

+ LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR +
Divine Service Setting Three ~ Pg 184
November 23, 2025

As We Gather: By Faith We Are Prepared for Christ's Return

"The day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night" (1 Thess. 5:1–11). The arrival of the bridegroom will be sudden and unexpected. Therefore you are to be watchful and ready like the five wise virgins. "For you know neither the day nor the hour" when the Son of Man is to return. (Matt. 25:1–13). The lamps are the Word of Christ. The oil in the lamps is the Holy Spirit, who works through the Word to create and sustain the flame of faith in Christ. The foolish are those who do not give proper attention to the working of the Holy Spirit in baptism, preaching, and the supper, and so their faith does not endure. The wise, however, are those who diligently attend to these gifts of the Spirit, and who therefore have an abundance of oil. The flame of faith endures to the end. By God's grace they are received into the eternal wedding feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, the new heavens and the new earth created by the Lord for the joy of His people (Is. 65:17–25).

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.

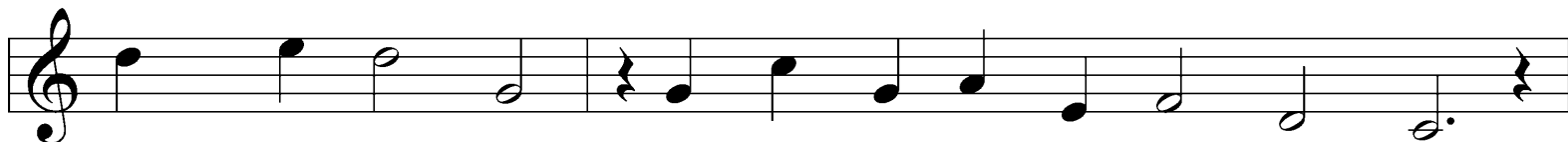
C Amen.

Opening Hymn ‘Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying’

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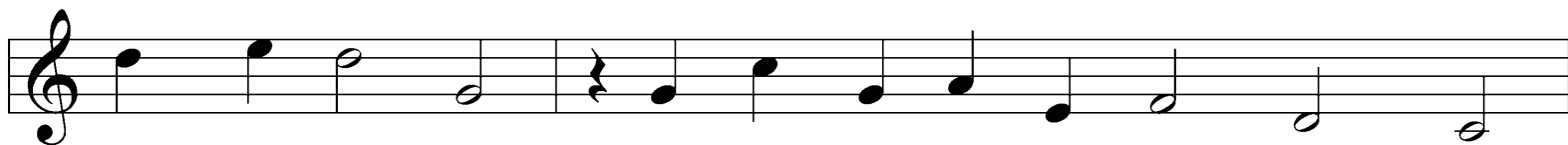
1 “Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing,” The watch - men on the
2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, And all her heart with
3 Now let all the heav’ns a - dore Thee, Let saints and an - gels



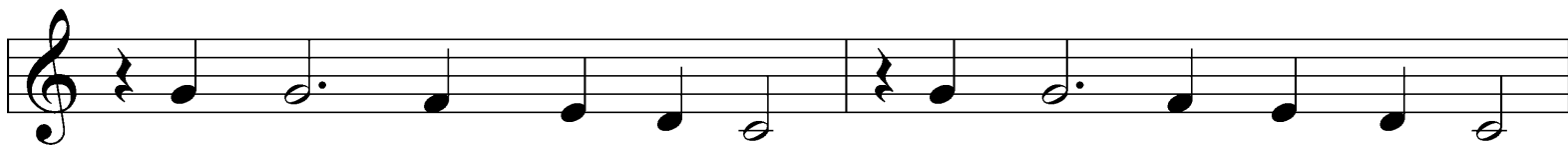
heights are cry - ing; “A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!”
joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
sing be - fore Thee With harp and cym - bals’ clear - est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing
For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in
Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, Where, join - ing with the



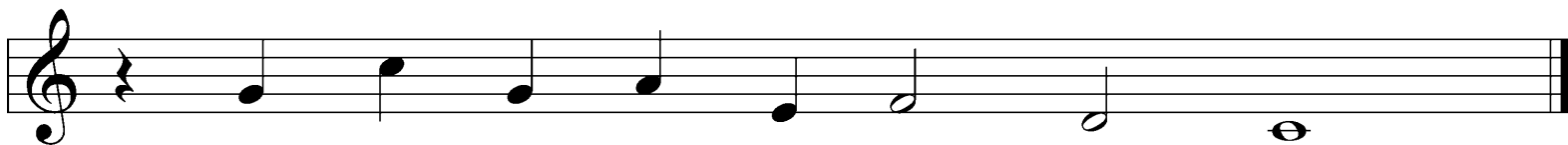
cry re - joic - es: “Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?
truth vic - to - rious; Her star is ris’n, her light is come.
choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne.



The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take!
Now come, Thou Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son,
No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might



Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your-selves pre - pare
Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall
Of Thy glo - ry; There - fore will we E - ter - nal - ly



To meet the Bride - groom, who is near."
To eat the Sup - per at Thy call.
Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

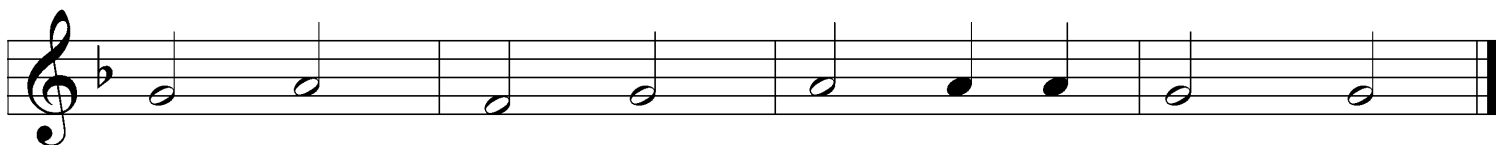
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Kyrie

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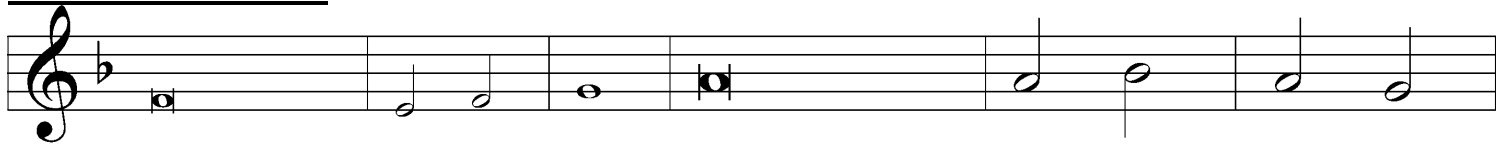
☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



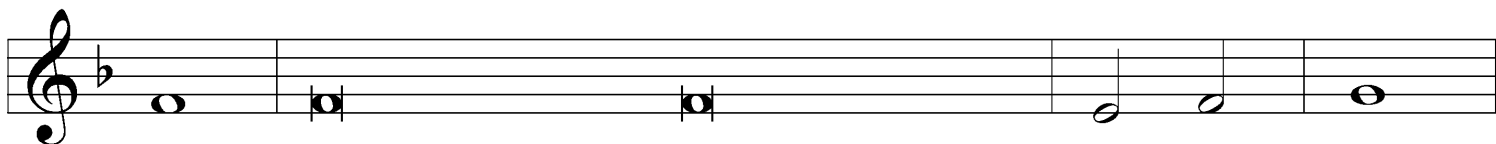
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Gloria in Excelsis

