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As We Gather: *Jesus Does Battle in Our Place*

In the Garden, man exalts himself to be a god in place of God (Gen. 3:1–21). He succumbs to the temptation of the devil, and eating of the forbidden fruit, he receives death. But in the sin-cursed wilderness, God humbles Himself to become man in place of man (Mt. 4:1–11). He does not eat but fasts and bears the onslaughts of the devil for us that we may be restored to life. Jesus stands as David in our place to do battle against the Goliath, Satan (1 Samuel 17:40–51). Though outwardly Jesus appears weak, yet He comes in the name of the Lord of hosts. He draws from the five smooth stones of the books of Moses and slings the Word of God. The stone sinks into the forehead, and the enemy falls. In Christ we are victorious over the devil. Let us therefore not receive the grace of God in vain (2 Cor. 6:1–10), but seeing that we have a great High Priest, let us come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain help in time of need (Heb 4:14–16).

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

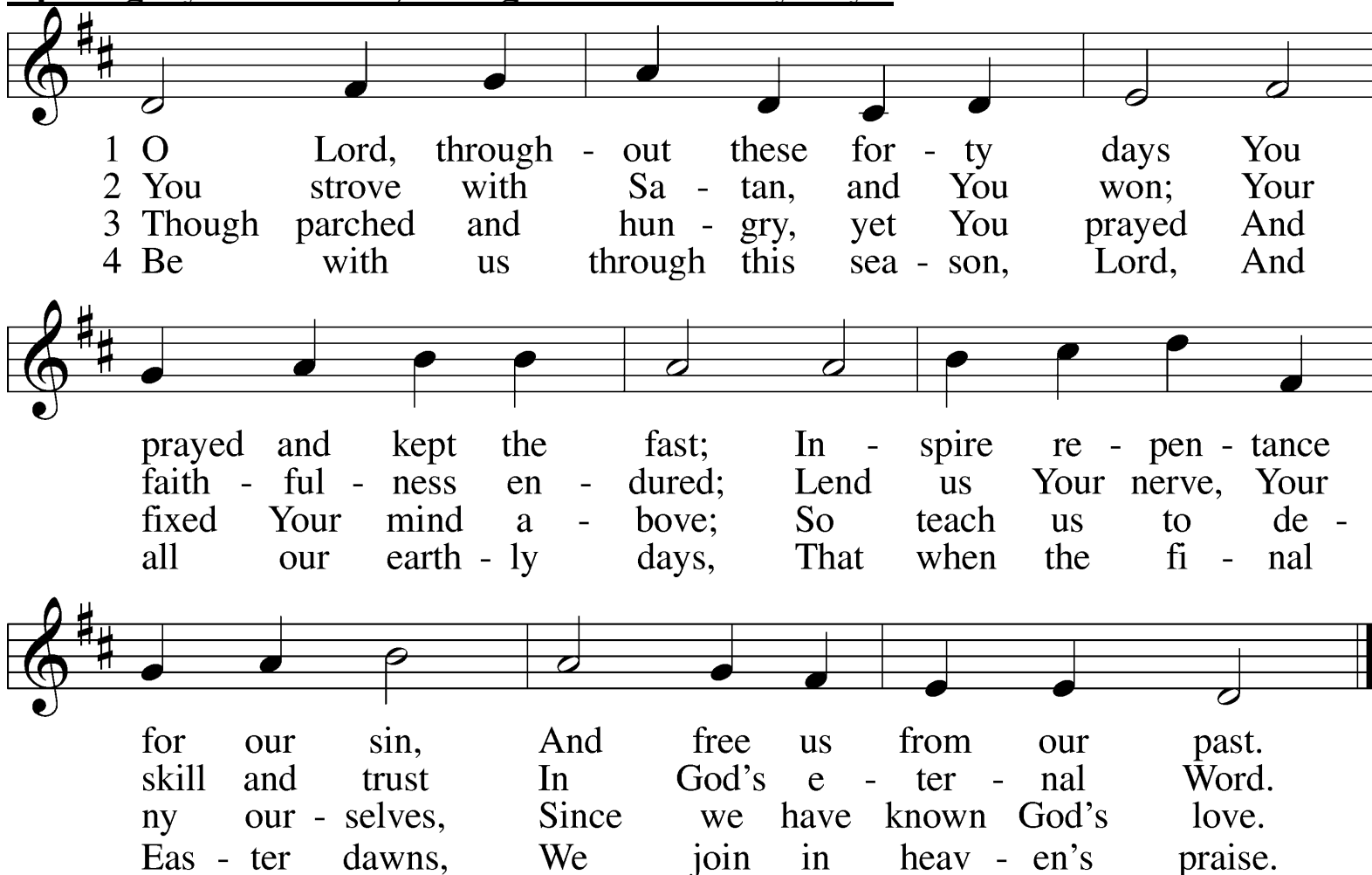
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P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of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

C Amen.

Opening Hymn ‘O Lord, throughout These Forty Days’

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1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days You
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and You won; Your
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet You prayed And
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And

prayed and kept the fast; In - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; Lend us Your nerve, Your
fixed Your mind a - bove; So teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, That when the fi - nal

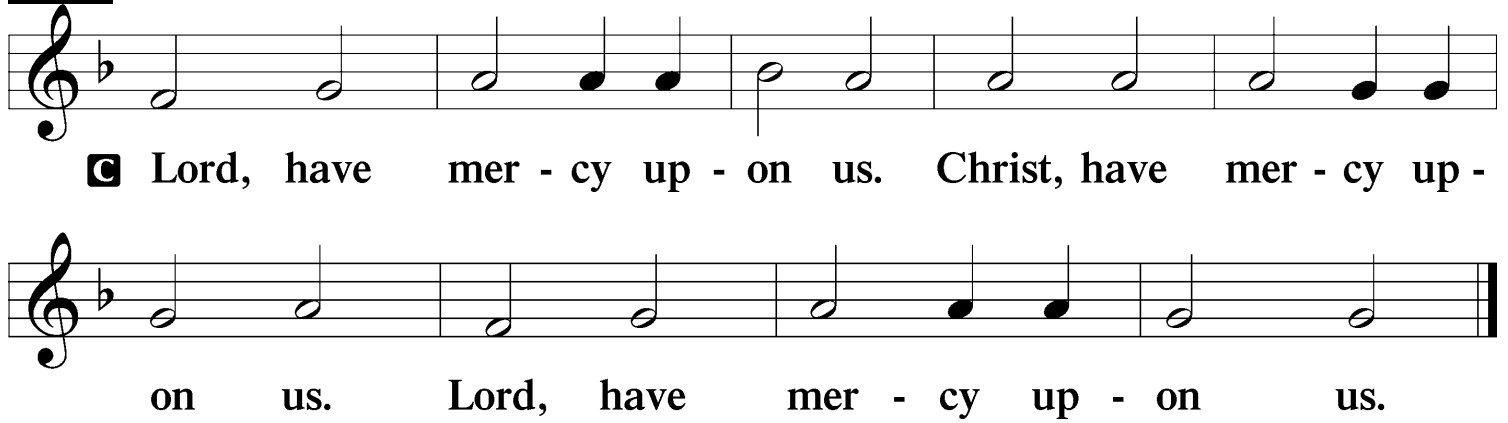
for our sin, And free us from our past.
skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.
ny our - selves, Since we have known God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

