and Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego emerge unharmed—not even smelling of fire. Realizing the power of God, Nebuchadnezzar promotes these faithful men and praises the true God.

Stewardship: 1 John 3:2 – "Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is." This is the essence of our sanctification: becoming like our Lord. As St. John notes, this will only be completed in the Resurrection. But until then, we are called to trust His grace and to grow into His image more and more.

Loose Giving Envelopes are available in the pews and on the entryway table for visitors and for regular churchgoers who may have forgotten their offering envelopes.

General Fund & Mission Giving: When making gifts for both the general fund and missions, please provide the offerings in two separate checks as the church has separate bank accounts for these funds. Thank you.

Building Healthy Families for April 21st: Your mom wants to stay in her own home and wants you to stop worrying about her. You want her to be happy, but you worry about her living alone as she ages. Sound familiar? A recent AARP survey found that staying at home as long as possible is a stated goal for 95% of people age 75 and older. Be creative and seek mutually agreeable solutions which make staying at home safe as long as possible; be brave and respectful and have conversations about options before a move is needed. Find helpful ideas and resources at <https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/aging-place/aging-place-growing-older-home> or invite a counselor from LFS out to speak to a group in your church or community about this important topic! ~ www.LutheranFamilyService.org.

Life Quote for April 21st: “Scripture and prayer are our strongest weapons to change hearts, and we must persist and never give up, no matter how disappointing things get with evil laws being enacted or evil intent coming our way.” *Virginia Flo, Director of Volunteer Relations, Lutherans For Life* ~ **A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •** lutheransforlife.org

Lutheran Hour Ministries for April 28th: Hear "We Can't Stop Talking" based on Acts 4:20 by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Jesus calls His followers to undergo transformation, endure opposition, and engage others in conversation.~ **Listen next Sunday on 600 WMT at 6:30 a.m., 1190 KFJB at 8:30 a.m., WHO-1040 at 7:30 a.m., & 1410 KGRN at 7:30 a.m.**

A Life Thought in the Church Year for April 21st: The Gracious Savior brings a delightful clarity to life-and-death issues and situations. Killing and destroying belongs entirely to the work of the devil (John 10:11). The people of God advocate and extend abundant, everlasting life to the Lord's every little lamb. Unto all our neighbors, with both our voice and our goods (1 John 3:17), may we “come that they may have life and have it abundantly!”

DEFENDING THE FAITH, TEACHING THE TRUTH... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's subjects include: Biblical Christianity vs. Progressive Christianity, The Movie “Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire,” Polygamy in the Bible, Responding to Roman Catholic Proof Texts and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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Cleaning: Household(s) responsible for the week of 4/21—4/27 is **Wyatt**. Household(s) responsible for the week of 4/28—5/4 is **Wyckoff**. If you cannot clean the week you have been assigned, it is your responsibility to trade with others on the list. If it is your week to clean church and you have other obligations or you prefer to write a check rather than cleaning, a substitute is available for **\$75.00**. Please contact Amber at immanuelutheran@iowatelecom.net. Make payment to Amber Carnine and leave payment under her office door, in her box at church, or you can mail payment to the church. We do ask that you let Amber know ASAP but the deadline is by Thursday of the week before it is your week to clean.

Members of Immanuel – coming soon to your home mailboxes, you will find a copy of the Lutheran Witness (a publication of the LCMS). The church has taken on the cost for getting this monthly resource into your hands. You should receive one every month, except in the summer where there is a combined issue for June/July. If you need to update your address or have problems with your delivery, please let the church office know. What is the Lutheran Witness? In 1844, C.F.W. Walther founded the German magazine, Der Lutheraner, for the members of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). Walther set out of a fourfold purpose for the newsletter: First, to make known the doctrine, treasures, and history of the Lutheran Church. Second, to show how the Evangelical Lutheran Church is the true church of Jesus Christ on earth. Third, to help Lutherans know how to believe, live and die in the faith. Fourth, and finally, to uncover the false doctrine afflicting Lutherans of his time. Today, that tradition continues today, as The Lutheran Witness seeks to help you interpret the world from a Lutheran perspective. The editors and designers work to craft articles and magazines that point readers to Christ and Him crucified for the sins of the world. In the end, it is not about us and our crafted words and refined designs, it's about Him and His life, suffering, and death for the sins of the world. May this resource serve to strengthen you in your life together with Christ and His Church.

SUMMER STAFF NEEDED: Looking for a summer job? Get that and more with a summer camp experience at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca in Solon, IA is hiring for male and female camp counselors for the upcoming summer. Do not miss out on this fantastic opportunity to spend your summer serving as a Christian role model for youth from Eastern Iowa and beyond! Employment begins May 29 and ends August 3. All summer staff go through training in early June to be fully trained in camp activities and safety, including CPR, AED, and first aid training. Candidates should be at least 18 years old. To get started, head on over to www.nloma.org and complete a summer service profile. Please contact Alec Deppe at 319-848-4187 or email programdirector@iodiseca.org if you have any questions or for more information, or check out Camp's website at www.campiodiseca.org.

LWML (Lutheran Women in Mission) NEWS

From Helen Huedepohl, LWML IED VP of Communication:

What a **JOYFUL** message to receive on EASTER weekend!! **Our mite goal has been reached!**

Psalm 107 repeats the refrain *"Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!"*

Of course, our Convention theme verse is perfect for this occasion also. *"Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth."* Shout it out! Praise the Lord! Share this news.

We made our mite goal and will have enough money to pay our Mission Grants for the 2022-2024 biennium with money raised in **this biennium!**
Checks have been written for all but one mission grant, and enough money has been received to cover it!
I stand amazed at the faithfulness of God and His LWML servants."

