

+ **THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD: EASTER DAY +**

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As We Gather: *Christ's Resurrection Means That We Will One Day Be Raised*

“Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed” (1 Cor. 5:7). By the shed blood of Christ, the Lamb of God, eternal death has passed over us. Now we pass with Christ through death into life everlasting. For Christ the crucified One is risen! The stone has been rolled away from the tomb, revealing that the tomb could not hold Him (Mark 16:1–8). Now our Redeemer lives eternally to save us from sin and Satan and the grave, and we can live in the sure hope of our own bodily resurrection with Christ. *“After my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God”* (Job 19:26). Feasting on the living Christ, who is our meat and drink indeed, we boldly say: *“O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? . . . But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ”* (1 Cor. 15:54–55, 57).

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.

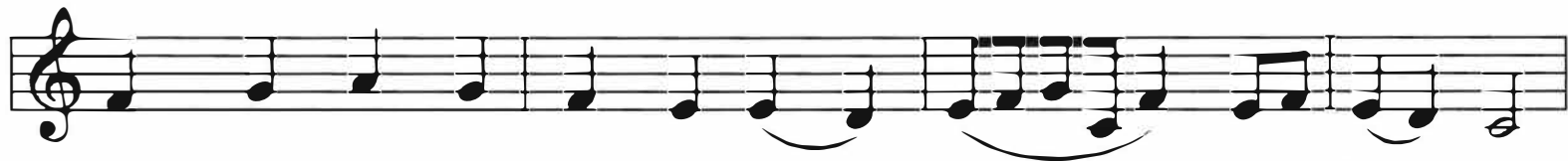
C Amen.

Opening Hymn 'Jesus Christ Is Risen Today'

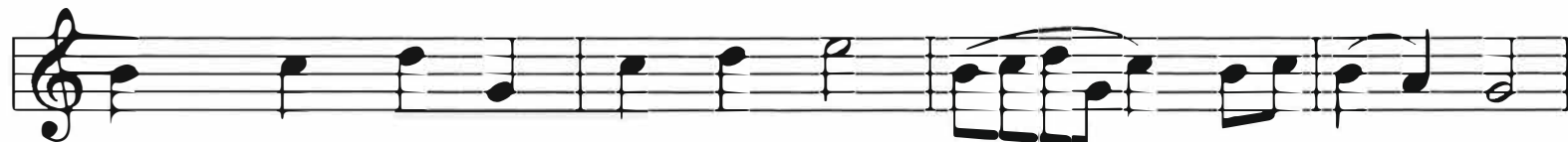
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1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
△ 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!



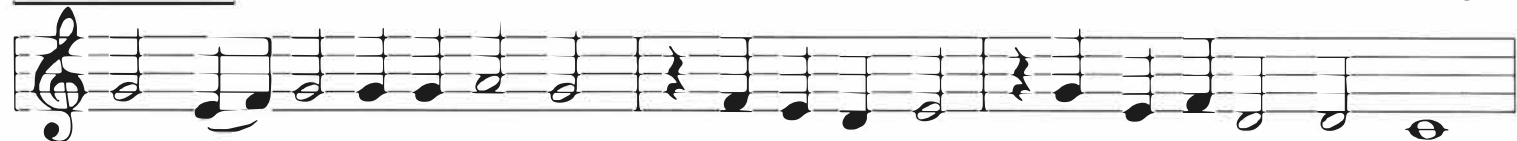
Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



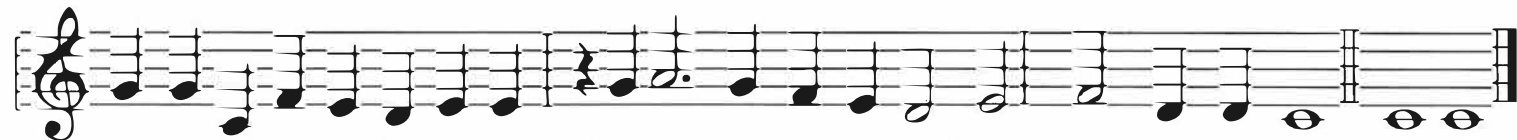
Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Gloria Patri

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C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie

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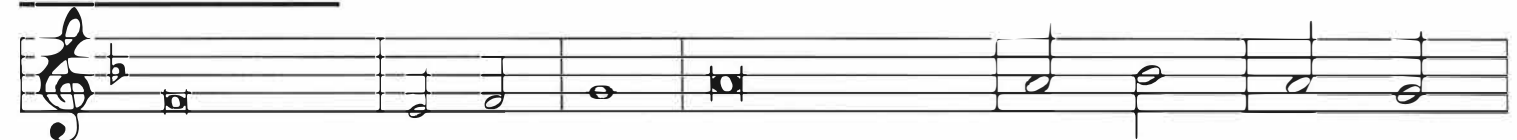
C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



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

Gloria in Excelsis

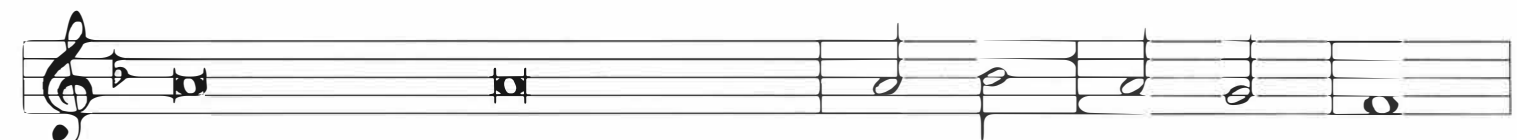
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P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