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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.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Lent 1

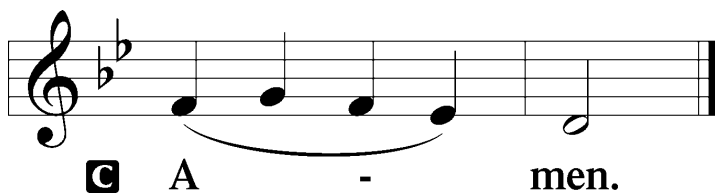


P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

P O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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

Genesis 3:1–21

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?”² And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden,³ but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’”⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die.⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸ And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.⁹ But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”¹⁰ And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.”¹¹ He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”¹² The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.”¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴ The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.”

¹⁶ To the woman he said,

“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;
in pain you shall bring forth children.
Your desire shall be for your husband,
and he shall rule over you.”

¹⁷ And to Adam he said,

“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you,

‘You shall not eat of it,’
cursed is the ground because of you;
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.
¹⁹By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
for you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.”

²⁰The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Introit *Psalm 91:1–2, 9–10, 13; antiphon: vv. 15a, c, 16*



When he calls to me, I will answer him;
I will rescue him and honor him.

**With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation.**

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

**I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust.”**

Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—
the Most High, who is my refuge—

**no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
no plague come near your tent.**

You will tread on the lion and the adder;
the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

**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.

When he calls to me, I will answer him;
I will rescue him and honor him.

**With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation.**

Epistle

Hebrews 4:14–16

¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:1–11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴But he answered, “It is written,

“‘Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

“‘He will command his angels concerning you,’

and

“‘On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.’”

⁷Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

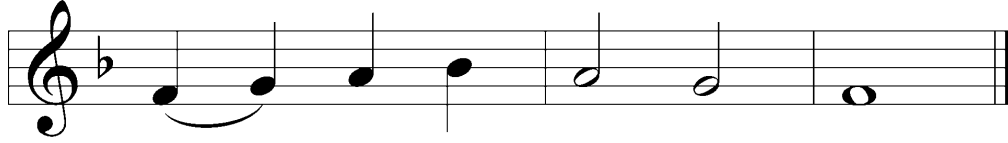
⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the

world and their glory. ⁹And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

“You shall worship the Lord your God
and him only shall you serve.”

¹¹Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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

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

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

Please be seated.

Sermon Hymn 'A Mighty Fortress Is Our God'

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1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
 2 With might of ours can naught be done,
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main



A trust - y shield and weap - on;
 Soon were our loss ef - fect ed;
 All ea - ger to de - vour us,
 Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
 But for us fights the val - iant One,
 We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
 He's by our side up - on the plain



That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
 Whom God Him - self e - lect ed.
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
 With His good gifts and Spir - it.



The old e - vil foe Now means
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,

dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
 Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
 as he will, He can harm us none.
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,

Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
 And there's none oth - er God; He holds
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -

is not his e - qual.
 the field for - ev - er.
 tle word can fell him.
 dom ours re - main eth.

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Sermon

“Total Renunciation”

Matthew 4:1-11

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



Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, You stand ever ready to receive the prayers of Your children. Since we have so great a mediator in Christ, make our hearts eager to cry out, knowing we will find grace to help in time of need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O God, our shield and our weapon against the evil one, grant us safe haven within the walls of Your Church, and embolden our witness in the world as we receive Your Holy Word and proclaim it with our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, our first parents fell into sin, rebelled against You and despised one another. Inspire the families of Your Church to live in sacrificial love toward one another and in faith toward You, that they may receive Your temporal and eternal benediction. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, since we sojourn in the wilderness of this earth, look upon our desire for peace, and by Your mighty power defend us and our nation against all our enemies. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord God of Sabaoth, send Your holy angels to protect and keep us in Your ways, that no evil may befall us. Graciously behold the needy, the sick and the troubled

[especially _____]. Satisfy us with long life, and show us Your salvation.

Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Gracious Lord, You covered the shame of our first parents with animal skin and thereby foreshadowed the perfect sacrifice of Your Son's blood by which we are cleansed and clothed. Give us the garments of repentance and faith, that we may receive Your Son's body and blood for the forgiveness of all our sins. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord of hosts, Your servant David opposed Goliath with faith in Your deliverance. Christ, the Son of David, overcame the devil for our sake. Instill in us a spirit of prayer and holy discipline daily to trample the tempter underfoot. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

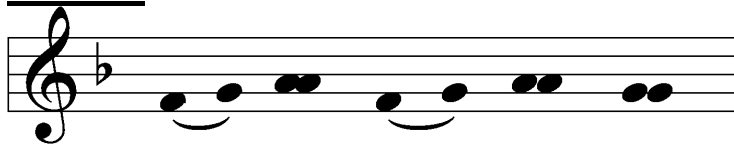
P Lord God, heavenly Father, see how the adversary continually afflicts us and walks about as a roaring lion seeking to devour us. We implore You for the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, help us by the grace of the Holy Spirit and strengthen our hearts by Your Word, that our enemy would not prevail over us, but instead that we may abide evermore in Your grace and be preserved to life everlasting; 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.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

Preface

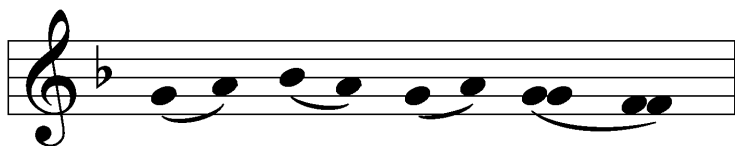
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P The Lord be with you.



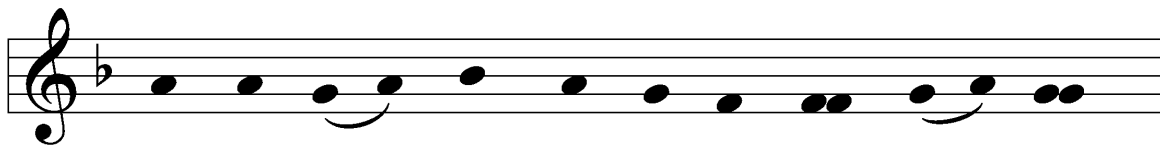
C And with thy spir - it.