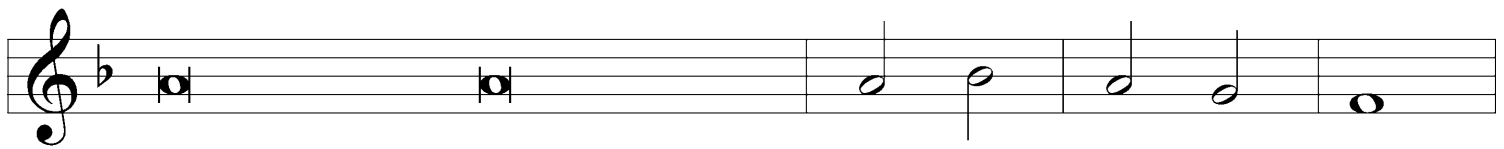
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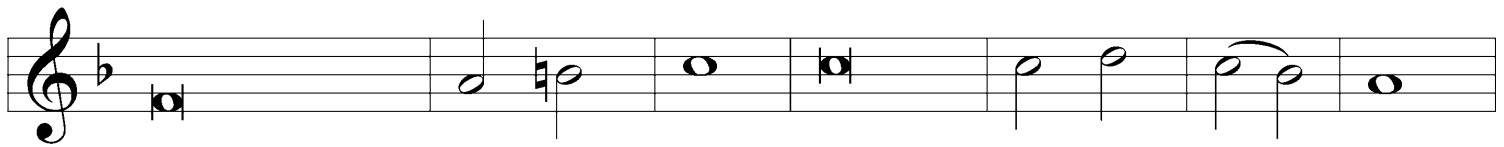
☐ Glory be to God on high: **☐** and on earth peace, good - will toward



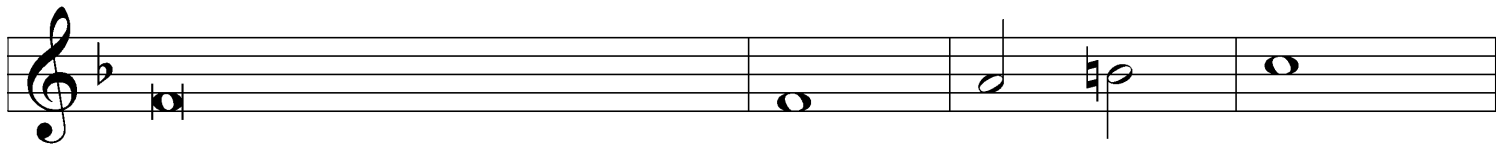
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



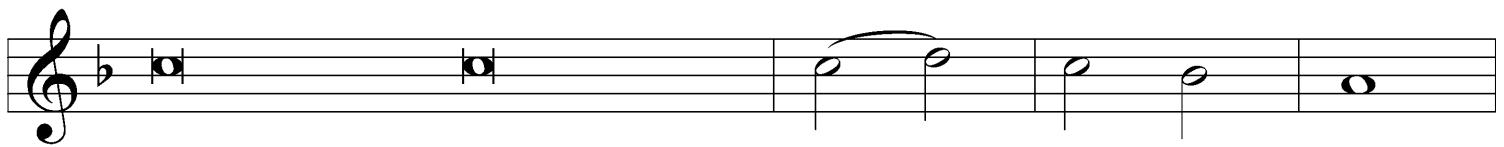
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



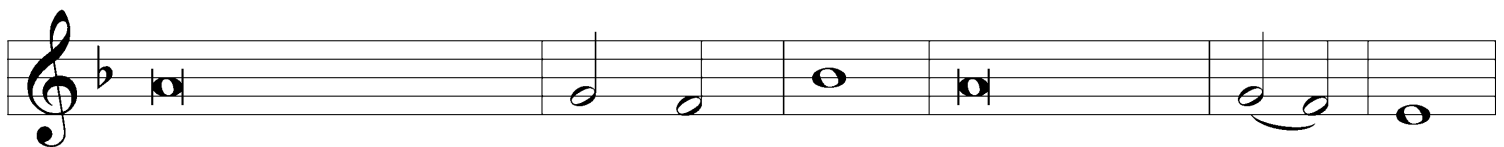
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



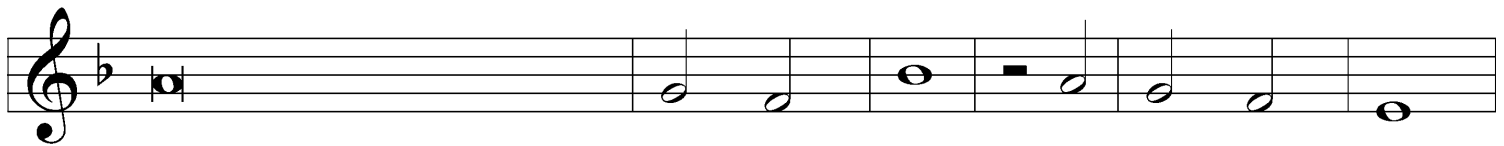
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



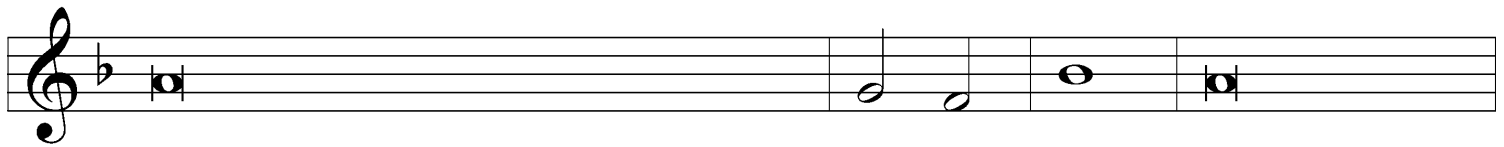
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



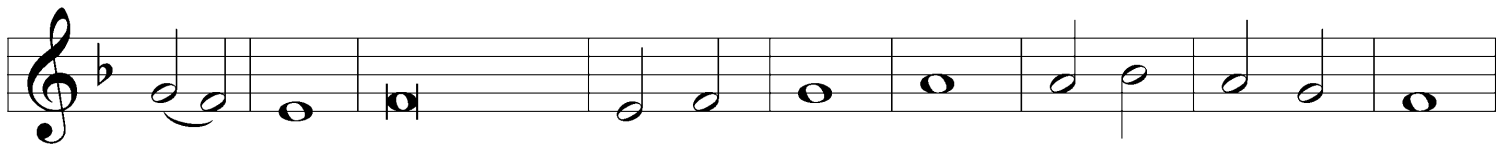
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



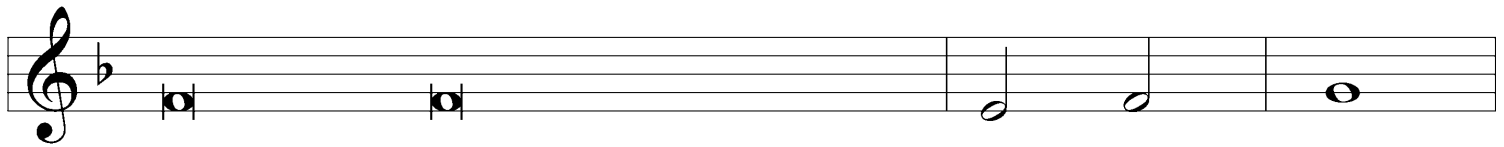
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



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.



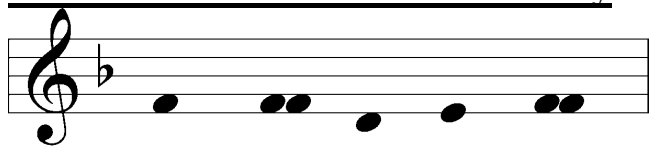
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



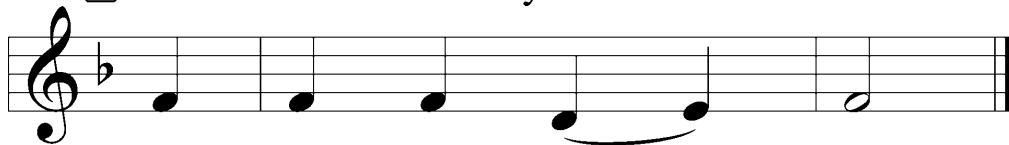
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

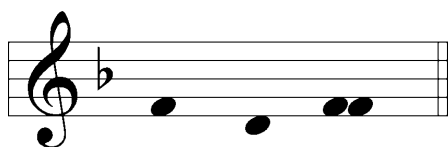
Last Sunday



P The Lord be with you.