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



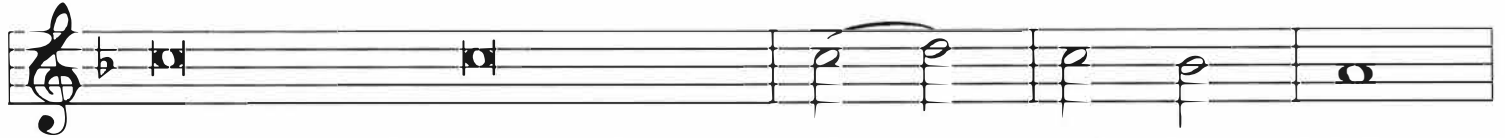
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



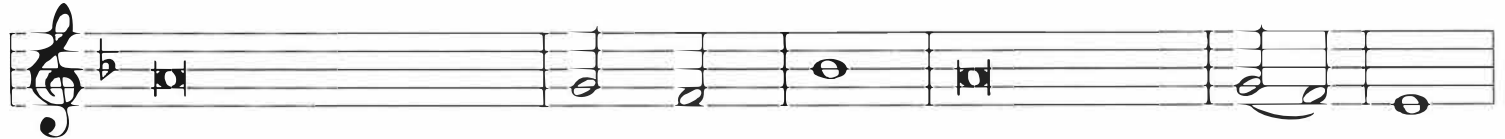
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



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



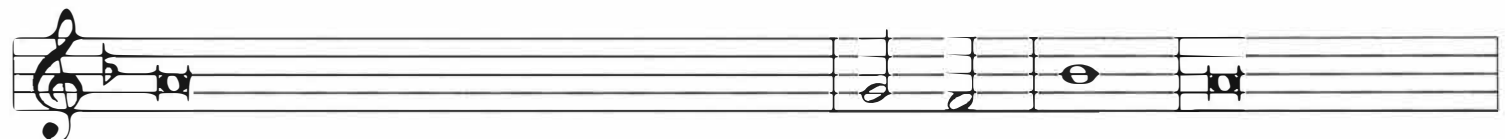
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



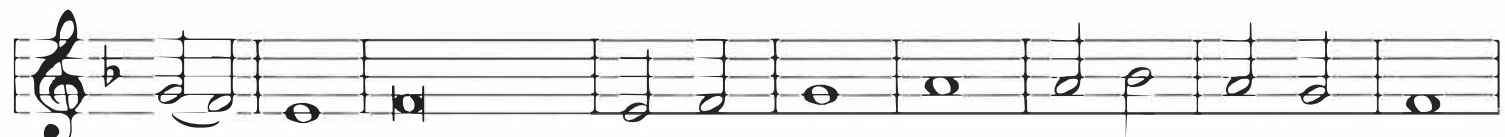
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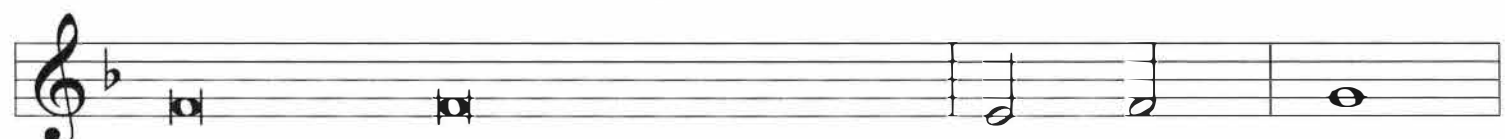
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



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



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



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



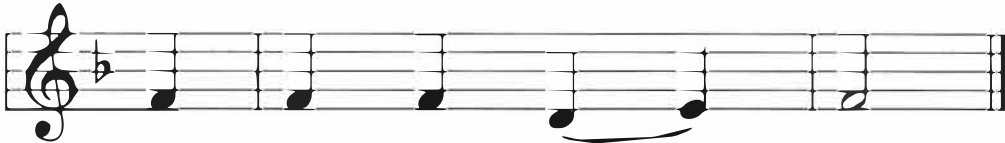
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Easter Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, 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

Job 19:23–27

²³“Oh that my words were written!
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴Oh that with an iron pen and lead
they were engraved in the rock forever!
²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.
²⁶And after my skin has been thus destroyed,
yet in my flesh I shall see God,
²⁷whom I shall see for myself,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
My heart faints within me!”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Introit

Psalm 8:1, 5–6, 9; antiphon: Luke 24:5b–6b



He is risen! Alleluia!

Why do you seek the living among the dead? Alleluia!

Remember how he told you, Alleluia,

that the Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise. Alleluia!

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings

and crowned him with glory and honor.

You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;

you have put all things under his feet.

