

+ SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY +
Divine Service Setting Three ~ Pg 184
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As We Gather: Jesus Calls forth Life from Death

A large funeral procession carrying the only son of a widow is confronted by another large procession, Jesus and His followers. Death and Life meet face to face at the gate of the city (Luke 7:11–17). Filled with compassion, Jesus comes into direct contact with our mortality in order to overcome it. He touches the coffin and speaks His creative words of life, “*Young man, I say to you, arise.*” Jesus does what is neither expected nor requested. For through Christ, God the Father “*is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think*” (Eph. 3:14–21). Jesus bore our death in His body that we may share in His resurrection. Even as Elijah stretched himself out three times over the Zarephath woman’s son (2 Kings 17:17–24), God stretched Himself out over us in the threefold application of His name in the baptismal water, breathing new and everlasting life into us. “*To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*”

*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.

Confession of Sins

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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

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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 'Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear'

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1 Lord, o - pen now my heart to hear, And through Your
2 Your Word in - spires my heart with - in; Your Word grants
△ 3 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the



Word to me draw near; Let me Your Word e'er pure re -
heal - ing from my sin; Your Word has pow'r to guide and
Spir - it, Three in One, Shall glo - ry, praise, and hon - or



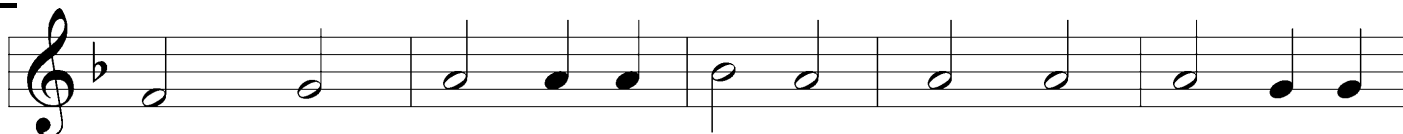
tain; Let me Your child and heir re - main.
bless; Your Word brings peace and hap - pi - ness.
be Now and through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

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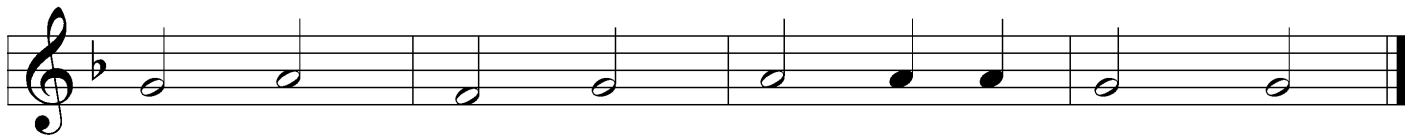
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Kyrie

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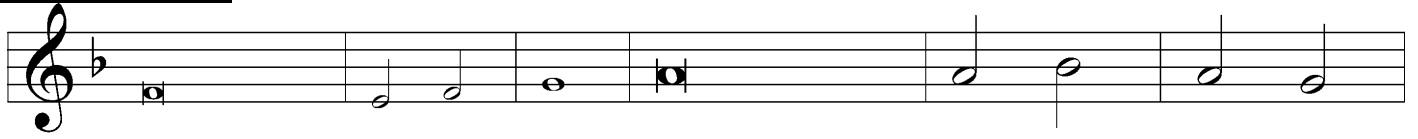
C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



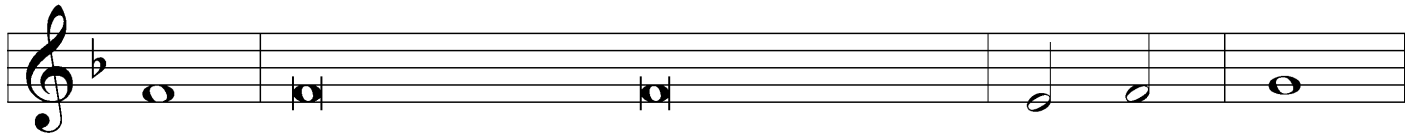
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

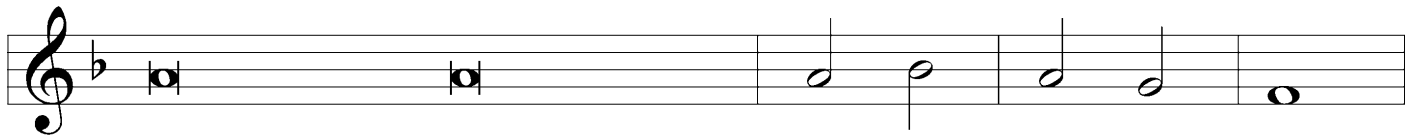
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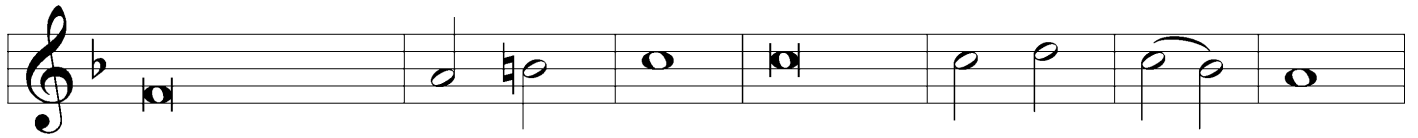
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