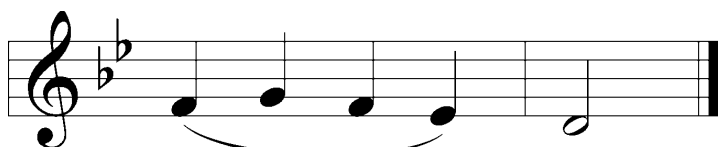


C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that, from the bonds of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; 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

Isaiah 65:17–25

¹⁷“Behold, I create new heavens
and a new earth,
and the former things shall not be remembered
or come into mind.

¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever
in that which I create;
for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,
and her people to be a gladness.

¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and be glad in my people;
no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping
and the cry of distress.

²⁰No more shall there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days,

or an old man who does not fill out his days,
for the young man shall die a hundred years old,
and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.

²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²²They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³They shall not labor in vain
or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD,
and their descendants with them.

²⁴Before they call I will answer;
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
and dust shall be the serpent's food.

They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain,"
says the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Introit

Psalm 39:4–5, 7–8; antiphon: Isaiah 35:10



The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads.

**They shall obtain gladness and joy,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.**

O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;
let me know how fleeting I am!

Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before you.

Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath!
And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

My hope is in you.
**Deliver me from all my transgressions.
Do not make me the scorn of the fool!**

**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.**

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Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Alleluia

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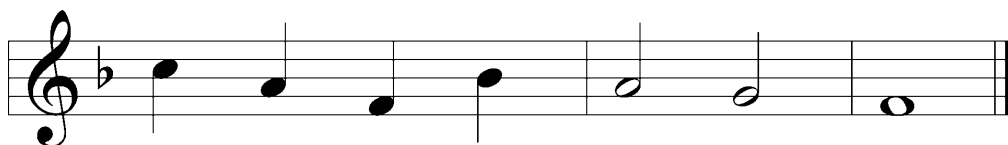


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Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:1–13

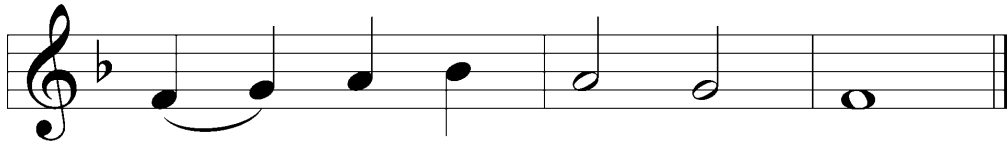
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

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.

RESURRECTION

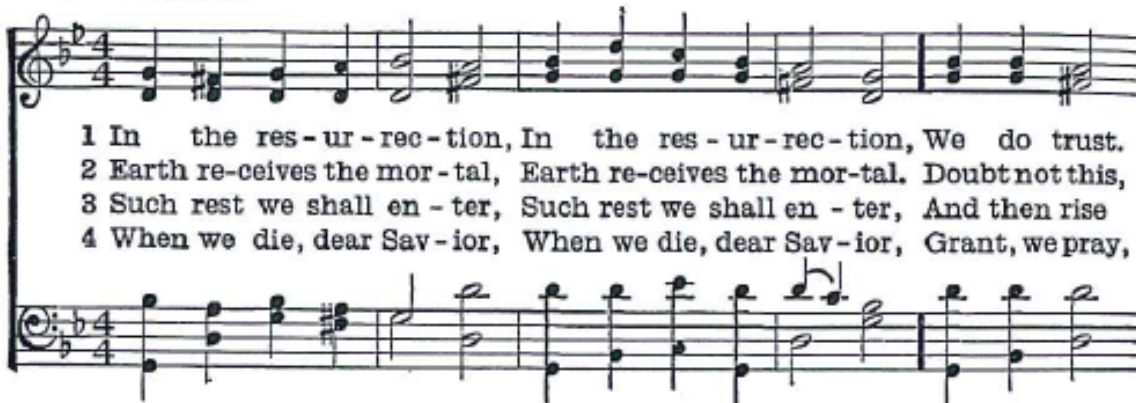
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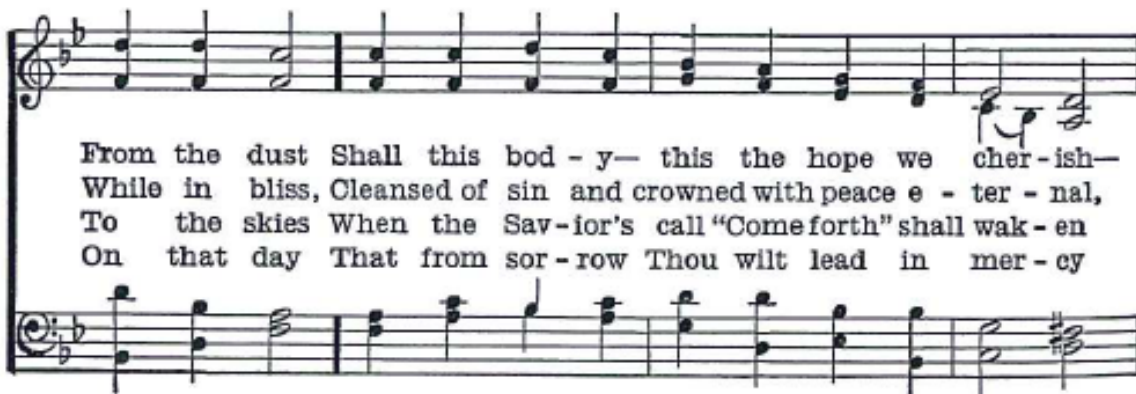
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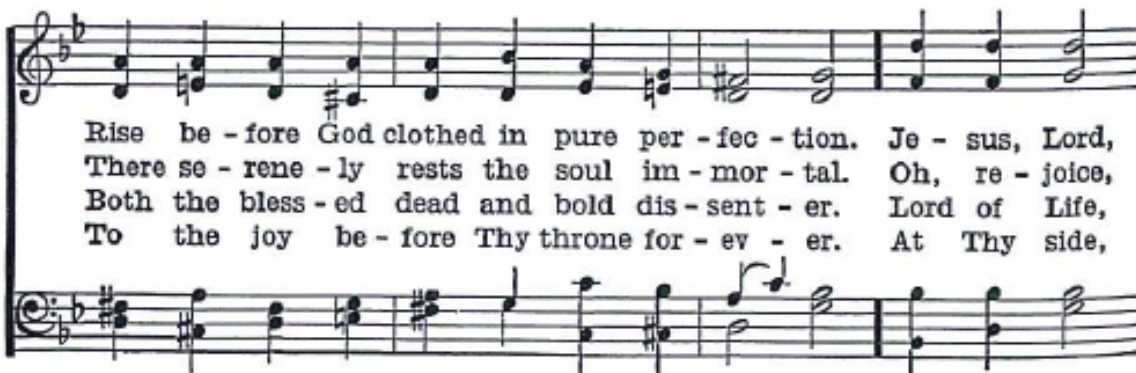
Resurrection
 Slovakian melody, c. 1600



1 In the res-ur-rec-tion, In the res-ur-rec-tion, We do trust.
 2 Earth re-ceives the mor-tal, Earth re-ceives the mor-tal. Doubt not this,
 3 Such rest we shall en-ter, Such rest we shall en-ter, And then rise
 4 When we die, dear Sav-ior, When we die, dear Sav-ior, Grant, we pray,



From the dust Shall this bod-y— this the hope we cher-ish—
 While in bliss, Cleansed of sin and crowned with peace e-ter-nal,
 To the skies When the Sav-ior's call "Come forth" shall wak-en
 On that day That from sor-row Thou wilt lead in mer-cy



Rise be-fore God clothed in pure per-fec-tion. Je-sus, Lord,
 There se-rene-ly rests the soul im-mor-tal. Oh, re-joice,
 Both the bless-ed dead and bold dis-sent-er. Lord of Life,
 To the joy be-fore Thy throne for-ev-er. At Thy side,



Help af-ford; Oh, save us lest we per-ish!
 Prais-es voice— 'Tis saved from foes in-fer-nal.
 In our strife Oh, leave us not for-sak-en!
 Glo-ri-fied, Oh, may we ev-er praise Thee! A-men.