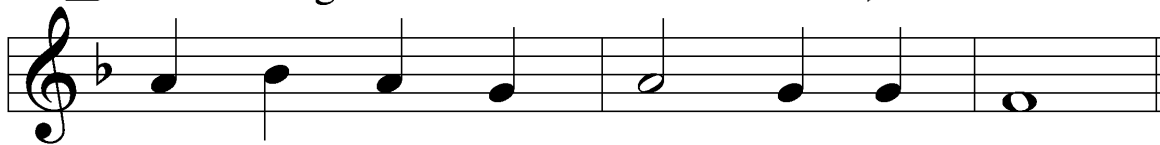
P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



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



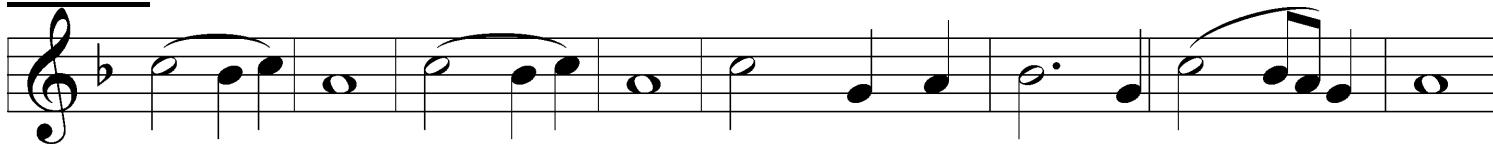
C It is meet and right so to do.

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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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

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



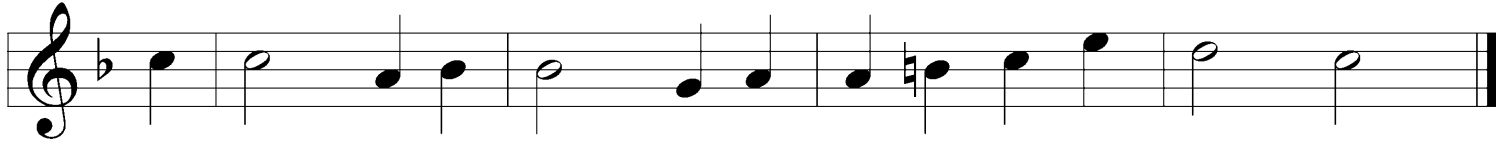
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



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



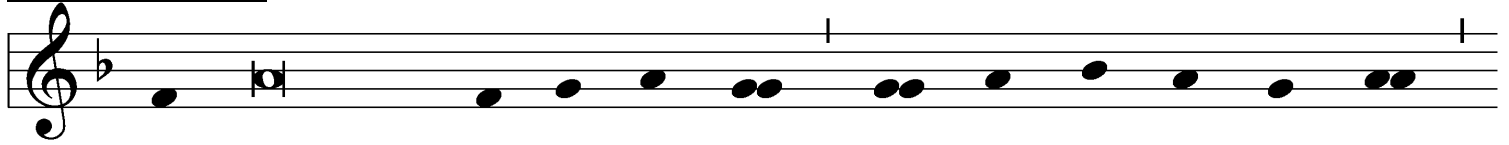
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



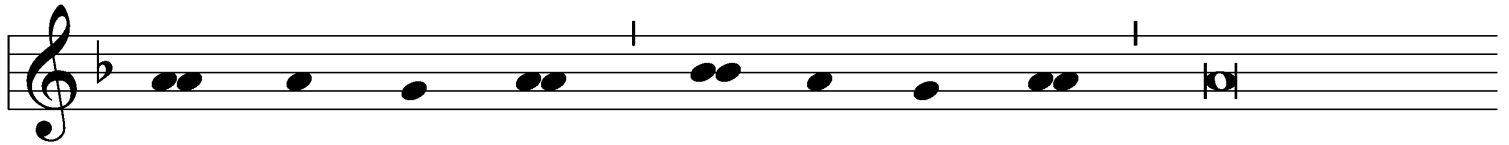
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

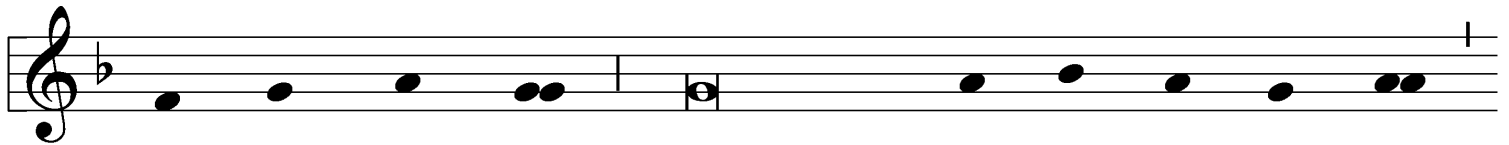
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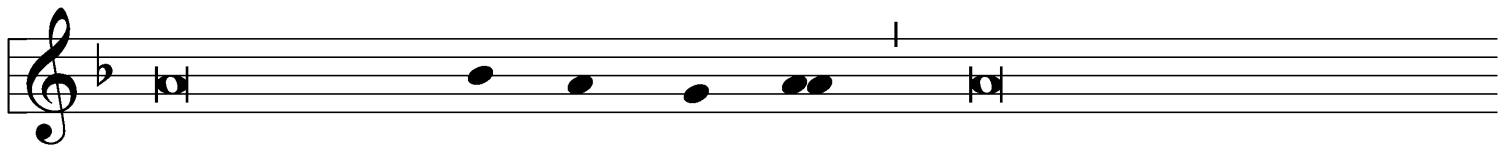
P Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



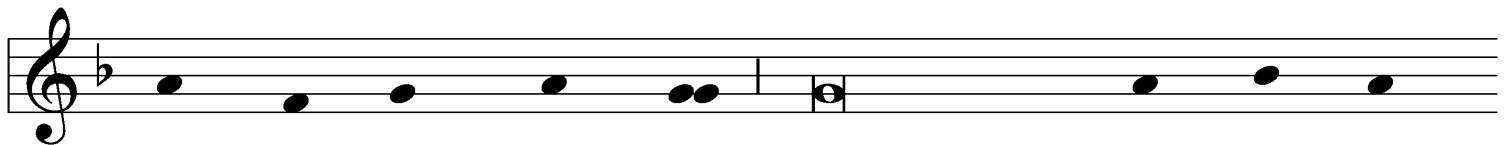
Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it



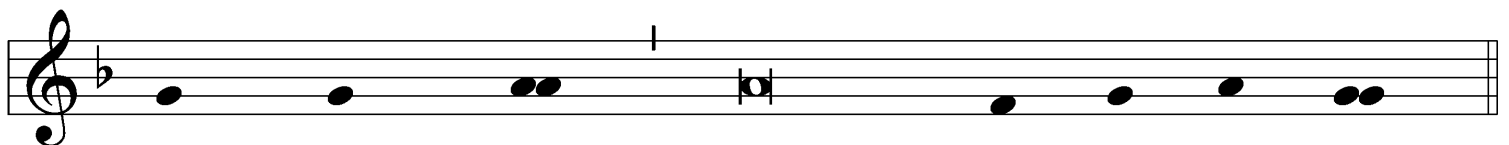
is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;