O LORD, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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 Corinthians 15:51–57

⁵¹Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

⁵⁵“O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Mark 16:1–8

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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,

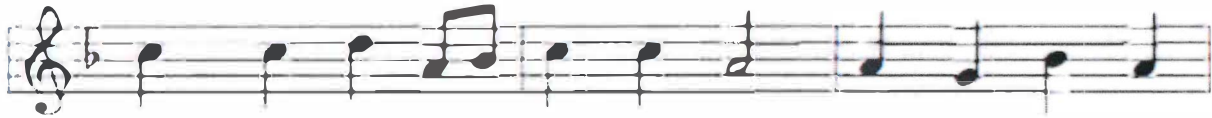
**suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.



Choir: 1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!"
 All: 2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done,
 Choir: 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
 Women: 4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious king!
 Men: 5 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
 All: 6 King of glo - ry, soul of bliss,



All on earth with an - gels say; raise your joys and
 fought the fight, the bat - tle won. Lo! The sun's e -
 Christ has burst the gates of hell. Death in vain for -
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Once he died our
 Praise to thee by both be giv'n. Thee we greet tri -
 ev - er - last - ing life is this: thee to know, thy



tri - umphs high; sing, O heav'ns; and earth, re - ply.
 clipse is o'er. Lo! He sets in blood no more.
 bids his rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
 souls to save; where your vic - to - ry, O grave?
 um - phant now: hail, the re - sur - rec - tion, thou!
 pow'r to prove, thus to sing, and thus to love!

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Sermon

"Removing the Stone"

Mark 16:1-8

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.

C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

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.

O God and Father who raised Jesus from the dead, You have crowned Him with glory and honor. All things, even death, lie under His pierced feet. Expand His dominion to every aspect of our lives, and also to the ends of the earth, that all may see the fullness of Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Holy Lord, mighty God, You have established the Church as the instrument of Your saving purpose and endowed us with the gift of Your Word and Sacrament. Embolden us with the Holy Spirit, that we may be renewed in witness, sustained in trial and refreshed through the Means of Grace. Bless those who bring Your gifts and preach Your Word. Give us willing ears to hear and willing hearts to keep this Easter faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O God, lead Your people in Your steadfast love, and guide them in strength to Your holy abode. Sanctify our homes. Be the companion of those who live alone. Make our households places where Your wisdom and grace are found. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Holy Lord, Your power is over all things. Even death has become Your footstool. Reign over the might of man, and preserve us against all threats. Give wisdom to our president, our governor, all elected and appointed public servants, and all who judge or enforce the rule of law. Deliver us from pride, from the deceptions of self-sufficiency and from the use of technology without conscience or purpose. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful God, have mercy on the sick and those in any need [*especially* _____]. Let the dawning light of the new creation in Christ sustain them in faith. In accord with Your will, grant them renewed health — a foretaste of their eternal healing in Him. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Father, You have offered the Passover Lamb, Your Son, Jesus Christ, to cleanse away the leaven of sin. Endow us with repentant hearts to receive His resurrected body and blood and newness of life. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

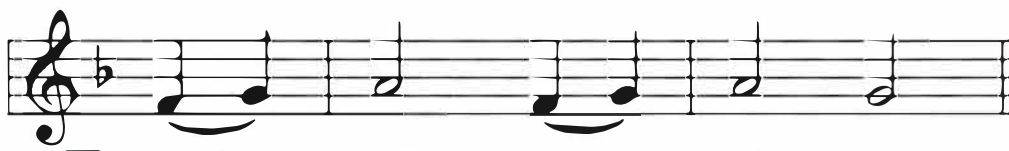
P O Lord, heavenly Father, You have not let Your Holy One see corruption, but have raised Him in triumph from the dead, never to die again. Therefore, our hearts are glad and we rejoice, for our flesh also dwells secure. Since You have set Him at Your right hand, lead us to set His resurrection before us at all times, that His path of life and the fullness of joy in His presence may be known to us, until we come also to the eternal pleasures at His right hand, forevermore; for You, O Father, with the Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

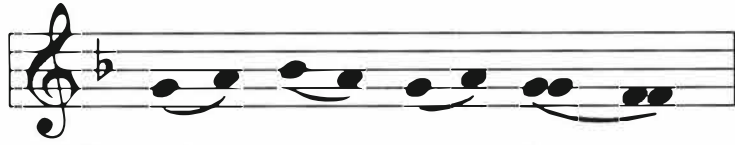
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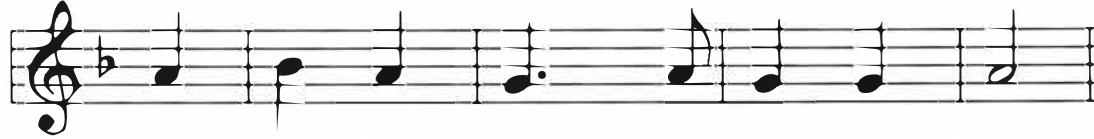
P The Lord be with you.