Votum

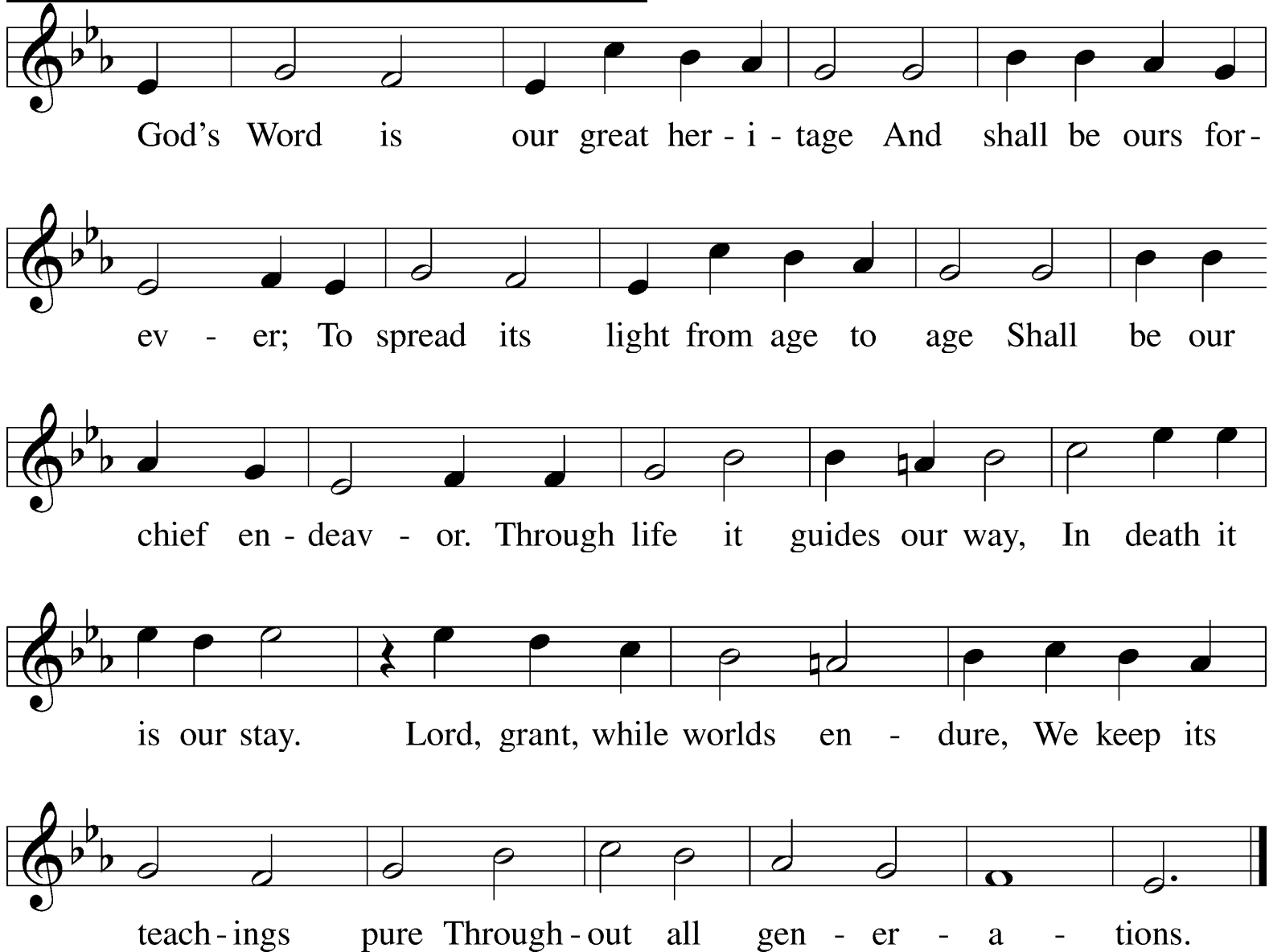
P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

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
teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

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Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the Church, Christ's Bride, that He would lead her home to enter with all the company of the redeemed into His eternal wedding feast, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P That the gifts of our Baptism may abide with us; and that we may be strengthened by the Word and the Sacraments of Christ until He comes, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For faithful vocations in the home, the church and the world that build up and cultivate God's creation according to His will, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the nations of the earth, especially our country, its inhabitants and all who are in authority, that God's truth, righteousness and peace would abound; and for God's blessing on all who serve in our armed forces, that they would do so with integrity and honor, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the sick, the mourning and all who cry out to God in the midst of suffering, *[especially _____,]* that God would heal them according to His will, comfort them with His steadfast love, and strengthen them to bear their crosses as they follow Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who travel, that God would preserve them as He once preserved Abraham and Sarah throughout the days of their pilgrimage; and that He would bring them safely home again, so their homecomings would be joyful, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who eat and drink the body and blood of Jesus, that God would give us repentant hearts to receive the forgiveness of sins and to proclaim joyfully Christ's death until He comes in glory, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

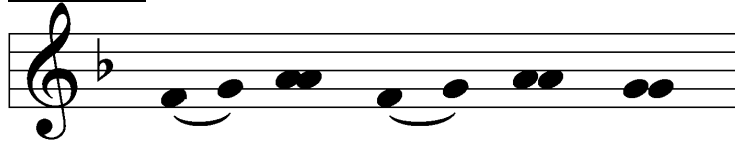
P O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

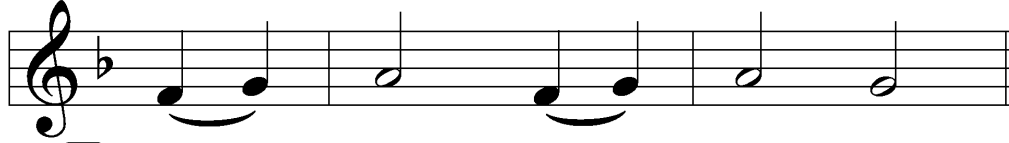
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Preface

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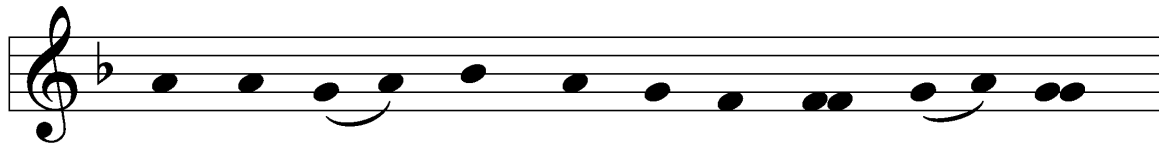
C And with thy spir - it.



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)

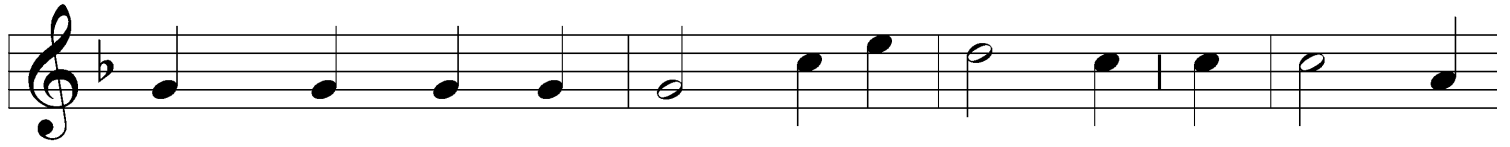
P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

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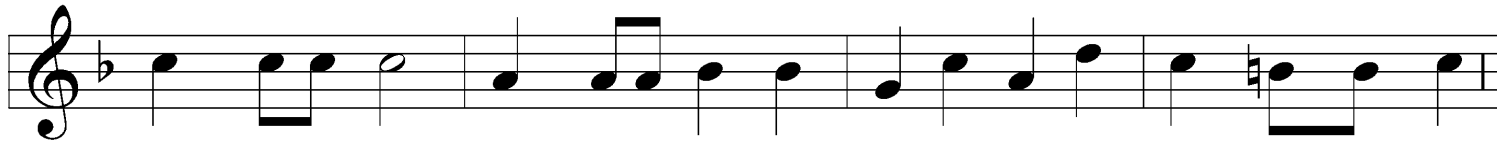
C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