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



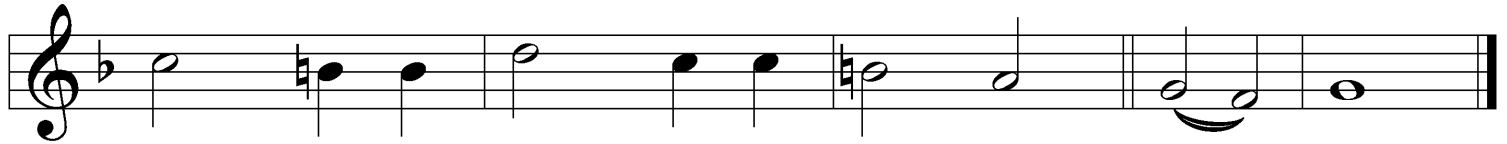
tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to



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



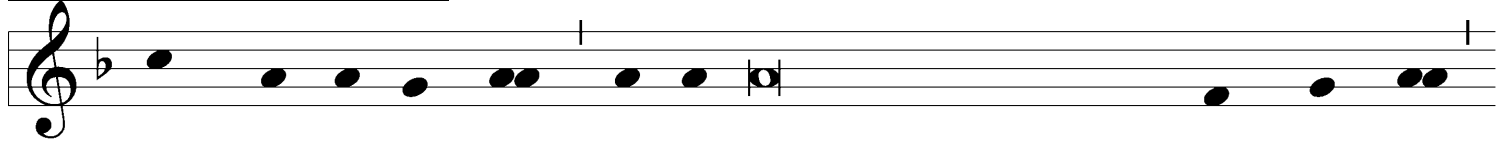
C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



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

The Words of Our Lord

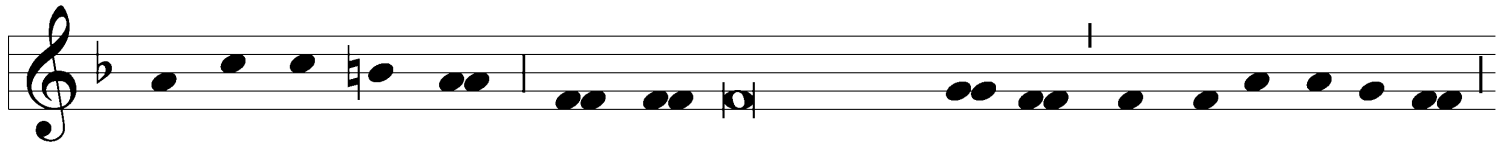
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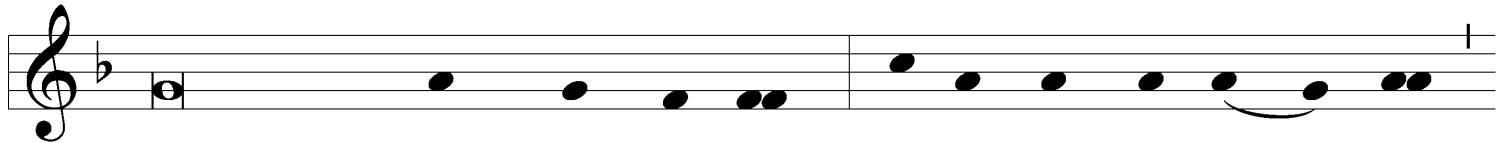
P Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,



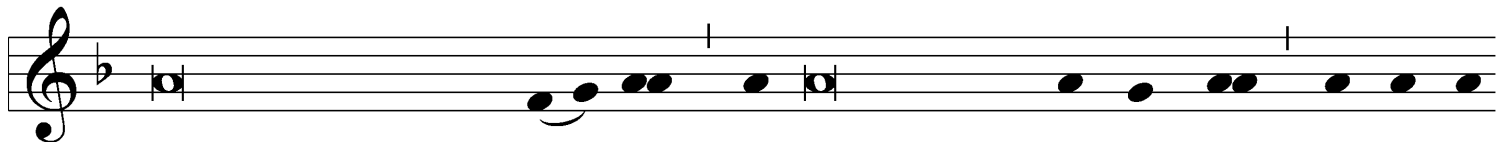
and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the



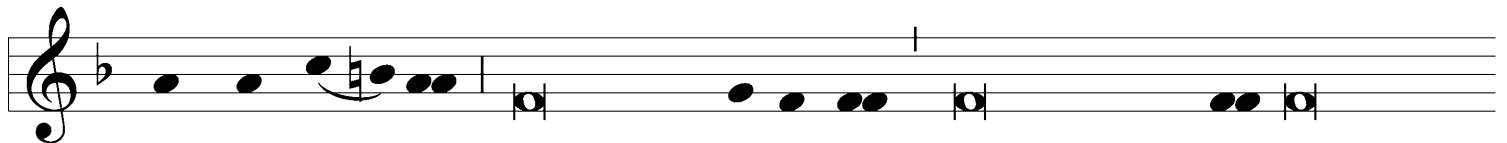
dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ bod - y, which is giv-en for you.



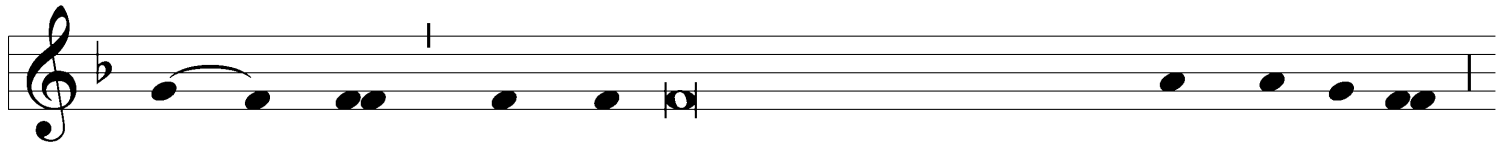
This do in re - mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so



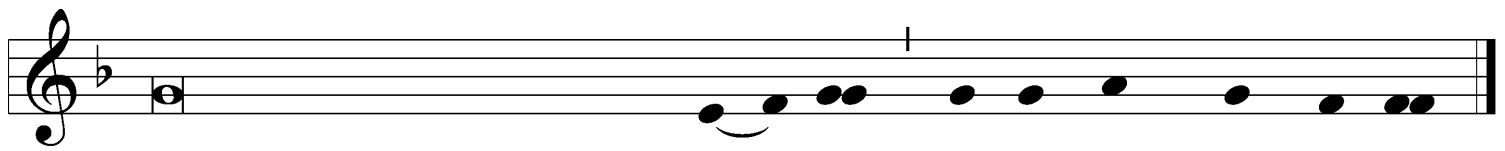
He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv - en thanks, He gave it



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



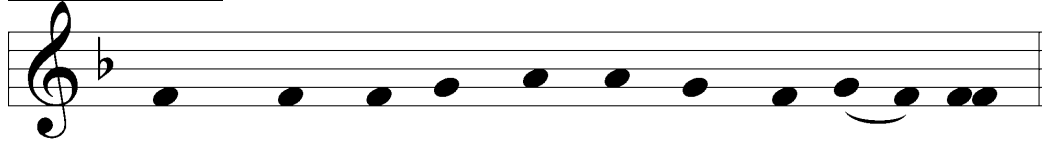
My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.