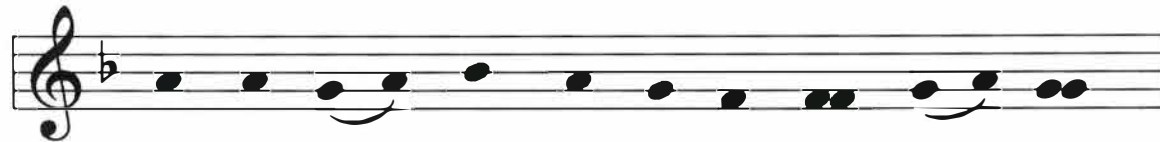
C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



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



C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface (Full)

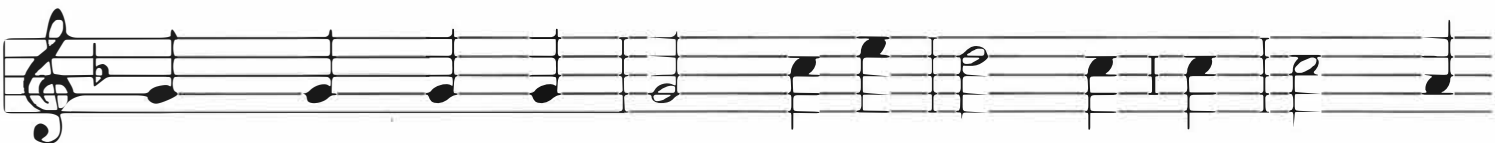
P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed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

Sanctus

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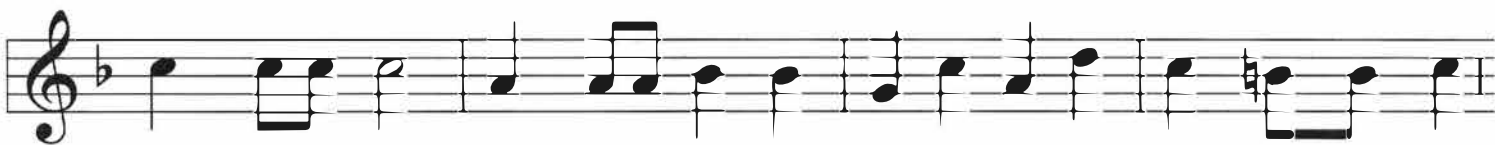
C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



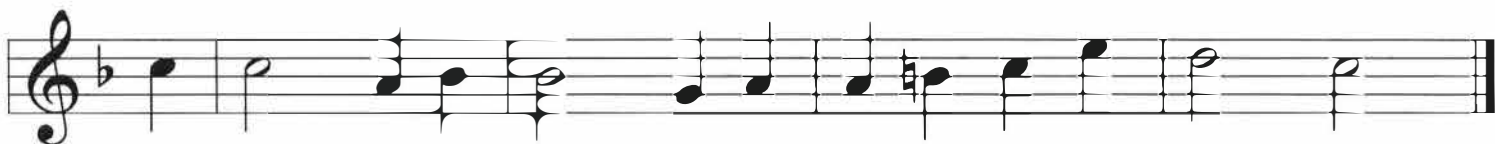
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



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



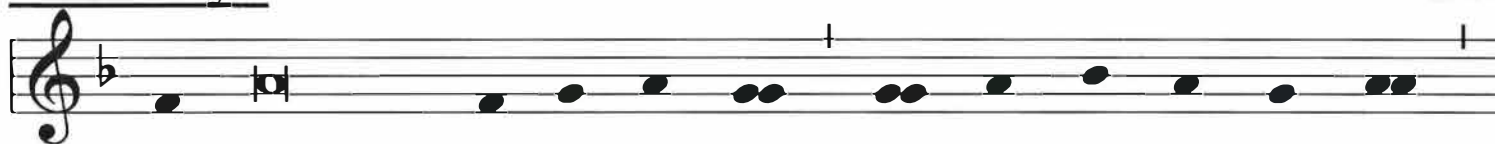
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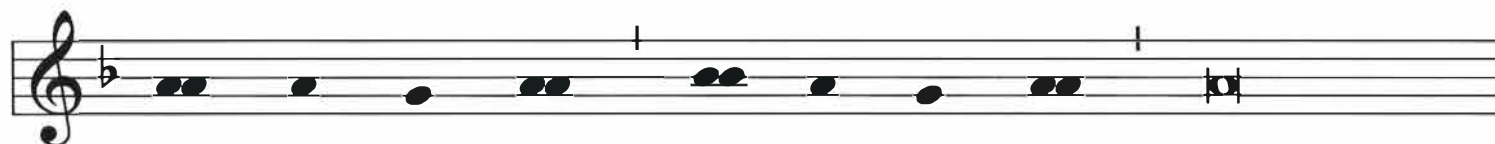
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Lord's Prayer

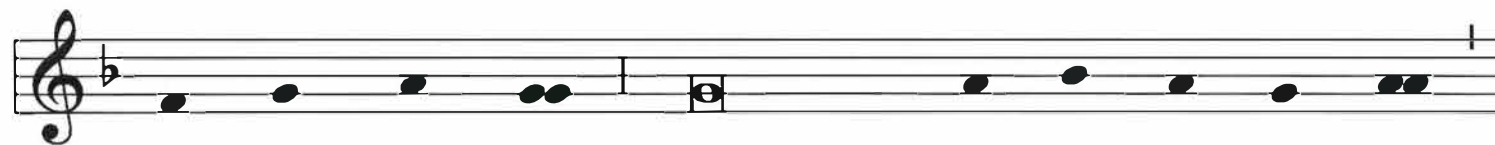
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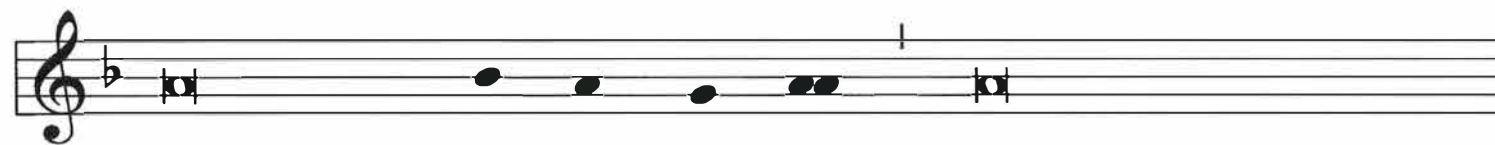
P Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