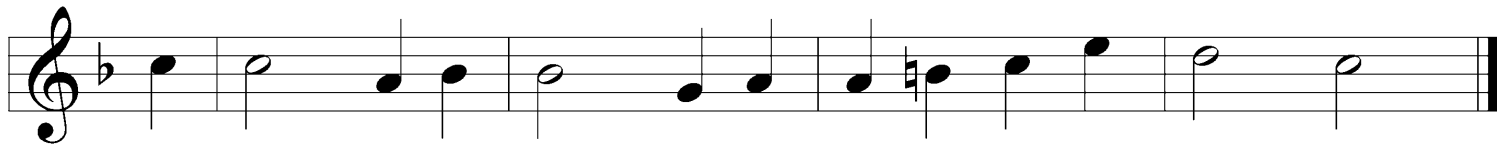
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



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



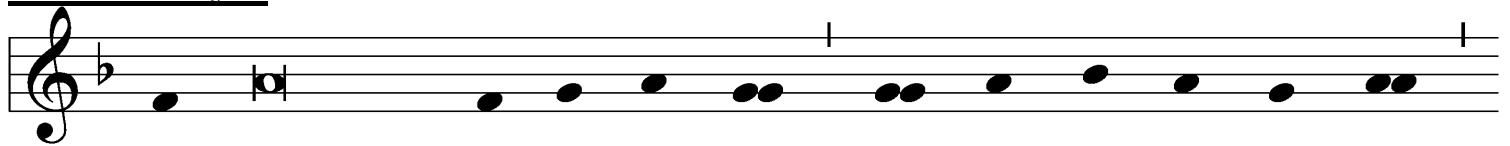
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



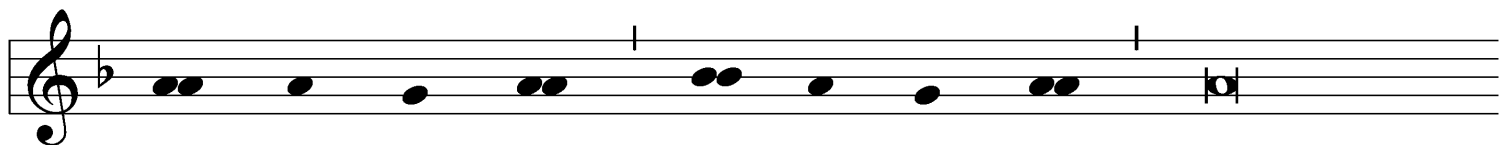
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Lord's Prayer

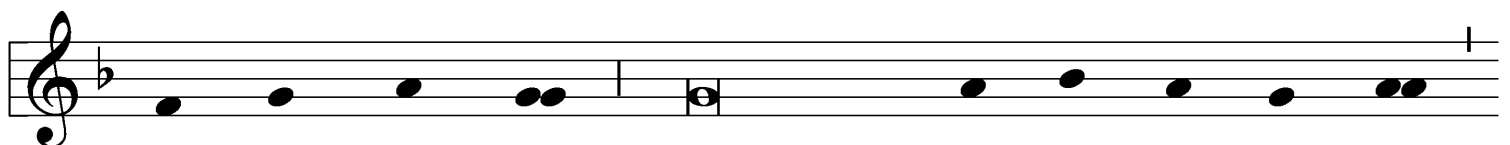
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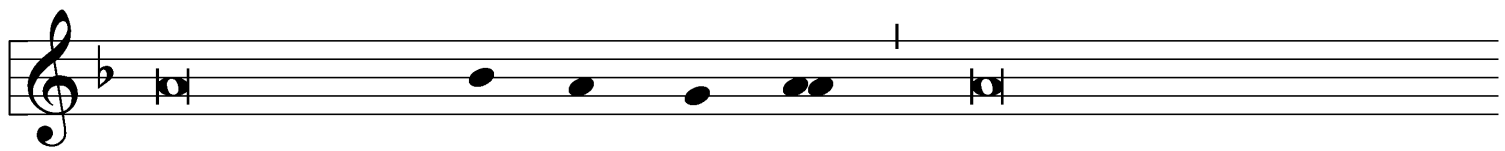
P Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



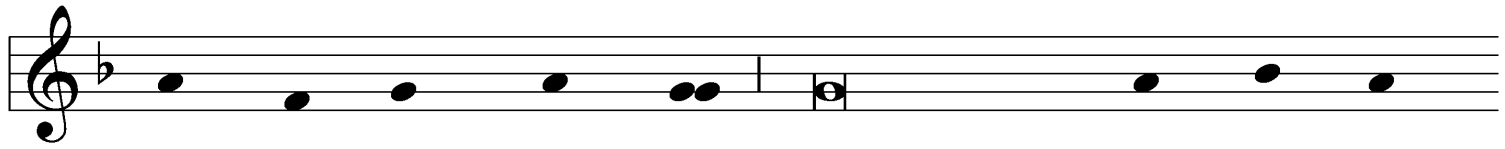
Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it



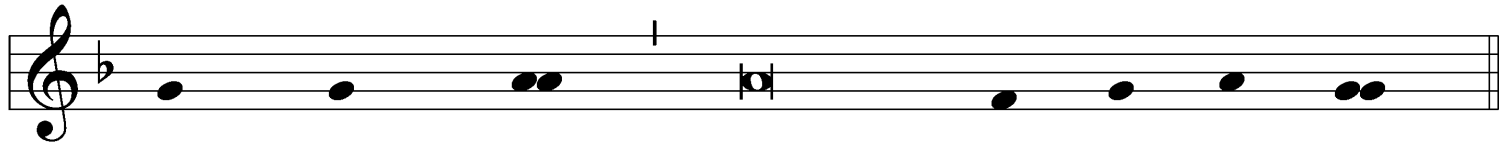
is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;



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



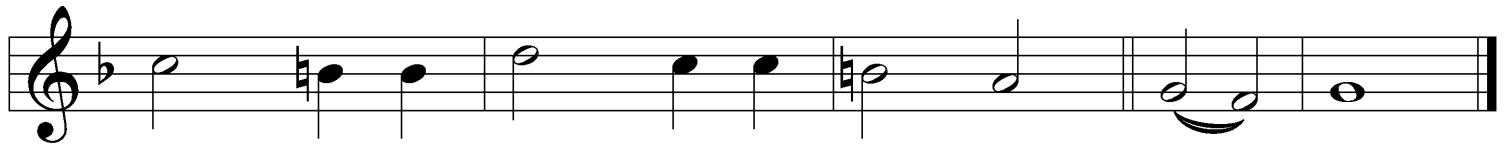
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temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.



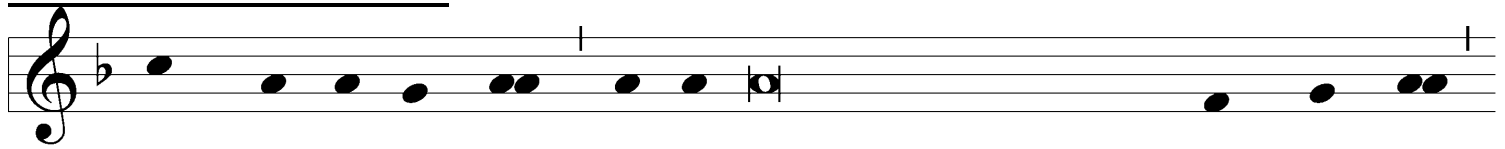
C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



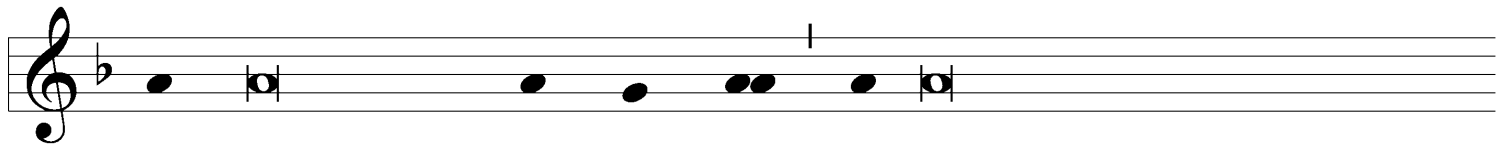
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The Words of Our Lord