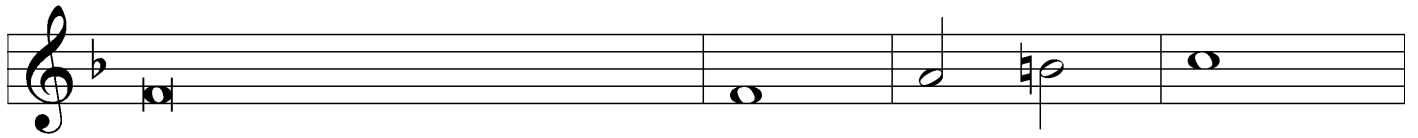
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



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



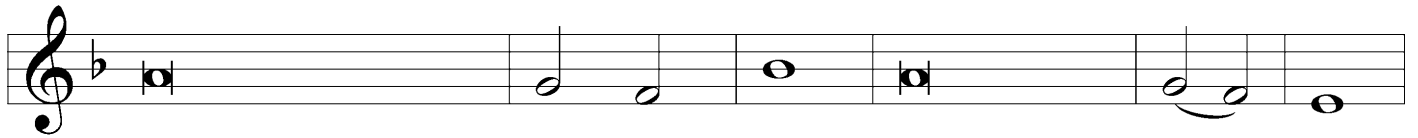
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



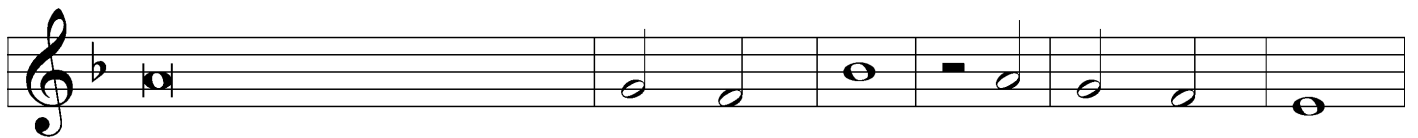
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



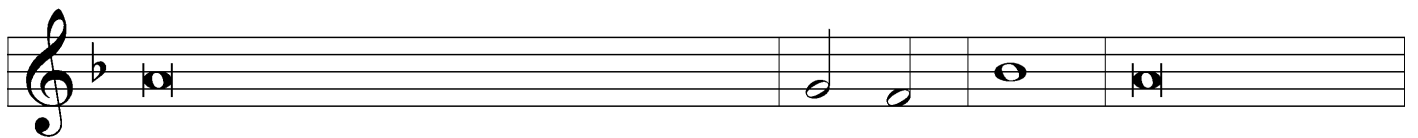
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



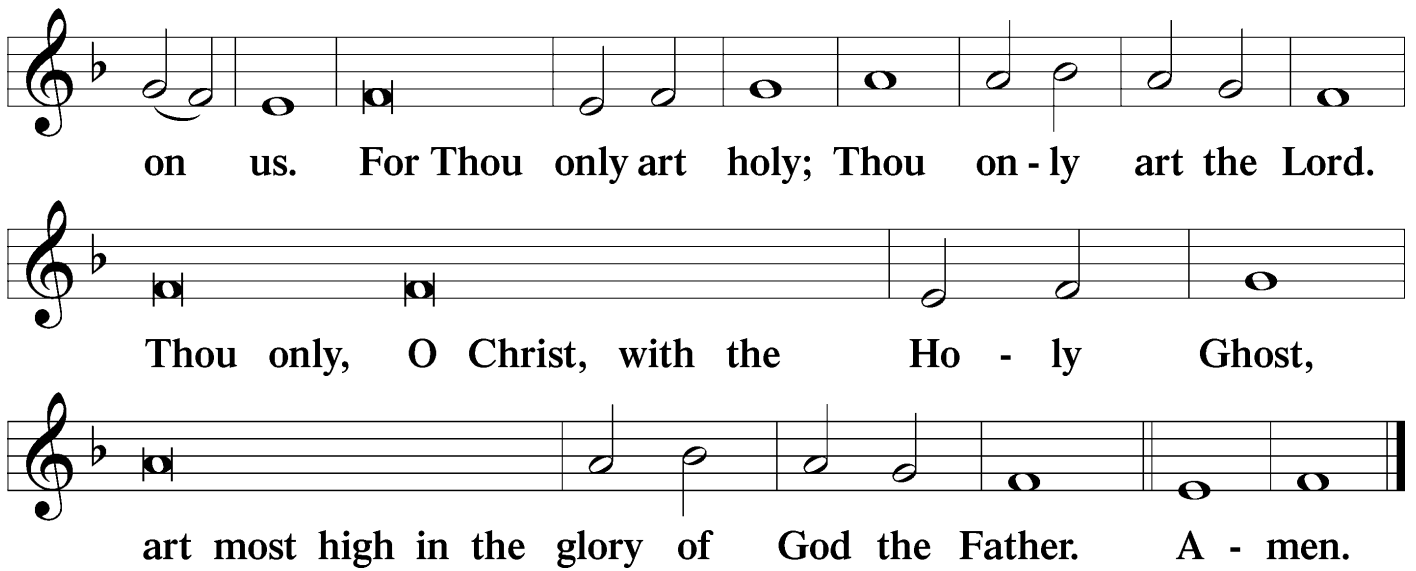
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



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



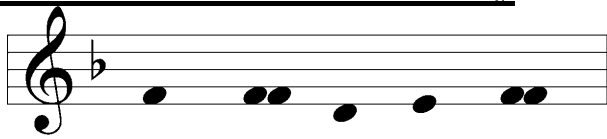
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



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

Trinity 16



P The Lord be with you.

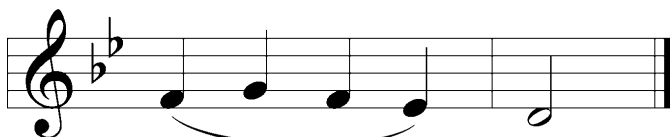


C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P O Lord, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may continually be given to all good works; 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.