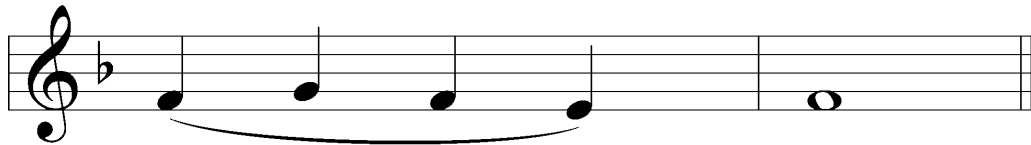
This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me.”

Pax Domini

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



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

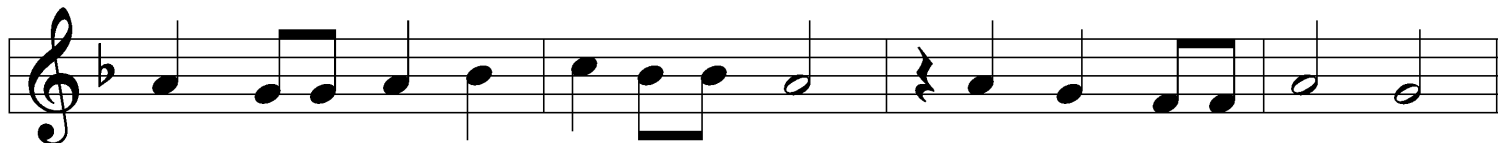
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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



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

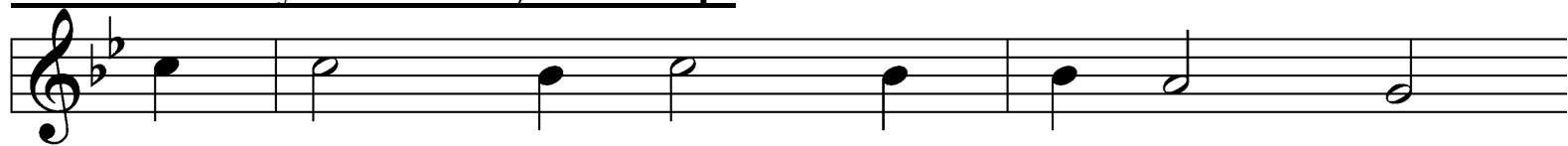


world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Please be seated.

Distribution Hymn '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.

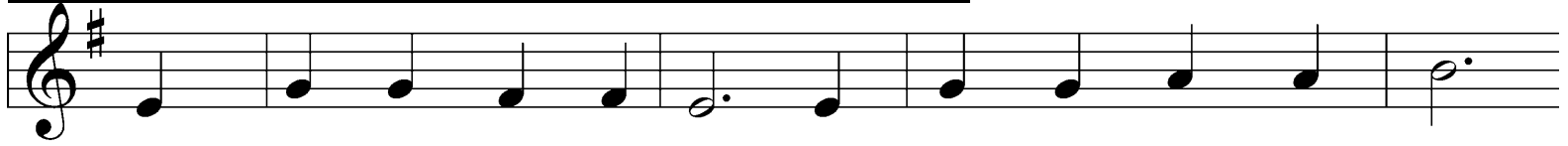
△ 7 All glory to our Lord and God
For love so deep, so high, so broad;

The Trinity whom we adore
Forever and forevermore.

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Distribution Hymn ‘O Christ, You Walked the Road’

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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

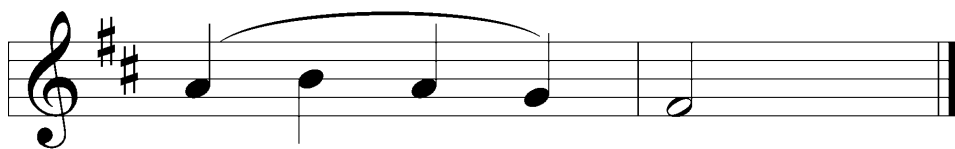
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A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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

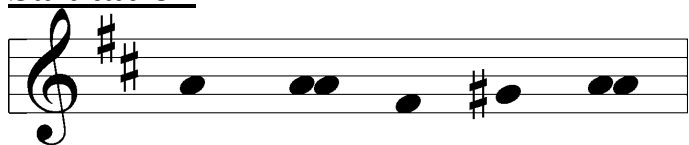
through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



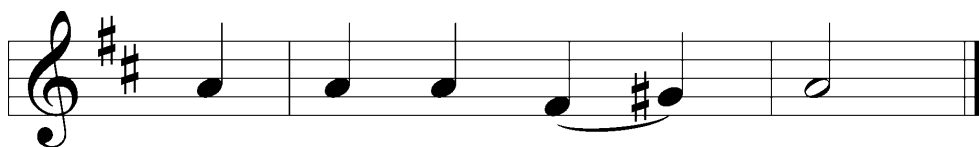
C A - men.

Salutation

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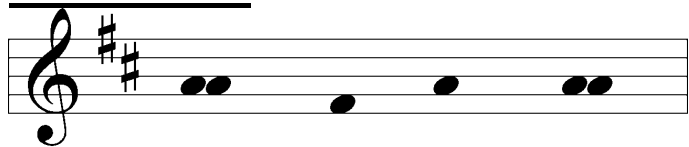
P The Lord be with you.