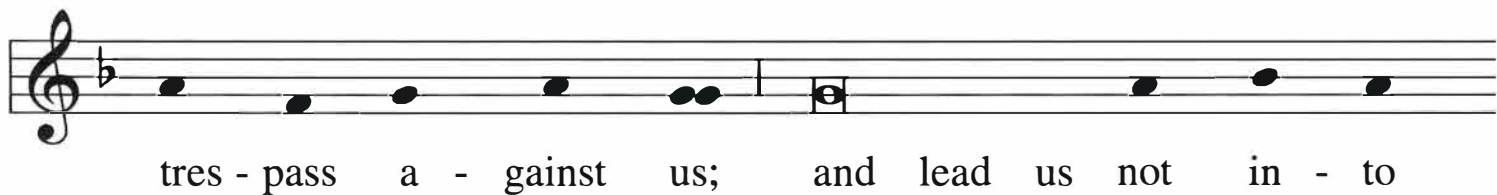
Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it



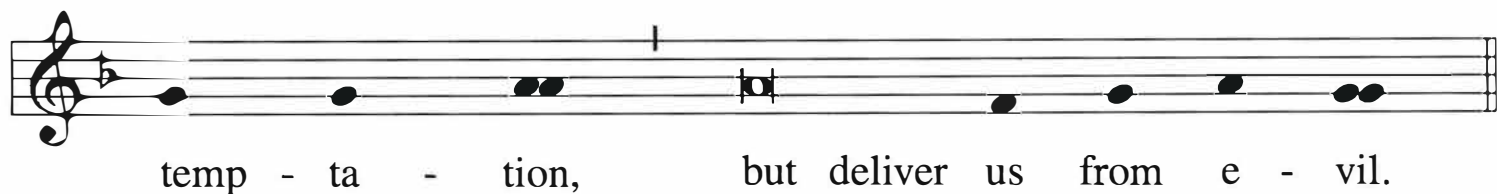
is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;



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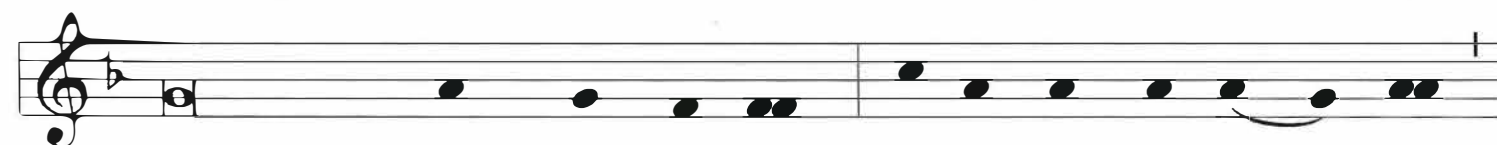
P Our Lord Je - sus Christ, on the night when He was be - trayed, took bread,



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."

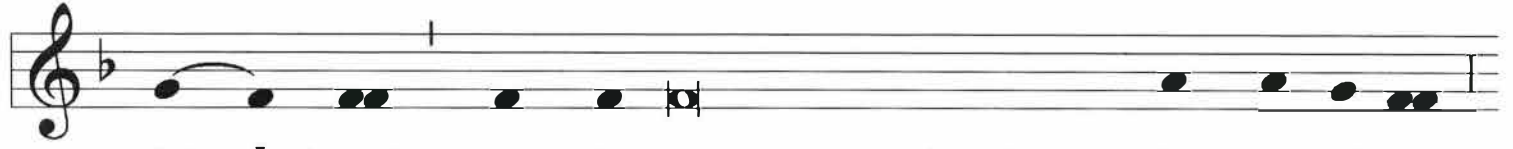


In the same way al - so

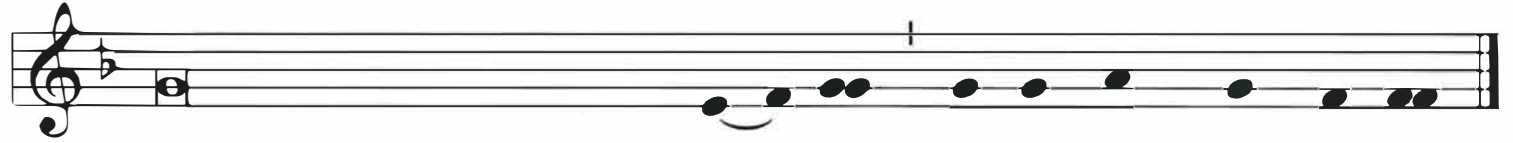
He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv - en thanks, He gave it



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.