Please be seated.

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 17:17–24

¹⁷After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. ¹⁸And she said to Elijah, “What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to

remembrance and to cause the death of my son!”¹⁹ And he said to her, “Give me your son.” And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed.²⁰ And he cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?”²¹ Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, let this child’s life come into him again.”²² And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived.²³ And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, “See, your son lives.”²⁴ And the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Introit

Psalm 86:1, 7, 12–13; antiphon: vv. 3, 5



Be gracious to me, O Lord,
 for to you do I cry all the day.
For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call up-on you.
 Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,
 for I am poor and needy.
In the day of my trouble I call upon you,
for you answer me.
 I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
 and I will glorify your name forever.
For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.
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.
 Be gracious to me, O Lord,
 for to you do I cry all the day.
For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

Epistle

Ephesians 3:13–21

13 So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every fatherhood in heaven and on earth is named, 16 that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

20 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as you are able.

Alleluia

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

Holy Gospel

Luke 7:11–17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventh chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

11 Soon afterward [Jesus] journeyed to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd were journeying with him; 12 but, he drew near to the gate of the city, and behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only-begotten son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd of the city was with her. 13 And seeing her, the Lord had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not go on weeping,” 14 and approaching, he touched the bier, and the one who were bearing it stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, be raised up.” 15 And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and he gave him to his mother. 16 And fear seized

them all, and they were glorifying God, saying, “A great prophet has been raised up among us!” and “God has visited his people!” 17And this word concerning him, went out in all Judea; also, all the surrounding countryside.

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 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,

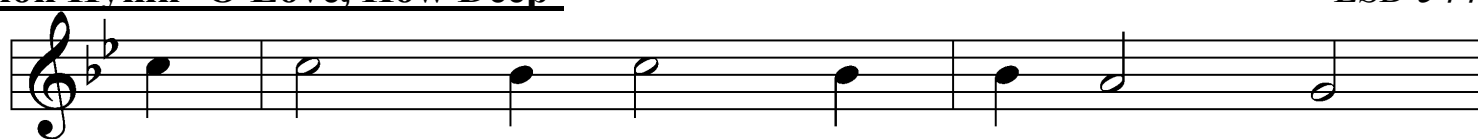
who spoke by the prophets.

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.

Please be seated.

Sermon Hymn 'O Love, How Deep'

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1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
2 He sent no an - gel to our race,
3 For us bap - tized, for us He bore
4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;



Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,
Of high - er or of low - er place,
His ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;
For us His dai - ly works He wrought,



That God, the Son of God, should take
But wore the robe of hu - man frame,
For us temp - ta - tion sharp He knew;
By words and signs and ac - tions thus



Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
And to this world Him - self He came.
For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
Still seek - ing not Him - self but us.

5 For us by wickedness betrayed,
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death;
For us He gave His dying breath.

6 For us He rose from death again;
For us He went on high to reign;
For us He sent His Spirit here
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

△ 7 All glory to our Lord and God
For love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore
Forever and forevermore.

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Sermon “The Joy and Importance of God’s Gift of Fatherhood”

Ephesians 3:13–21

Votum

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

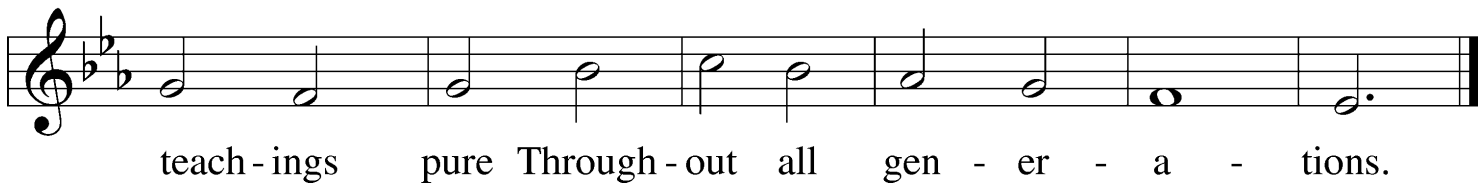
G Amen.

Please stand, as you are able.

Hymn ‘God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage’

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God's Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for -
ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our
chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way, In death it
is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its



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Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For confidence in Christ, who is risen to put an end to death, that we would not lose heart in the face of sorrow; that the Spirit would strengthen us with His power; and that we would know the love of Christ and through Him no longer weep, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That the mercy of God would be powerfully accomplished among us, causing life to flourish and increasing faith in the true words of His servants, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For our homes, especially in times of loss and heartache, that hearing our cries, our faithful Father would bless us and renew our faith and life in Him, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who bear the sword and rule the nations in the stead of Christ, that they would do so faithfully, ever mindful of His authority over all things, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For widows, shut-ins and those who live alone, that as God gave aid to the widows of Zarephath and Nain, so He would also provide faithful friends and companions to the lonely, encouraging them in faith and love, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For [*and*] all who suffer, that God would lead them through their trials in order to know the fullness of His love, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who receive the Sacrament this day, that they would rejoice at Christ's visitation with His body and blood and receive the gift of sins forgiven in true faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

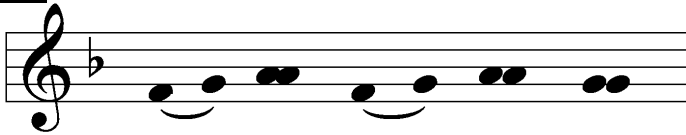
P Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