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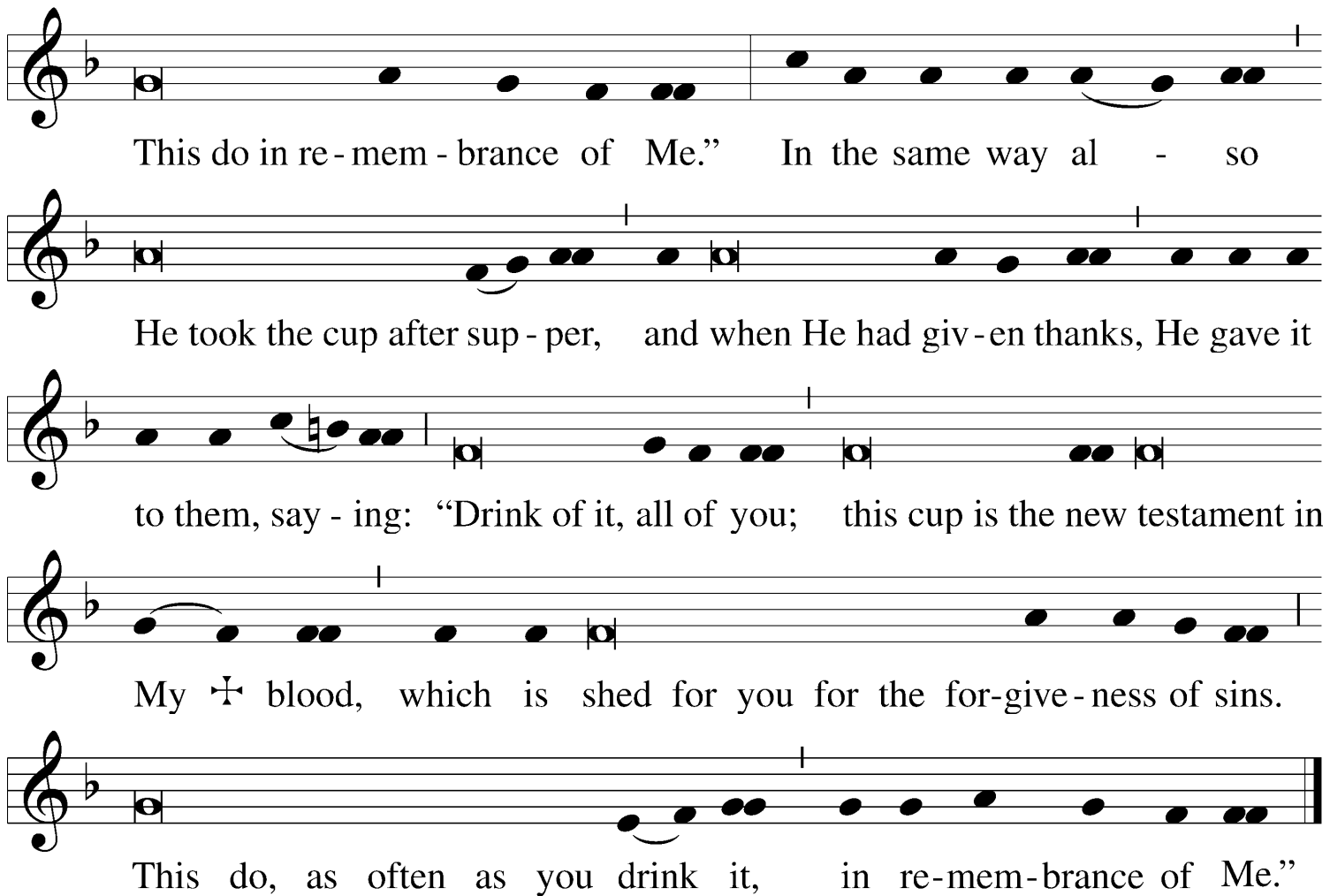
P Our Lord Je - sus Christ, on the night when He was be - trayed, took bread,



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

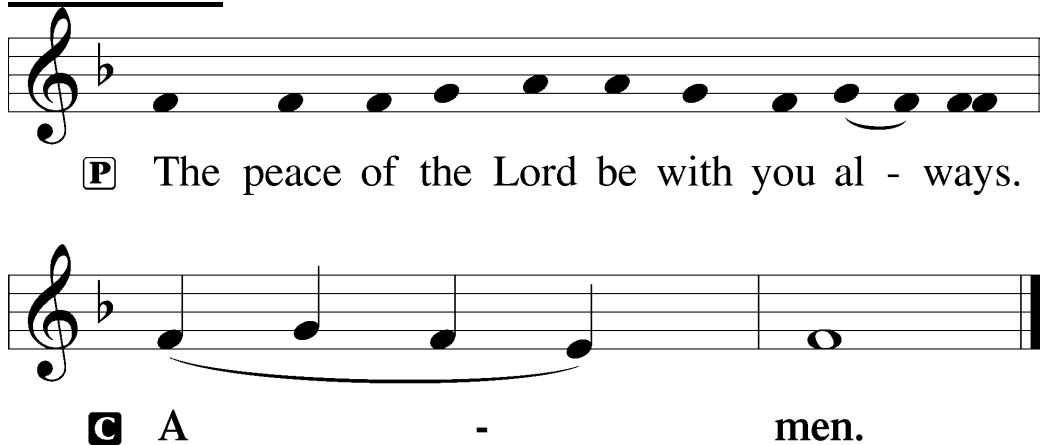
to them, say-ing: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in

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.

A - men.

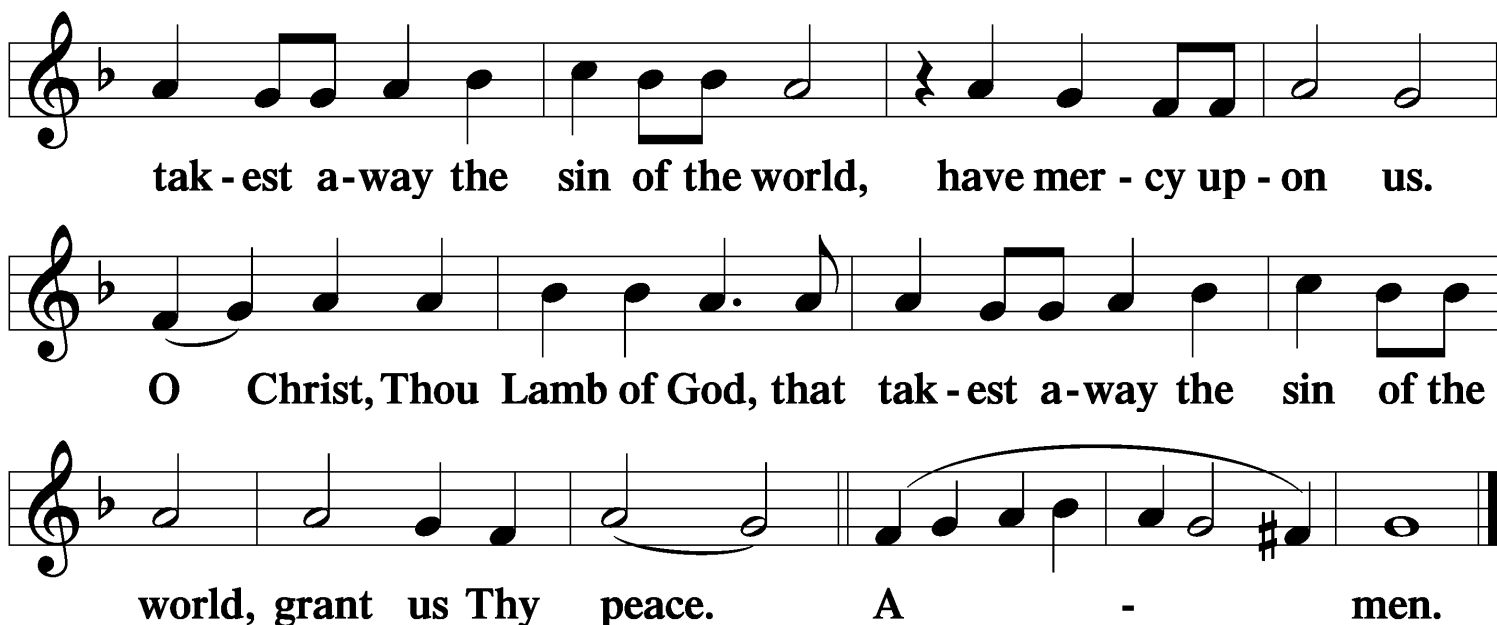
Agnus Dei

LSB 198



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 'Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray'