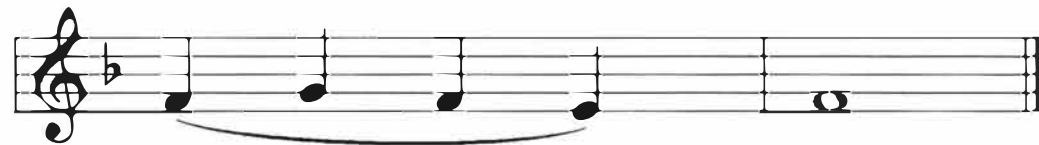
This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

Pax Domini

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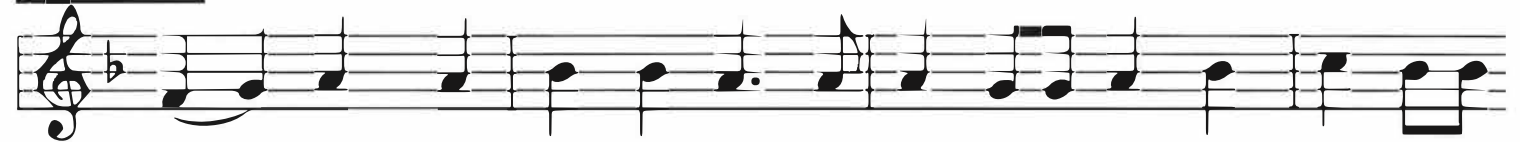
P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



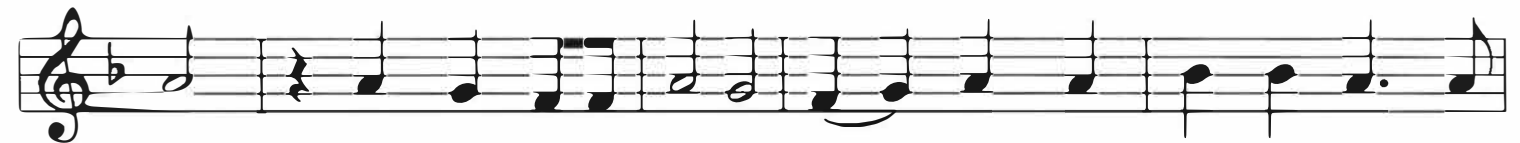
G A - men.

Agnus Dei

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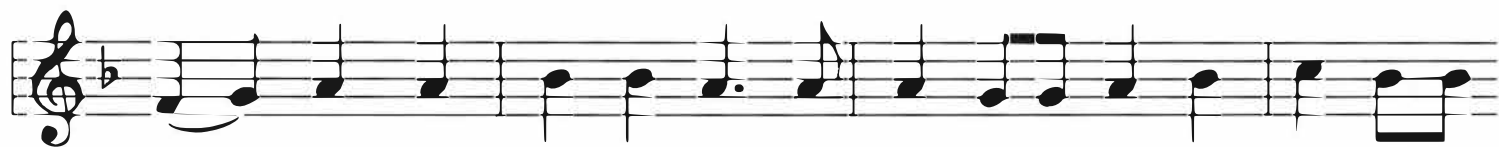
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



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 'Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands'

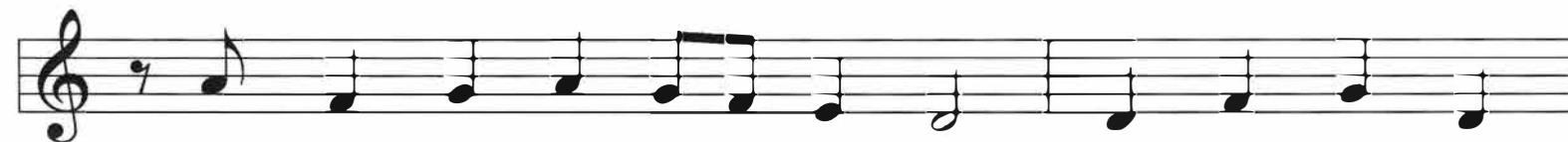
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1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands For our of - fens -
 2 No son of man could con - quer death, Such ru - in sin
 3 Christ Je - sus, God's own Son, came down, His peo - ple to
 4 It was a strange and dread - ful strife When life and death



es giv - en; But now at God's right hand He stands
 had wrought us. No in - no - cence was found on earth,
 de - liv - er; De - stroy - ing sin, He took the crown
 con - tend - ed; The vic - to - ry re - mained with life,



And brings us life from heav - en. There - fore let us
 And there - fore death had brought us In - to bond - age
 From death's pale brow for - ev - er: Stripped of pow'r, no
 The reign of death was end - ed. Ho - ly Scrip - ture



joy - ful be And sing to God right thank - ful - ly
 from of old And ev - er grew more strong and bold
 more it reigns; An emp - ty form a - lone re - mains;
 plain - ly saith That death is swal - lowed up by death,



Loud songs of al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
And held us as its cap - tive. Al - le - lu - ia!
Its sting is lost for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!
Its sting is lost for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Here our true Paschal Lamb we see,
Whom God so freely gave us;
He died on the accursèd tree—
So strong His love—to save us.
See, His blood now marks our door;
Faith points to it; death passes o'er,
And Satan cannot harm us.
Alleluia!