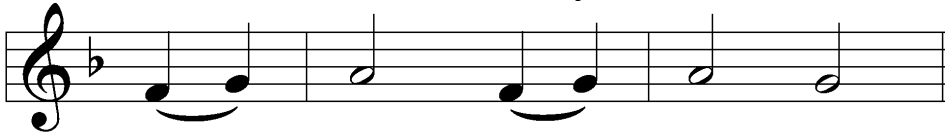
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Preface

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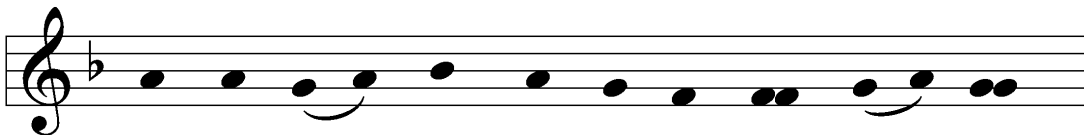
C And with thy spir - it.



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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195



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,



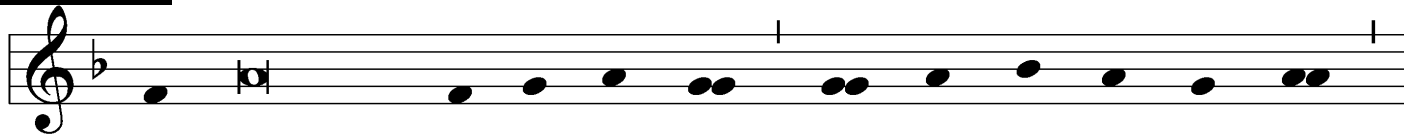
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



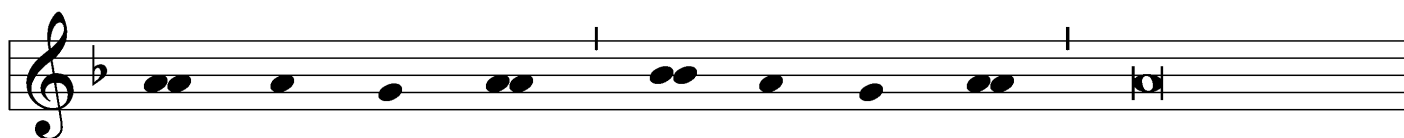
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Lord's Prayer

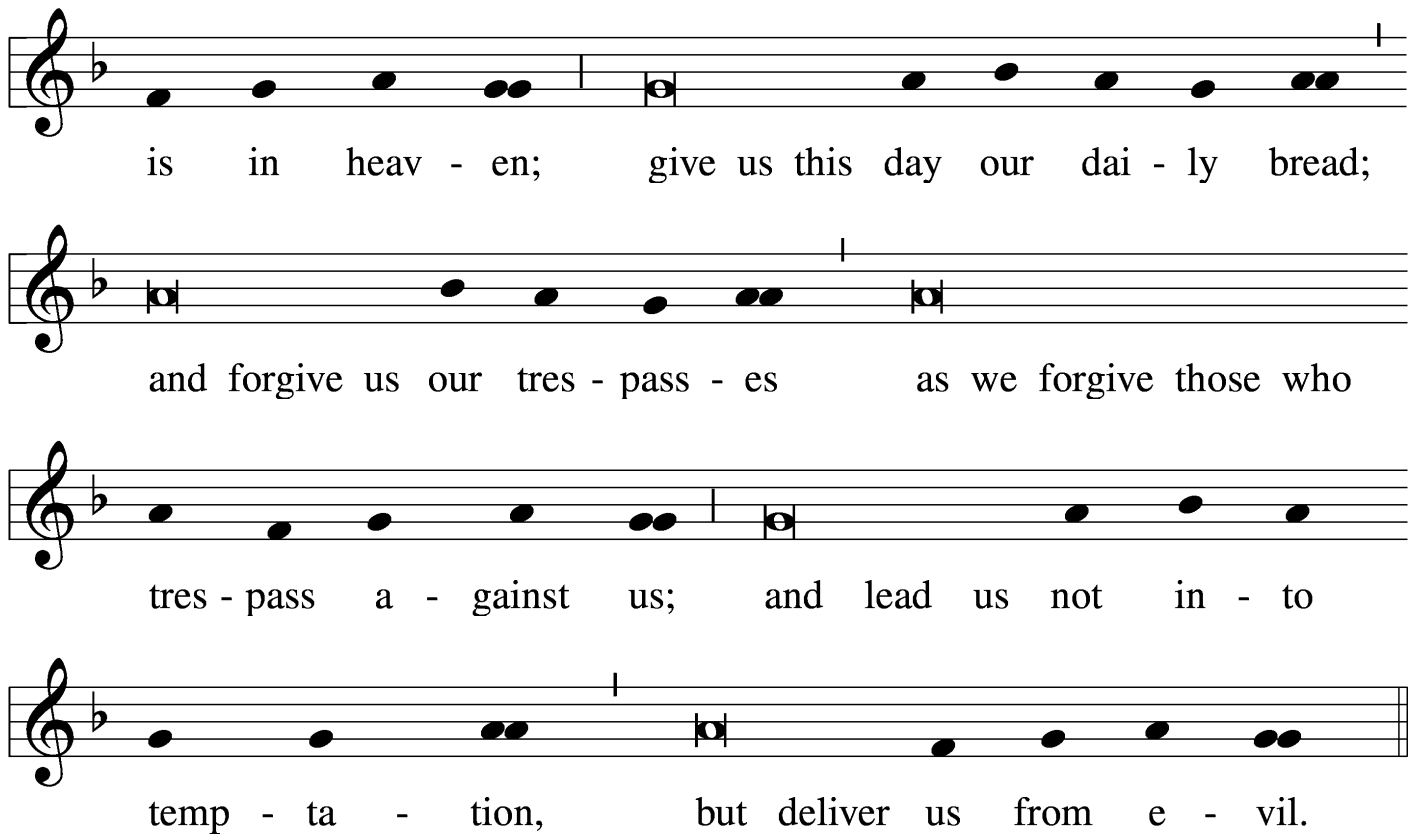
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P Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