LSB 663



1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep a - wak -
 2 Watch a - gainst the dev - il's snares Lest a - sleep he find
 3 Watch! Let not the wick - ed world With its lies de - feat
 4 Watch a - gainst your - self, my soul, Lest with grace you tri -
 5 But while watch - ing, al - so pray To the Lord un - ceas -

en! Be not by the e - vil day Un - a - wares o'er -
 you; For in - deed no pains he spares To de - ceive and
 you Lest with bold de - cep - tions hurled It be - tray and
 fle; Let not self your thoughts con - trol Nor God's mer - cy
 ing. God pro - tects you day by day, Strength and faith in -

tak - en; For the foe, Well we know, Is a
 blind you. Sa - tan's prey Oft are they Who se -
 cheat you. Watch and see Lest there be Faith - less
 sti - fle. Pride and sin Lurk with - in, All your
 creas - ing, So that still Mind and will Shall u -



har - vest reap - ing While the saints are sleep - ing.
 cure are sleep - ing And no watch are keep - ing.
 friends to charm you, Who but seek to harm you.
 hopes to shat - ter; Heed not when they flat - ter.
 nite to serve Him And for - ev - er love Him.

Text: Johann Burkhard Freystein, 1671–1718; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Tune: Hundert . . . geistlicher Arien, 1694, Dresden, alt.

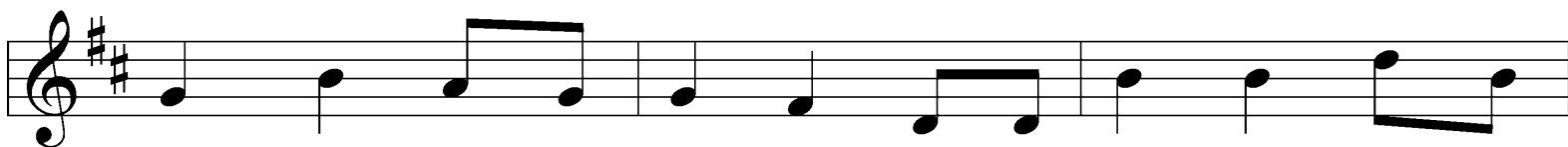
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Distribution Hymn ‘Children of the Heavenly Father’

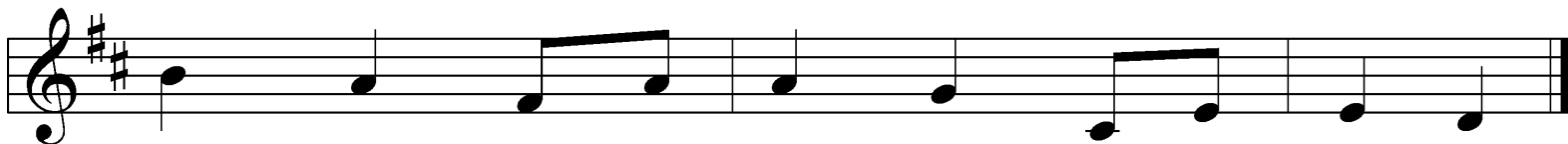
LSB 725



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



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



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

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958

Tune: Lofsånger och andeliga visor, 1873, Sweden

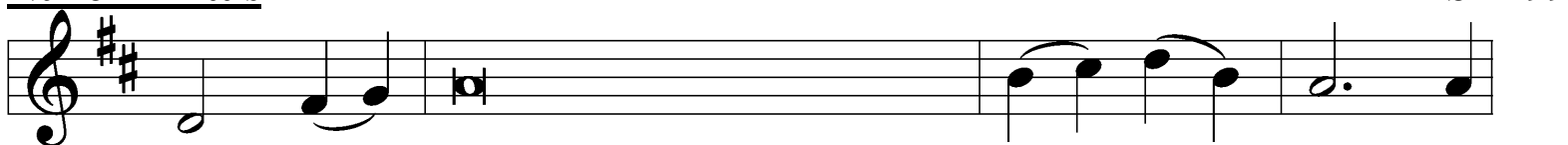
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Please stand as you are able.

Nunc Dimittis

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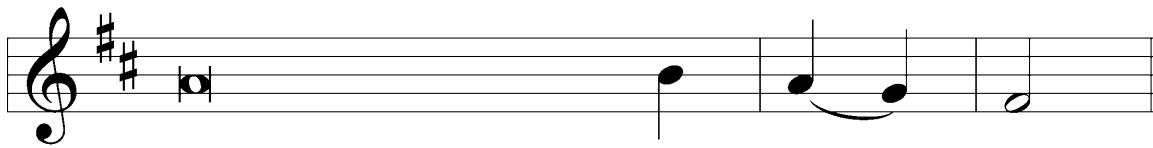
C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -

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

LSB 200

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

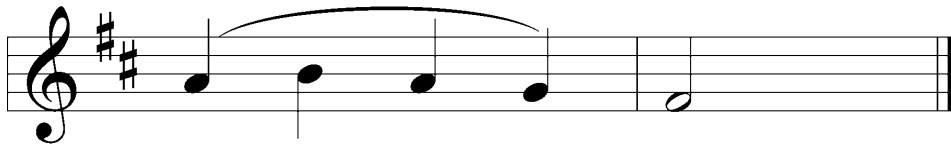


C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

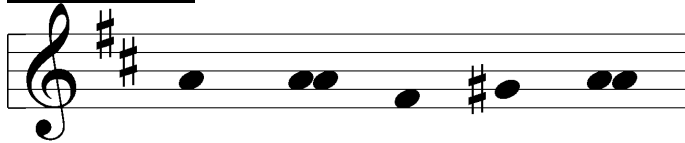
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You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



C A - men.

Salutation

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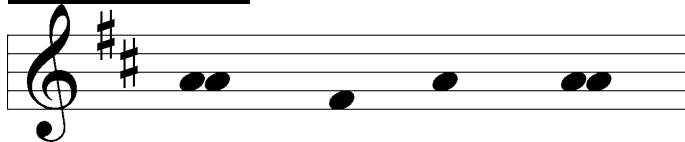
P The Lord be with you.



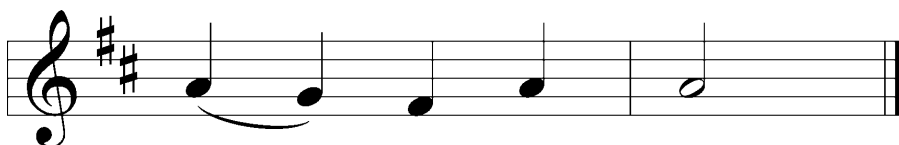
C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

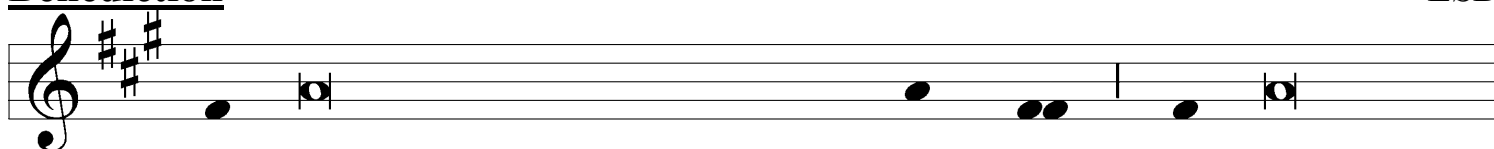
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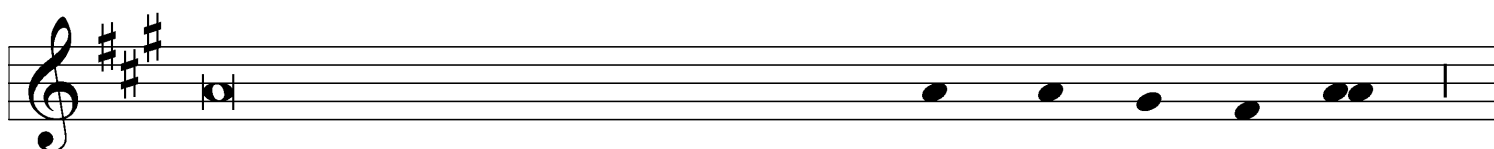
A Bless we the Lord.