6 So let us keep the festival
To which the Lord invites us;
Christ is Himself the joy of all,
The sun that warms and lights us.
Now His grace to us imparts
Eternal sunshine to our hearts;
The night of sin is ended.
Alleluia!

7 Then let us feast this Easter Day
On Christ, the bread of heaven;
The Word of grace has purged away
The old and evil leaven.
Christ alone our souls will feed;
He is our meat and drink indeed;
Faith lives upon no other!
Alleluia!

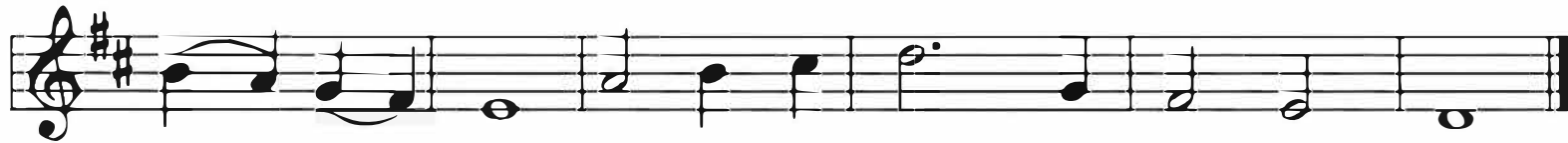
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1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
 3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to
 4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
 plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
 guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



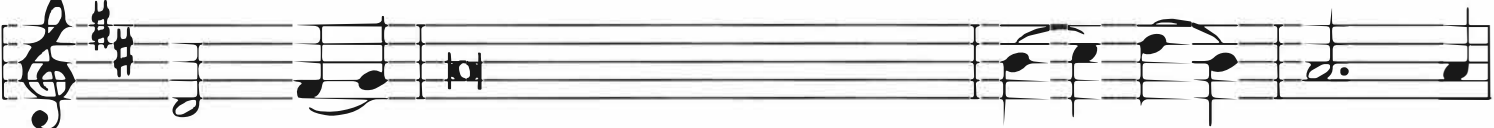
once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
 soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
 me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

- 5 He lives to silence all my fears;
 He lives to wipe away my tears;
 He lives to calm my troubled heart;
 He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
 He lives and loves me to the end;
 He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
 He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
 He lives, and I shall conquer death;
 He lives my mansion to prepare;
 He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name!
 He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
 Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

Please stand as you are able.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199




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



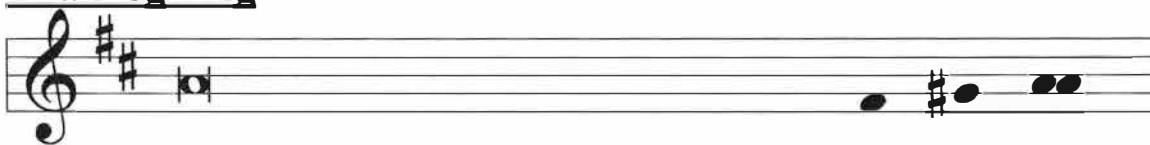
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



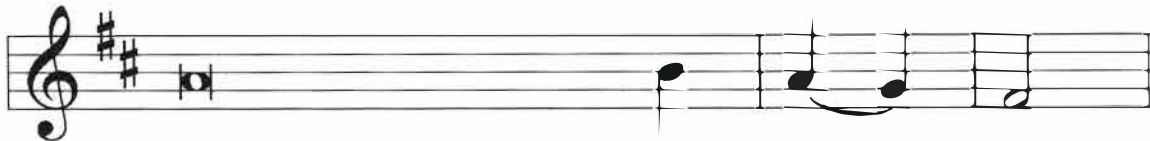
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200



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

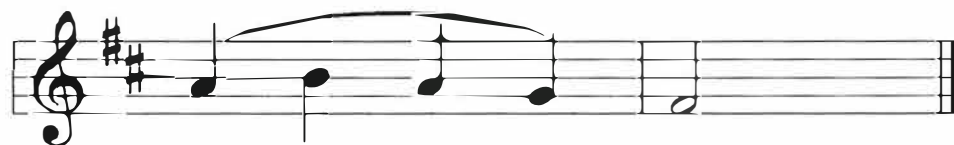


C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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

LSB 201



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

LSB 202



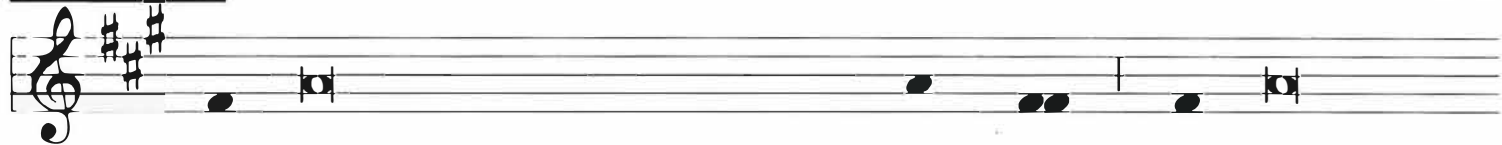
A Bless we the Lord.