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



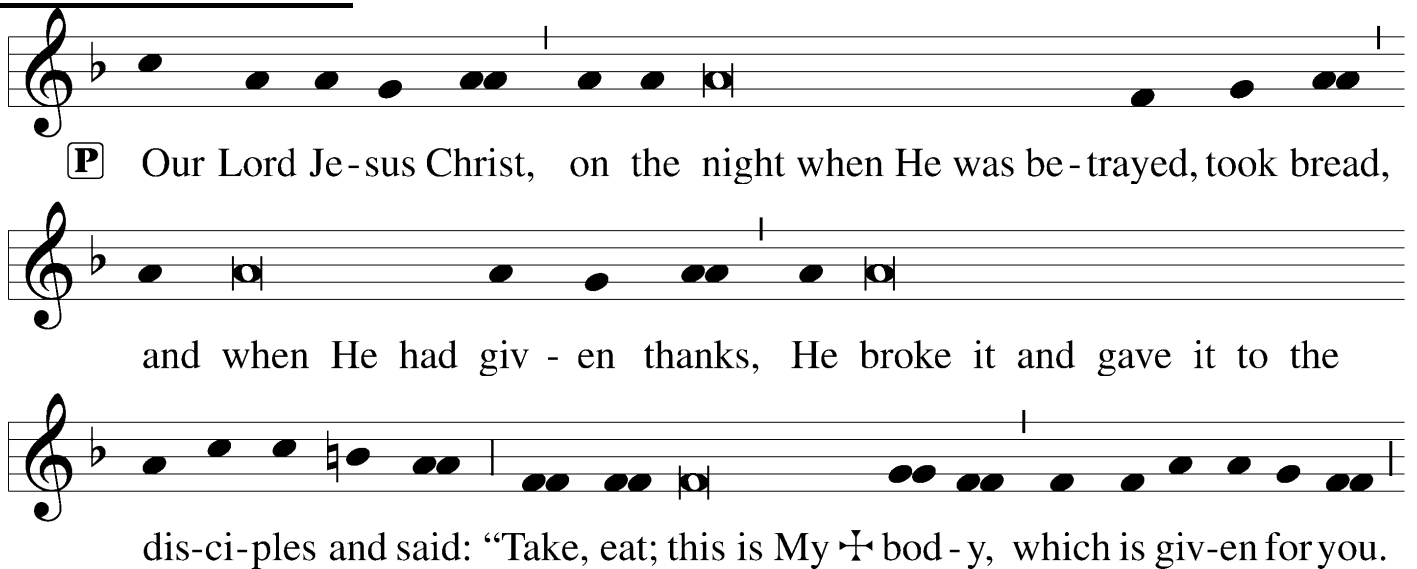
is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;
 and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who
 tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to
 temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
 glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Our Lord

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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

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

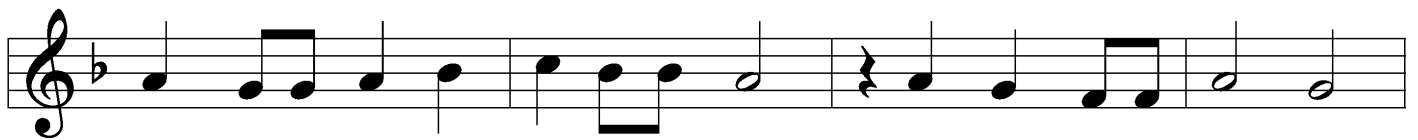
G A - men.

Agnus Dei

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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.

Distribution Hymn 'Our Father, Who from Heaven Above'

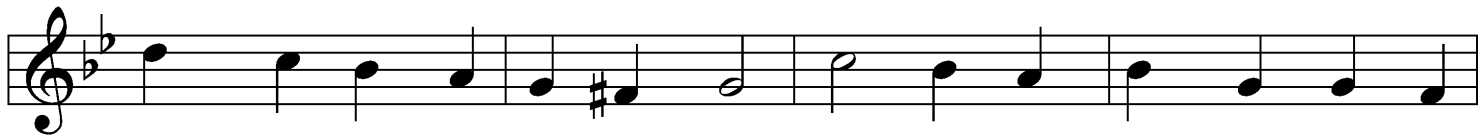
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1 Our Fa - ther, who from heav'n a - bove Bids all of us to
2 Your name be hal - lowed. Help us, Lord, In pu - ri - ty to
3 Your king - dom come. Guard Your do - main And Your e - ter - nal
4 Your gra - cious will on earth be done As it is done be -



live in love As mem - bers of one fam - i - ly And
keep Your Word, That to the glo - ry of Your name We
righ - teous reign. The Ho - ly Ghost en - rich our day With
fore Your throne, That pa - tient - ly we may o - bey Through -



pray to You in u - ni - ty, Teach us no thought - less words to
walk be - fore You free from blame. Let no false teach - ing us per -
gifts at - ten - dant on our way. Break Sa - tan's pow'r, de - feat his
out our lives all that You say. Curb flesh and blood and ev - 'ry



say But from our in - most hearts to pray.
vert; All poor de - lud - ed souls con - vert.
rage; Pre - serve Your Church from age to age.
ill That sets it - self a - gainst Your will.