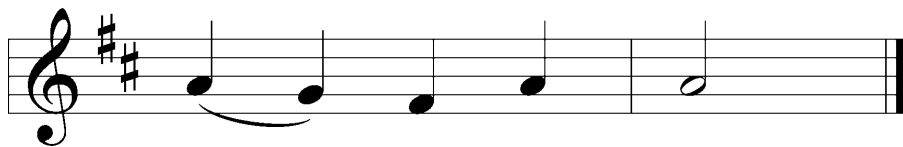
C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

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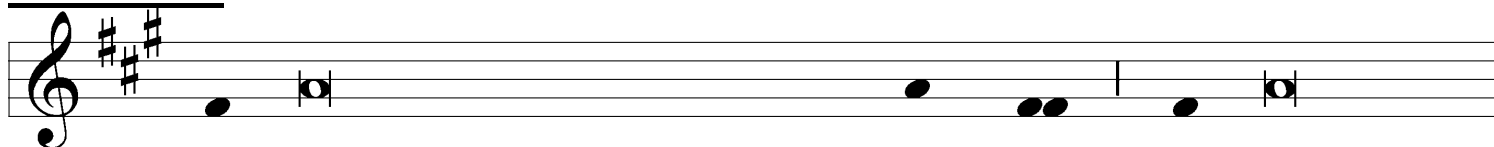
A Bless we the Lord.



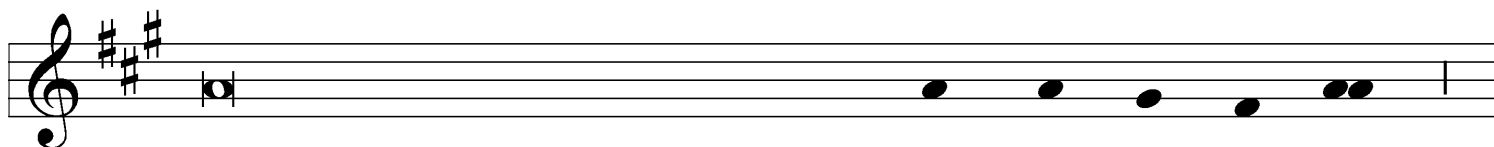
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

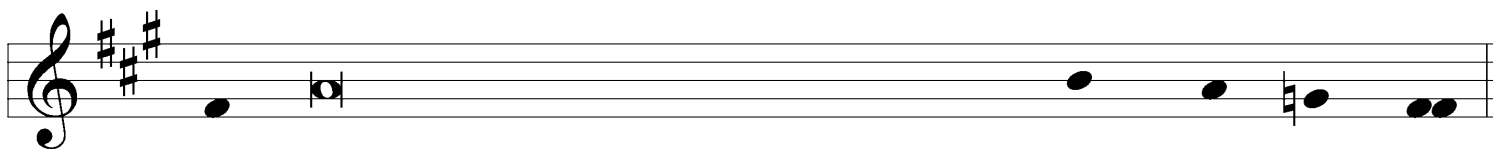
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P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



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



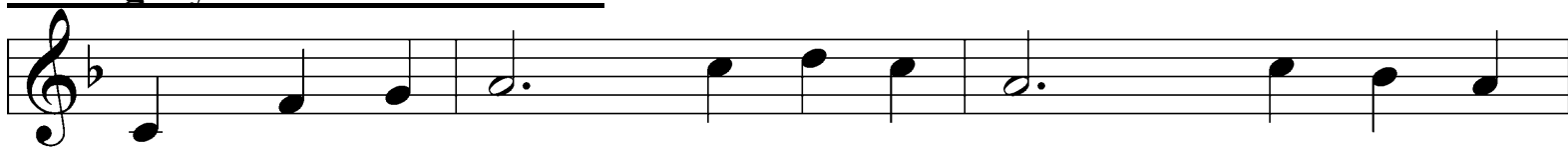
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



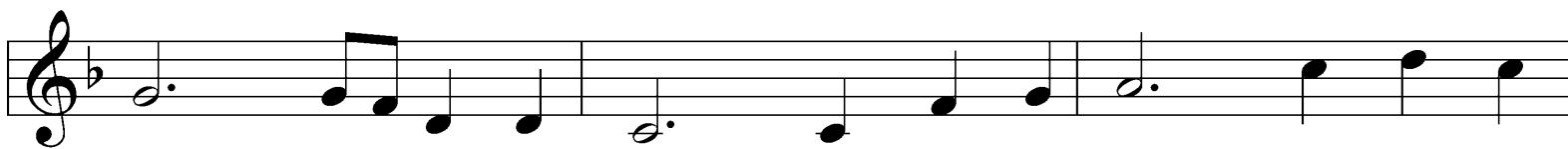
■ A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn 'The Tree of Life'

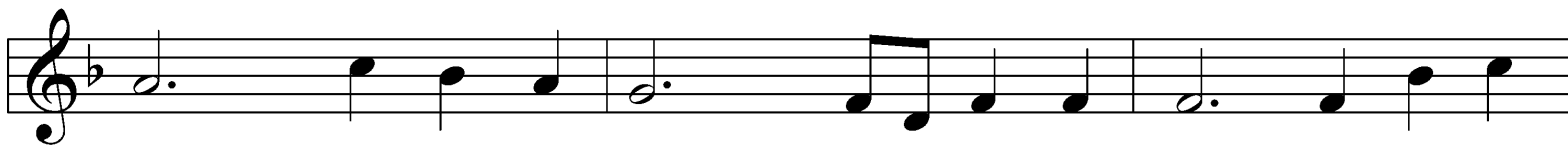
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1 The tree of life with ev - 'ry good In E - den's
2 The still - ness of that sa - cred grove Was bro - ken,
3 What mer - cy God showed to our race, A plan of
4 Now from that tree of Je - sus' shame Flows life e -