There is still time to sign up for the Marshalltown Zone Spring Rally on April 20, 2024. We can carpool from church – be at Immanuel by 8:25am, if you are willing to carpool or need a ride. Please sign up on the sheet on the table in the Entryway before *Friday, April 12*.

Are you still pondering about attending the Iowa East LWML Convention to be held on June 21-22 at the Radisson Hotel in Cedar Rapids, IA? The deadline for Early Registration is May 1, 2024. Grab a Registration Form from the table in the Entryway. I can promise you that you won't be disappointed you attended the Convention.

For more information, come to our LWML Meeting on Monday, April 15th at 11:30. :}

Members of Immanuel,

The following is a resolution that will be presented for vote at the Voter's Meeting on April 21. It attempts to gather the information that has been discussed thus far and decided at previous meetings. As brought forward at the last discussion, this is given to you ahead of time for your prayerful consideration. The vote will be by written ballot, not by voice vote.

To Add the Corpus of Christ on the Cross in the Sanctuary

WHEREAS, St. Paul writes, "For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." (1 Corinthians 1:18); Likewise, "we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. (1 Corinthians 1:23-24); Also, "And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. 2 For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 3 And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, 4 and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. (1 Corinthians 2:1-5); and

WHEREAS, St. Paul also says, "Far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world." (Galatians 6:14); and
WHEREAS, Art is a powerful symbol of confession and teaching;
and

WHEREAS, the LCMS has always recognized both the power of art and the freedom of its use in congregations; and

WHEREAS, the cross, a symbol of Christ's death, is being adopted for other uses not always rightly associated with its biblical understanding that it was Christ's death on the cross that defeated death and paid for sin; and

WHEREAS, a desire for making a more clear confession of the cross and teachings by adding a corpus to the cross in the front of the sanctuary (i.e. "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" 1 Peter 3:18) was passed at the last voter's meeting to have a period of discussion surrounding this issue, after being discussed and passed by the elders and the church council; and

WHEREAS, the past quarter (January 2024-April 2024) has provided information by way of a newsletter article, as well as two open discussion times, one of which provided a mechanism for members to submit questions anonymously; therefore be it

Resolved, Immanuel moves forward with adding a corpus to the cross in the front of the sanctuary; and be it further

Resolved, that Board of Elders and the Board of Trustees be tasked with getting the details of size, color, cost, etc.; and be it further

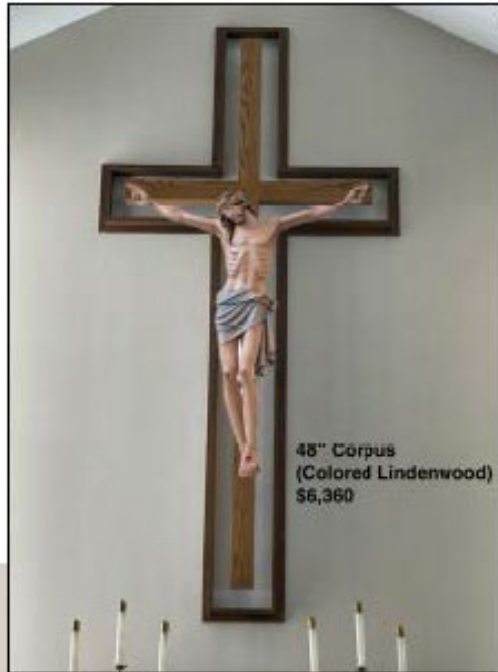
Resolved, that Board of Elders and the Board of Trustees be encouraged to have open and clear communication in the process and information for the voter's assembly;

Resolved, that further discussions and objections be utilized as places of learning and confessing together our unity in the body of Christ, which may best be served in conversations with pastor and the elders; and be it finally

Resolved, That the cost of the corpus will be covered by the general fund.

The Board of Elders
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grinnell, IA

Proposed Corpus Project



Proposal

One of our younger congregational members has presented a proposal to turn our main cross into a crucifix by adding the Corpus of Christ onto our pre-existing cross.

Why: A cross can represent anything nowadays. Many people wear it just as something to match their outfit without really knowing what it is meant to represent.

By putting the Corpus on our church's cross, we could better represent our shared belief in Jesus's crucifixion, sacrifice and fulfillment of the covenant.



- Has been approved by Board of Elders
- Has been approved by Church Council
- Is under discussion by Church Voters
- Needs congregational consideration and approval
- Will be reviewed and voted upon by Church Voters at the next quarterly meeting in April 2024

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact Pastor Koepp or a church elder.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

April 14, 2024

Attendance	52
General Fund	\$6080.00
Missions	\$105.00
Virginia Ashby Memorial	\$25.00

WEEK AHEAD

Today	9:00am	Jubilate (4th Sunday of Easter)
	10:30am	Sunday School/Bible Study
	10:30am	Voters' Assembly
		Greeter: K. Schultz
		Usher: Ben L.
		Servers: Amanda W./Evonne K.
		Acolyte/Crucifer: Finn/Kaitlynn
		Elder: Darlo K.
Tuesday	9:00am	IDE Board Meeting: Pastor at District Office
Thursday	9:30am	Confessions Study, Holy Cross in Carlisle
Next Sunday	9:00am	Cantate (5th Sunday of Easter)
	10:30am	Sunday School-Popcorn Sunday/Bible Study
		Greeter: Schutt
		Usher: Joel R. Koepp
		Servers: Melissa M./Sherry B.
		Acolyte/Crucifer: Alivia/Cole
		Elder: Joel M.