- 5 Give us this day our daily bread,
And let us all be clothed and fed.
Save us from hardship, war, and strife;
In plague and famine, spare our life,
That we in honest peace may live,
To care and greed no entrance give.
- 6 Forgive our sins, Lord, we implore,
That they may trouble us no more;
We, too, will gladly those forgive
Who hurt us by the way they live.
Help us in our community
To serve each other willingly.
- 7 Lead not into temptation, Lord,
Where our grim foe and all his horde
Would vex our souls on ev'ry hand.
Help us resist, help us to stand
Firm in the faith, a mighty host,
Through comfort of the Holy Ghost.
- 8 From evil, Lord, deliver us;
The times and days are perilous.
Redeem us from eternal death,
And, when we yield our dying breath,
Console us, grant us calm release,
And take our souls to You in peace.
- 9 Amen, that is, so shall it be.
Make strong our faith in You, that we
May doubt not but with trust believe
That what we ask we shall receive.
Thus in Your name and at Your Word
We say, "Amen, O hear us, Lord!"

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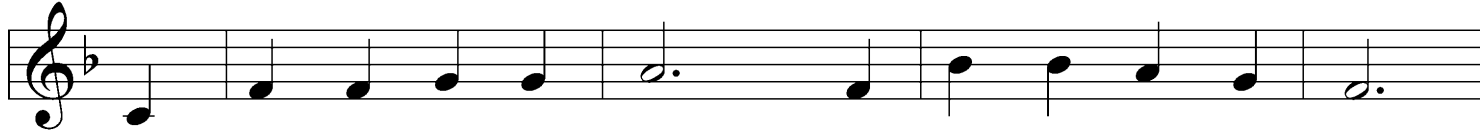
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Distribution Hymn 'Our Father, by Whose Name'

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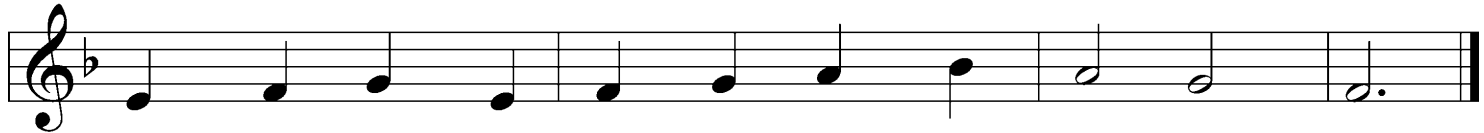
1 Our Fa - ther, by whose name All fa - ther-hood is known,
2 O Christ, Thy - self a child With - in an earth - ly home,
3 O Spir - it, who dost bind Our hearts in u - ni - ty,



Who dost in love pro - claim Each fam - i - ly Thine own,
With heart still un - de - filed, Thou didst to man-hood come;
Who teach - est us to find The love from self set free,



Bless Thou all par - ents, guard - ing well, With con - stant love as
Our chil - dren bless in ev - 'ry place That they may all be -
In all our hearts such love in - crease That ev - 'ry home by



sen - ti - nel, The homes in which Thy peo - ple dwell.
hold Thy face, And know - ing Thee may grow in grace.
this re - lease May be the dwell - ing place of peace.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984

Tune: John D. Edwards, 1805–85

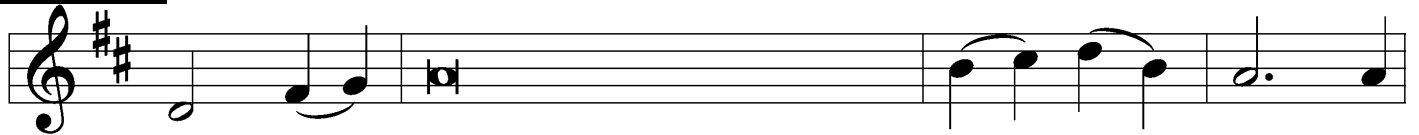
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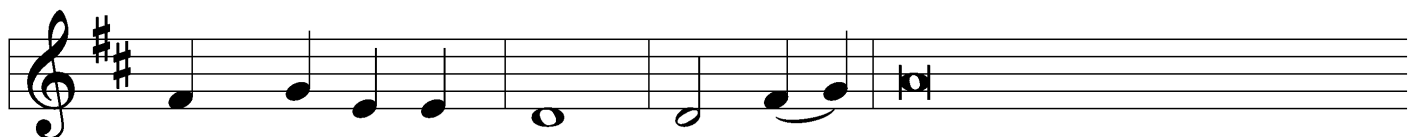
Please stand, as you are able.