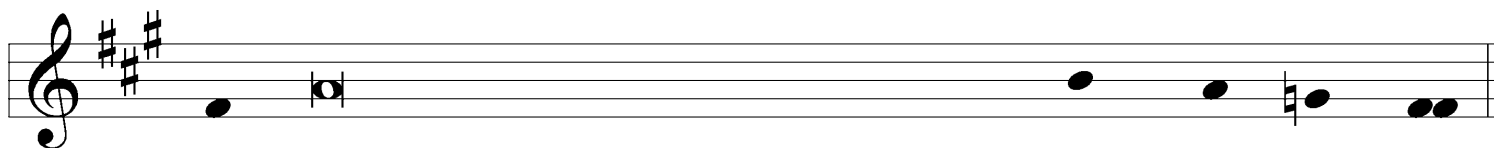
C Thanks be to God.



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 'The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us'



1 The Bride - groom soon will call us, "Come to the wed - ding feast."
 2 There shall we see in glo - ry Our dear Re - deem - er's face;
 3 There God shall from all e - vil For - ev - er make us free,
 4 In that fair home shall nev - er Be si - lent mu - sic's voice;



May slum - ber not be - fall us Nor watch - ful - ness de - crease.
 The long - a - wait - ed sto - ry Of heav'n - ly joy takes place:
 From sin and from the dev - il, From all ad - ver - si - ty,
 With hearts and lips for - ev - er We shall in God re - joice,



May all our lamps be burn - ing With oil e - nough and more
 The pa - tri - archs shall meet us, The proph - ets' ho - ly band;
 From sick - ness, pain, and sad - ness, From trou - bles, cares, and fears,
 While an - gel hosts are rais - ing With saints from great to least



That we, with Him re - turn - ing, May find an o - pen door!
A - pos - tles, mar - tyrs greet us In that ce - les - tial land.
And grant us heav'n - ly glad - ness And wipe a - way our tears.
A might - y hymn for prais - ing The Giv - er of the feast.

Text: Johann Walter, 1496–1570; (st. 1): tr. F. Samuel Janzow, 1913–2001; (sts. 2–4): tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt.

Tune: Musae Sioniae, 1609, vol. 7, Wolfenbüttel, ed. Michael Praetorius

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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.

Clarification on Individual Cups for Communion: The Individual Cups in the middle of the tray during the Lord's Supper have a lighter color to them, as they are a few drops of wine mixed with water. The practice is to dilute the wine for those who have wine allergies or wine sensitives. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Koepp.

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. Congregation members, please place your offering inside the envelope that has been designated for you. Thank you.

VANCO: Those currently giving electronically, if you wish to make changes to your online giving for next year, please inform the church secretary by December 7th.

Poinsettias for the Christmas Eve service are \$15. Please have your order form filled out and leave in the offering basket by December 7th. If you wish to provide your own plant, please fill out an order form indicating so and the in memory/in honor of portion.

Advent Meals sign-up is out on the entryway table. Meals will be from 5:15pm-6:15pm on Dec. 3, 10 and 17.

Pastor will be out of town Thursday through Sunday. If a need arises, please contact an Elder or Pastor' cell 507-829-3901.

Thanks to all members who helped with the Fall Church Cleaning. Many items were cleared away and organized which was needed. See you in the Spring! ~ **LWML**

LWML: There will be no meeting in December. There will also be no meeting for the Board of Evangelism in December.

Sunday School: We are looking for Sunday School teachers for 2025-2026. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table.

Stewardship: *Matthew 25:2 – “Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.”* A truly wise man, as Jesus once said, builds on the Word of Jesus. There is no other foundation which will stand. Any other path is a foolish one. His Word leads to life, and to depart from His Word leads to death. Clinging to His Word, we know we have His blessing.

Building Healthy Families: “Count your many blessings, name them one by one...” God’s blessings are bountiful which we see when we take time to notice, recognize, name, and count them. Challenge your family members to do the same this week. What’s on your list? Happy Thanksgiving from your team at **Lutheran Family Service** ~ www.LutheranFamilyService.org

A Life Quote: “Thankful hearts and people produce a grateful culture, a society that is set free to live freely, set free from the mere whims of others, allowing all to live, everyone from the smallest to the perceived greatest. Whether you trust in God or not, freedom exudes gratitude. Gratitude is the grace that blesses all in this life. It gives others some semblance of hope.” *Rev. Mark Frith, Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty* ~ **A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org**

Lutheran Hour Ministries for Nov. 30th: Hear "Rise and Shine" based on Romans 13:11 by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Belief in the resurrection of Jesus is no siesta. It's a 5am wake-up call, a jolt out of bed that will turn your world upside down. ~ ***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 for November 23rd: When people argue that we should not bring more children into a world such as this, they agree with the people of Jerusalem at the time of its destruction: “Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed” (Luke 23:29). But this is not the way that Jesus intends us to view the gift of new life. Instead, we weep with those who cannot bear and nurse, and we celebrate God’s gift of life, trusting that He will always reign over all things and be the “refuge and strength” of His people (Colossians 1:18; Psalm 46:1), and the little children will always be His “treasured possession” (Malachi 3:17).

TELL YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS ABOUT THE ILSTO:

You've been reading about the Iowa Lutheran School Tuition Organization. This giving opportunity isn't just for Lutherans – anyone who pays Iowa state income tax can donate and receive the tax benefits. Please help spread the word to someone you know who would like to assist students in Christian education while receiving a great tax benefit of a 75% tax credit on their Iowa state tax and 25% federal tax itemized deductions. As of November 1, we are at 15% of our goal. We need your help. For further information, please contact Dewey Torkelson at 712-260-2991. Check the website: www.iowalutheransto.com.

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The Board of Evangelism's Christmas Share this year will run through the months of November and December. Immanuel will be collecting food and hygiene products for MICA. The need to help aid in this program is greater than ever this year. The items listed below will be collected up until December 21st. *(Please make sure items you bring are not outdated.)*

PANTRY ITEMS

Peanut Butter *(always requested)*

Jelly

Soup (all kinds)

Ramen Noodles *(most requested)*

Pancake Mix/Syrup

Oatmeal

Cereal

Canned Goods

Mac and Cheese boxes

HYGIENE ITEMS

Toilet Paper

Laundry Soap *(always requested)*

Dish Soap

Shower Gel

Toothbrushes

Toothpaste

Bath Soap Bars

***If you have questions, please see any
member of the Board of Evangelism.***

Dianna K.

June R.

Bev H.

Our Gifts to God (given at Immanuel)

For the week of November 16, 2025

Attendance 59

Calendar of Events for This Week

Today 9:00am Last Sunday of the Church Year
10:30am Christmas Program Practice
10:30am Bible Study
Greeter: K. Schultz
Usher: Keith T.
Servers: Dianna K. & Natalie J.
Acolyte/Crucifer: Thatcher & Elsie
Elder: Joe W.

Wednesday No Confirmation Classes

Thursday No Bible Study

Thursday through Sunday Pastor out of town

Next Sunday 9:00am First Sunday in Advent: Prayer & Preaching
10:30am Christmas Program Practice
10:30am Bible Study
Greeter: Schutt
Usher: Tim B.
Servers: Stephanie E. & June R.
Acolyte/Crucifer: Sophia & Alivia
Elder: Joel M.
Food Pantry Sunday