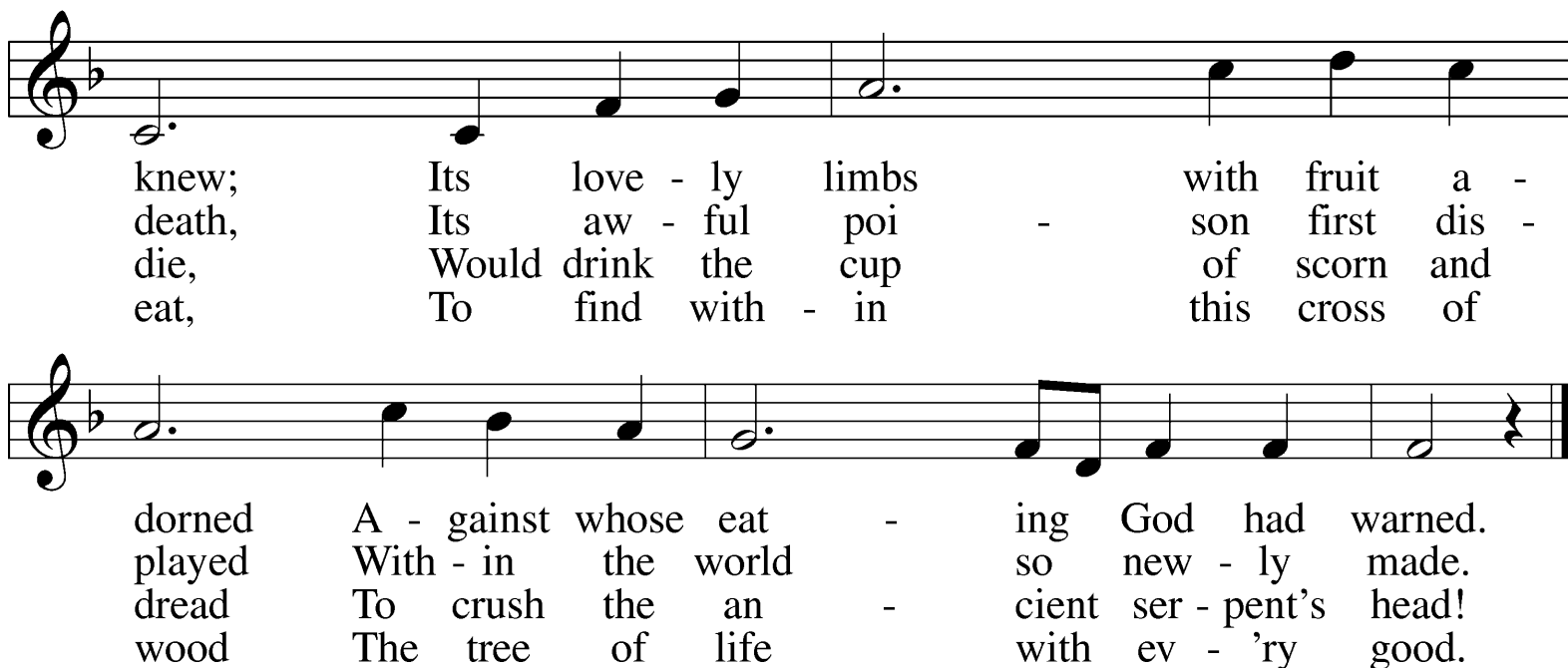
ho - ly or - chard stood, And of its fruit so pure and
as the ser - pent strove With tempt - ing voice Eve to be -
res - cue by His grace: In send - ing One from wom - an's
ter - nal in His name; For all who trust and will be -



sweet God let the man and wom - an eat. Yet in this
guile And Ad - am too by sin de - file. O day of
seed, The One to fill our great - est need— For on a
lieve, Sal - va - tion's liv - ing fruit re - ceive. And of this



gar - den al - so grew An - oth - er tree, of which they
sad - ness when the breath Of fear and dark - ness, doubt and
tree up - lift - ed high His on - ly Son for sin would
fruit so pure and sweet The Lord in - vites the world to



knew; death, die, eat, Its love - ly limbs Its aw - ful poi - son first dis - Would drink the cup of scorn and To find with - in this cross of

dorned A - gainst whose eat - ing God had warned.
 played With - in the world so new - ly made.
 dread To crush the an - cient ser - pent's head!
 wood The tree of life with ev - 'ry good.

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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.

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. To ensure all offerings are recorded, please enclose your offering in your assigned envelope. Thank you!

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.

We encourage members to consider electronic giving. It is a secure and convenient way to provide consistent financial support to our church. We would love for you to get started! Pick up an authorization form on the entryway table and return to the church secretary.

Lent Devotions, New Portals of Prayer, Lutheran Women's Quarterly Magazines, and LWML District Spring Issues are in your boxes.

Stewardship: *Matthew 4:7 – "Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written ...'"* Isn't it interesting that Jesus does not defeat Satan with His power as God, but rather by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity? Jesus defeats Satan not by miracles, but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to them. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, because we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, because here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory: on the Word of God alone. Let us build our lives on the sure rock of this Word!

Sunday School Lesson: This week, we study “The Passion Prediction.” In the week before His crucifixion, Jesus goes to dinner in Bethany, the hometown of Lazarus, whom He had just raised from the dead. Martha serves as Jesus and Lazarus recline at table. Meanwhile, Mary anoints Jesus’ feet with expensive ointment while wiping them with her hair, preparing Him for burial. When Judas voices his objections, Jesus tells him to leave her alone and points to His upcoming death.

Building Healthy Families: Ever written down and kept track of your prayers? In a prayer journal, a simple notebook or on slips of paper in a mason jar – by yourself or with your family - write out your prayer requests. Then a month, a year, or a decade from now, look back at them and reflect on the many ways God has answered your prayers. When you are faced with new trials, it is helpful to look back on God’s faithfulness during trials of the past and know He is with you today and will be in the future. Go forth with confidence, trusting His word: *“And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.” 1 John 5:14-15 ~*

Lutheran Family Service www.LutheranFamilyService.org

A Life Quote: “Brothers and sisters, in Christ you are God’s masterpiece. You were created for a purpose. You are the hands and feet of Christ demonstrating His love in a world that desperately needs it. Live out that purpose in the strength that comes from Him and wait joyfully for the day where we get to see His finished product.” *Rev. Adam Osier, Dean, Free Lutheran Bible College, Plymouth, Minnesota ~* **A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org**

Lutheran Hour Ministries for March 16th: Hear "Light of the World" based on John 8:12 by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Jesus is the Light of the world. However, He sometimes keeps that light out of the visible range. We can't see it, but it changes what we see. ~

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: Abortion and assisted suicide enact idolatry by assessing life apart from the Word of the Lord (Luke 4:4, 8). Saving faith, on the other hand, receives both child and trials as riches from the loving hand of God. He who makes hills give milk and honey will no doubt bring forth even better blessings from the humblest human life!

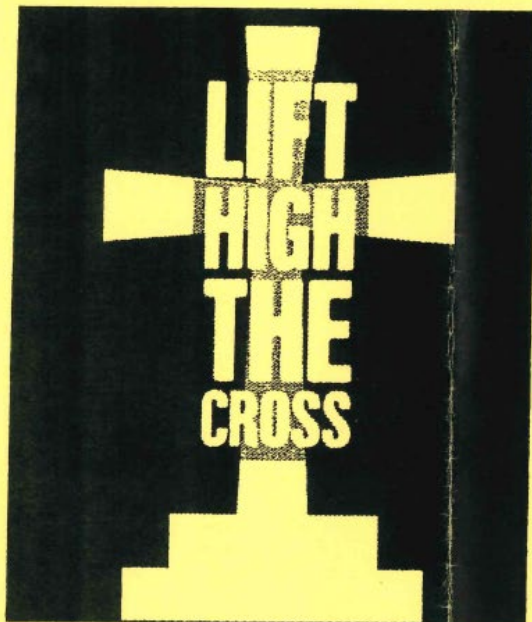
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CONFIRMATION MEMORY WORK

6th and 7th Grades Memory Work
5th and 6th Petitions and Meanings

8th Grade Memory Work
Questioning Books



Matthew 16:24

**LWML Marshalltown Zone
Spring Rally
April 5, 2025**

**Redeemer Lutheran Church
1600 South Center Street (Hwy 14)
Marshalltown, Iowa 50158**

Guest Speaker is Rev. Matthew J. Montgomery

**Advancement Officer
Concordia Theological Seminary Ft. Wayne
Topic: Missions and Church Work**

9:00 AM Registration (\$5), Coffee & donuts
9:30 Bible Study, Business, and Guest Speaker
12:30 Lunch

Book Sale (& jewelry puzzles) \$\$ for Mites
Love Offering for Iowa East District LWML
Student Aid
Collection for Marshalltown Zone treasury

RSVP by March 26, 2025
Merikay Hennis 641-752-6171
howardandmerikay@gmail.com

There are two parking lots at Redeemer. The west lot goes directly into the church. There are not many places to park so you can drop your passengers off and proceed to the east lot. The east lot is much larger but there are stairs to get to the main level. There is a chair lift at the east entrance.