Nunc Dimittis

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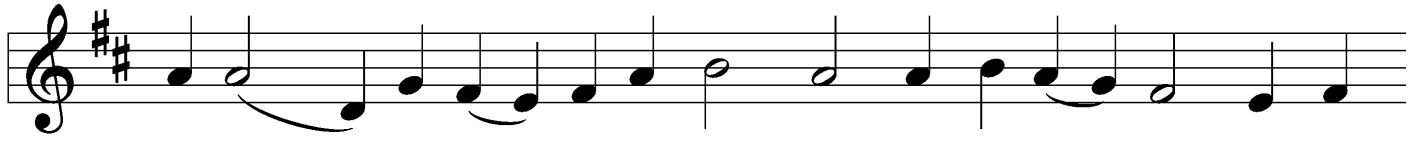
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



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



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



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



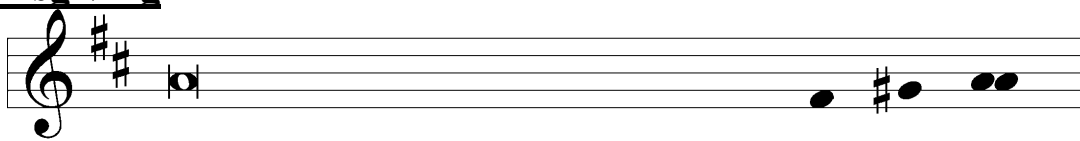
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



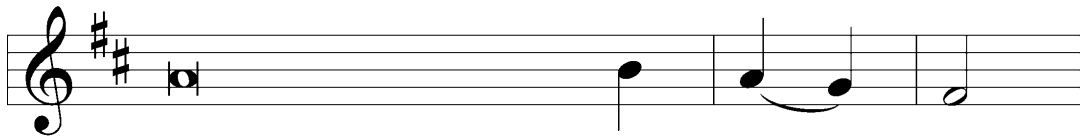
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

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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;

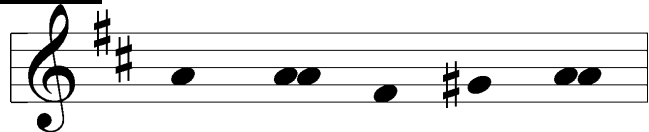
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



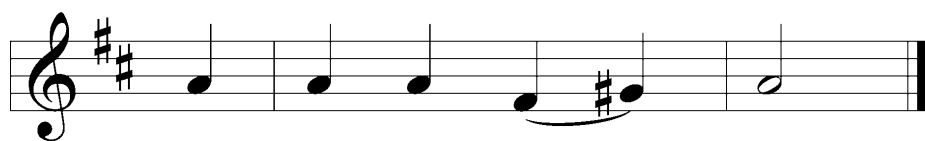
C A - men.

Salutation

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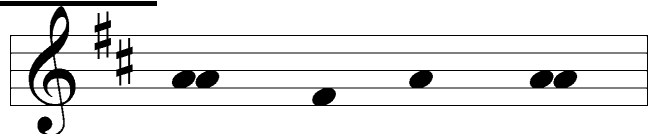
P The Lord be with you.



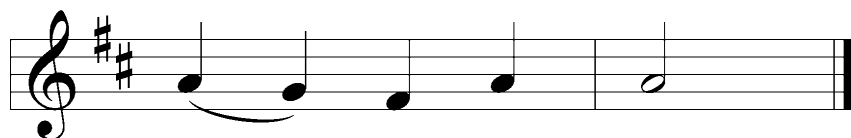
C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

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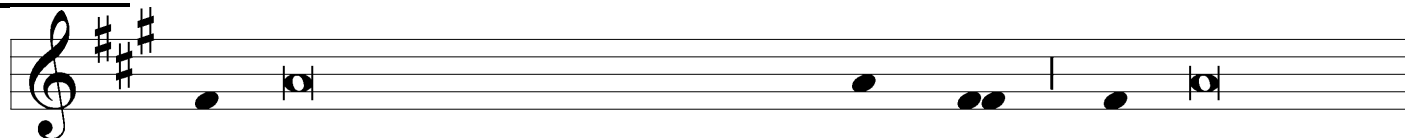
A Bless we the Lord.



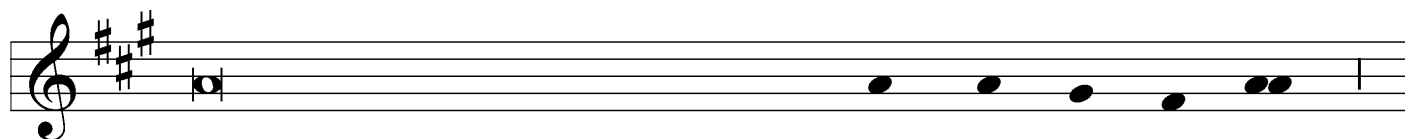
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

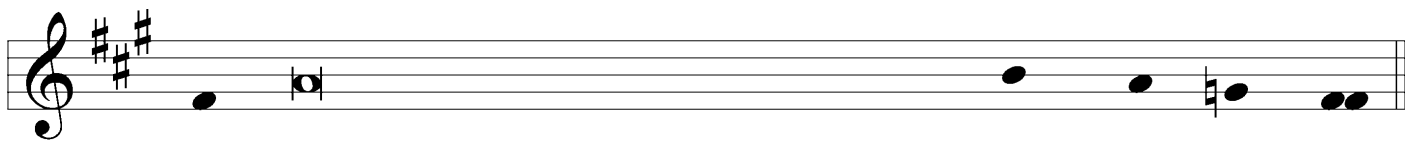
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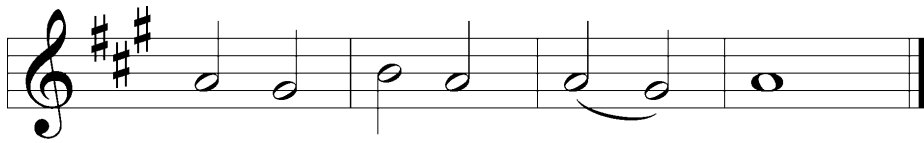
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



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 'When My Last Hour Is Close at Hand'

TLH 594



1 When my last hour is close at hand, Lord Je - sus Christ, at -
2 My sins, dear Lord, dis - turb me sore, My con - science can - not
3 I am a branch in Thee, the Vine, And hence the com - fort
4 Since Thou the pow'r of death didst rend, In death Thou wilt not



- tend me; Be - side me then, O Sav - ior, stand To com - fort and de -
slum - ber; But tho' as sands up - on the shore My sins may be in
bor - row That Thou wilt sure - ly keep me Thine Thro' fear and pain and
leave me; Since Thou didst in - to heav'n a - scend, No fear of death shall



- fend me. In - to Thy hands I will com - mend My soul at
num - ber, I will not quail, but think of Thee; Thy death, Thy
sor - row; And when I die, I die to Thee, Thy pre - cious
grieve me. For where Thou art, there shall I be That I may



this my earth - ly end, And Thou wilt keep it safe - ly.
sor - row, borne for me, Thy suf - f'rings, shall up - hold me.
death hath won for me The life that nev - er end - eth.
ev - er live with Thee; That is my hope when dy - ing.

5 My spirit I commend to Thee
And gladly hence betake me;
Peaceful and calm my sleep shall be,
No human voice can wake me.
But Christ is with me through the strife,
And He will bear me into life
And open heav'n before me.

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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.

Stewardship: *Ephesians 3:14-15* – “For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.” We don't call our heavenly Father by that name by analogy to our earthly fathers — it's the other way around: God sets the pattern and image for earthly fathers to follow. He is the real and true Father: kind, loving, strong, faithful, generous, righteous, and self-sacrificing. Knowing this Father is the basis for growing into His image, which is the goal of our sanctification.

NEW EMAIL: Our church office email has changed. Going forward, please use lcms.immanuelgrinnell@gmail.com

Sunday School: Today, we will study “Silence before a Son.” Doubting the angel's announcement of his coming son, Zechariah finds himself silenced until the boy's birth. Upon writing “His name is John,” Zechariah regains his voice and prophesies concerning his son's work.

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.

Building Healthy Families: It's been said here are two kinds of people in the world: those who wake up and say, "Good morning, Lord!" and those who wake up and say, "Good Lord, it's morning!" *Which are you?* It is usually true that mood follows message. How we feel emotionally results from how we think about what is happening. The next time you are having a difficult day, stop and check your thoughts. Listen to what you are telling yourself. Challenge and then replace negative, untrue self-statements with the truth. (Hint: look for truths from the author of life Himself in your Bible). LFS counselors are available to help you learn to change negative thought patterns, replacing them with truth.

~ *Lutheran Family Service*

A Life Quote: "I pray that you will recognize and value those people in your life who were blessed by God so they could be a blessing to you! I especially pray that you will then use the blessings God has bestowed on you to bless those around you and to pass these blessings on to your own descendants to a thousand generations. Now is the time to pass on the gift. Now is the time to pass the baton to the next runner in the race! To God be all the glory!" *Barbara Lane Geistfeld, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Lutheran Hour Ministries for Sept. 22nd: Hear "All He Has to Say" based on Genesis 28:15 by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The story of Jacob's Ladder is not a prompt for us to climb higher; it's a promise that God comes down to our level. ~ **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.**

A Life Thought in the Church Year: In both the Old Testament and Gospel readings we see the ultimate miracle, sons raised from the dead (1 Kings 17:17-24, Luke 7:11-17). Yet they present but a tiny picture of what will happen because God raised His Son from the dead! All the dead in Christ will be raised to eternal life. Death is a defeated enemy!

Prayer: Lord, may Your defeat of death give us courage as we confront a culture of death. Amen.

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DAILY LUTHERAN CHAPEL SERVICE... You can listen to LIVE chapel services weekdays at 9 a.m. Central from Concordia Theological Seminary-Fort Wayne, IN. You can listen live at issuesetc.org and on-demand at issuesetc.org/kramerchapel.

Cleaning: Household(s) responsible for the **week of 9/15—9/21 is D. Schultz.**

Household(s) responsible for the **week of 9/22—9/28 is K. Schultz.** 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 lcms.immanuelgrinnell@gmail.com. Make payment to Amber Carnine and leave payment under her office door, in her box at church, or 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.

Confirmation Memory Work for Sept. 18th

5th/6th Grades

John 20:31

8th Grade

4th Commandment & Meaning

Serving others is one of the greatest blessings God offers us.

Ways you can serve:

Usher (sign-up is on the front table)

Altar Guild

Greeter

Coffee Servers

2025 Lists are being organized. If you are not wanting to be on these lists or want to change when you are listed to serve, please let the church office know by October 6th to lcms.immanuelgrinnell@gmail.com

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

For the Week of Sept 8, 2024

Worship Attendance 66
General \$4100.00
Missions N/A

WEEK AHEAD

Today 9:00am 16th Sunday after Trinity
10:30am Christian Education/Bible Study
Greeter: Marcinik
Usher: Keith T.
Servers: Emily L./Lauren L.
Acolyte/Crucifer: Cole/Thatcher
Elder: Steve H.

Monday 11:30am LWML
1:00pm Board of Evangelism & Missions

Tuesday 9:00am Greek Study: Pastor in Grinnell

Wednesday 4-5:15pm Confirmation Grades 5-7
6-7:15pm Confirmation Grade 8

Thursday 11:00am Bible Study

Next Sunday 9:00am 17th Sunday after Trinity
10:30am Christian Education/Bible Study
Greeter: McDonough
Usher: Lucas B.
Servers: Kris G./Barb S.
Acolyte/Crucifer: Kaitlynn/Elsie
Elder: Joel M.