Our Gifts to God (given at Immanuel)

For the week of March 2, 2025

Attendance 58

Communion 44

Calendar of Events for This Week

Today	8:00am	Council Meeting
	9:00am	Invocavit (1st Sunday of Lent)
	10:30am	LWML
		Bible Study/Sunday School
	11:30am	Board of Education Meeting
		Greeter: Kaloupek
		Usher: Keith T.
		Servers: Robin M. & Lindsey W.
		Acolyte/Crucifer: Finn & Thatcher
		Elder: Steve H.
Tuesday	9:00am	Winkle Pastor in Grinnell
Wednesday	4-5pm	Confirmation Grades 5-7
	5-6pm	Confirmation Grade 8
	5:00pm	Meal
	6:30pm	Lent Evening Prayer Service
		Usher: Lucas B.
Thursday	11:00am	Bible Study
Next Sunday	9:00am	Reminiscere (2nd Sunday of Lent)
	10:30am	Bible Study/Sunday School
		Greeter: Kelting
		Usher: Joel R. K.
		Servers: Marrina K. & Miriam S.
	Acolyte/Crucifer: Sophia & Cole	
		Elder: Darlo K.

Book of Concord Lenten Reading Plan

A Forty-Day Reading Plan from Concordia Publishing House

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	5-Mar	Ash Wednesday	The Three Ecumenical Creeds (16–18); Luther's Small Catechism (313–48)
	6-Mar	Thursday after Ash Wednesday	Luther's Large Catechism: Preface–Part I, para. 77 (351–67)
	7-Mar	Friday after Ash Wednesday	Luther's Large Catechism: Part I, para. 78–178 (367–78)
	8-Mar	Saturday after Ash Wednesday	Luther's Large Catechism: Part I, para. 179–291 (379–92)
	9-Mar	Lent 1	
	10-Mar	Monday, Lent 1	Luther's Large Catechism: Part I, para. 292–Part II, para. 70 (392–408)
	11-Mar	Tuesday, Lent 1	Luther's Large Catechism: Part III, para. 1–84 (408–18)
	12-Mar	Wednesday, Lent 1	Luther's Large Catechism: Part III, para. 85–Part IV, para. 86 (419–31)
	13-Mar	Thursday, Lent 1	Luther's Large Catechism: Part V (431–40); Brief Exhortation to Confession (649–53)
	14-Mar	Friday, Lent 1	Augsburg Confession: Preface–Art. XX (27–44)
	15-Mar	Saturday, Lent 1	Augsburg Confession: Art. XXI–XXVI (44–53)
	16-Mar	Lent 2	
	17-Mar	Monday, Lent 2	Augsburg Confession: Art. XXVII–Conclusion (53–63); Apology: Greeting to Reader (73–74)
	18-Mar	Tuesday, Lent 2	Apology: Art. I–IV (74–102)
	19-Mar	Wednesday, Lent 2	Apology: Art. V, para. 1–122 (102–18)
	20-Mar	Thursday, Lent 2	Apology: Art. V, para. 123–212 (118–33)
	21-Mar	Friday, Lent 2	Apology: Art. V, para. 213–79 (133–43)
	22-Mar	Saturday, Lent 2	Apology: Art. VII–XI (143–57)
	23-Mar	Lent 3	
	24-Mar	Monday, Lent 3	Apology: Art. XIIa (158–71)
	25-Mar	Tuesday, Lent 3	Apology: Art. XIIb (171–84)

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	26-Mar	Wednesday, Lent 3	Apology: Art. XIII–XX (184–201)
	27-Mar	Thursday, Lent 3	Apology: Art. XXI–XXII (202–10)
	28-Mar	Friday, Lent 3	Apology: Art. XXIII (210–18)
	29-Mar	Saturday, Lent 3	Apology: Art. XXIV (220–37)
	30-Mar	Lent 4	
	31-Mar	Monday, Lent 4	Apology: Art. XXVII–XXVIII (237–51)
	1-Apr	Tuesday, Lent 4	Smalcald Articles: Preface–Part III, Art. II (259–72)
	2-Apr	Wednesday, Lent 4	Smalcald Articles: Part III, Art. III–XV (272–85)
	3-Apr	Thursday, Lent 4	Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope (294–306)
	4-Apr	Friday, Lent 4	Preface to the Christian Book of Concord (3–12); Formula of Concord: Epitome Summary–Art. I (473–77)
	5-Apr	Saturday, Lent 4	Formula of Concord: Epitome Art. II–VII (477–91)
	6-Apr	Lent 5	
	7-Apr	Monday, Lent 5	Formula of Concord: Epitome Art. VIII–XII (491–502)
	8-Apr	Tuesday, Lent 5	Formula of Concord: Solid Declaration Introduction–Summary, Rule, and Norm (505–11)
	9-Apr	Wednesday, Lent 5	Formula of Concord: Solid Declaration Art. I (511–19)
	10-Apr	Thursday, Lent 5	Formula of Concord: Solid Declaration Art. II, para. 1–56 (520–30)
	11-Apr	Friday, Lent 5	Formula of Concord: Solid Declaration Art. II, para. 57–Art. III, para. 25 (530–40)
	12-Apr	Saturday, Lent 5	Formula of Concord: Solid Declaration Art. III, para. 26–Art. IV, para. 40 (540–52)
	13-Apr	Palm Sunday	
	14-Apr	Monday in Holy Week	Formula of Concord: Solid Declaration Art. V–VI (552–61)
	15-Apr	Tuesday in Holy Week	Formula of Concord: Solid Declaration Art. VII, para. 1–62 (561–73)
	16-Apr	Wednesday in Holy Week	Formula of Concord: Solid Declaration Art. VII, para. 63–128 (573–81)
	17-Apr	Holy (Maundy) Thursday	Formula of Concord: Solid Declaration Art. VIII (581–96)
	18-Apr	Good Friday	Formula of Concord: Solid Declaration Art. IX–XI, para. 47 (596– 609)
	19-Apr	Holy Saturday	Formula of Concord: Solid Declaration Art. XI, para. 48–Art. XII, Conclusion (609–19)