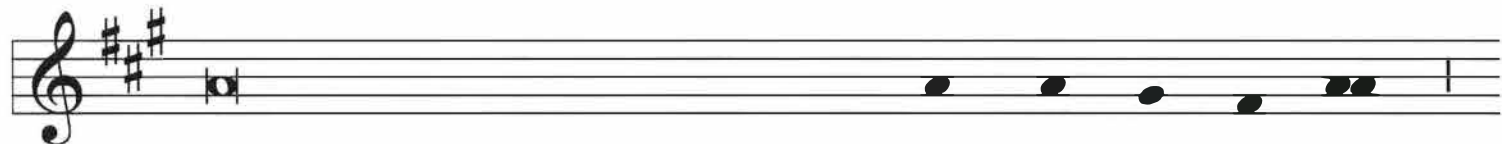
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

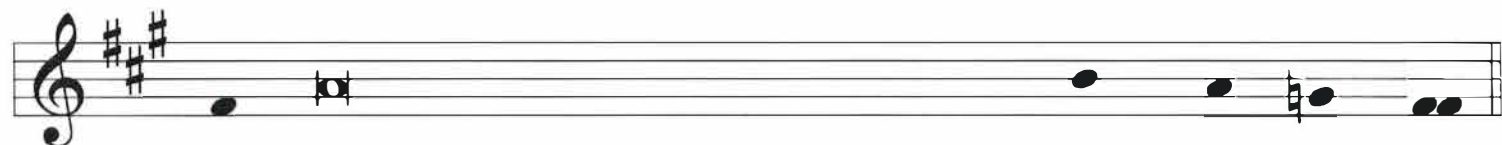
LSB 202



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.

Please be seated.

Closing Hymn 'Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds'

LSB 465



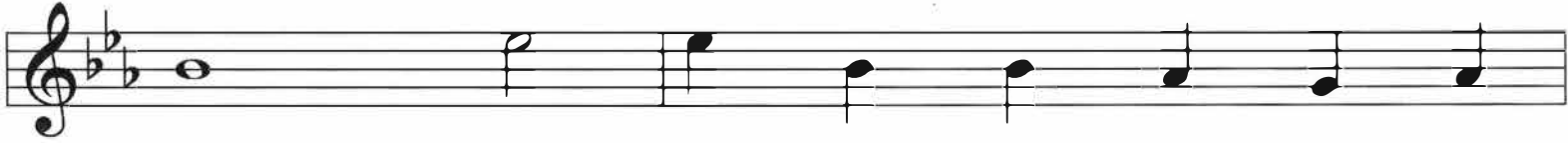
1	Now	all	the	vault	of	heav'n	re -	sounds	In
2	E -	ter -	nal	is	the	gift	He	brings,	There -
3	O	fill	us,	Lord,	with	daunt -	less	love;	Set
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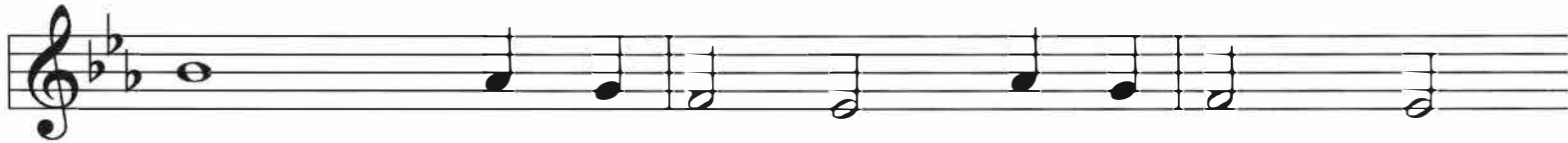
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heart	and	will	on	things	a -	bove	That	we	con -	quer
with	the	heav'n -	ly	bless -	ed	sing:	“Christ	has	tri -	umphed!



He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
 He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us
 through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 life And by His pres - ence stills all
 day That by our lives we tru - ly
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
 strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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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.

Please check your boxes for your 1st quarter giving statements.

April newsletters are available on the information table.

Stewardship: *Mark 16:6* – “*And he said to them, ‘Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here.’*” The Good News is not just that Jesus is risen, but that He is risen to bless us — there is no need to be alarmed. He still calls us His friends and brothers and means to bring us through death to resurrection as well. The Lord is risen, He is risen indeed!

Easter Lilies: For those who provided lilies, they may be taken home following the 9am Easter morning service.

Building Healthy Families: Here are true words to remember and boldly speak aloud today or any day you may be feeling overwhelmed with temptation or any of life's challenges: "Know ye then - sin, death, devil, and everything that assails me - that you are missing the mark. I am not afraid of you. For Christ, my dear Lord, has presented to me that triumph and victory of His by which you were laid low. And from this very gift of His I derive my name and am called a Christian. There is no other reason. My sin and death hung about His neck on Good Friday, but on the day of Easter they had completely disappeared. This victory He has bestowed on me. This is why I do not worry about you." (from Luther's Easter Sermon, 1530) A blessed, joyous, and lasting celebration of Easter to you and your family from Lutheran Family Service – here to serve you in person or via confidential telehealth link no matter where you live. Learn more at

www.LutheranFamilyService.org ~ www.LutheranFamilyService.org

A Life Quote: "As Christians, we rejoice in the Savior who shines light on our lives when we only expected inky blackness. May God's strong Word remind us that the fullness of life is meant to be lived in the light. In our weakness, may the Lord bring alongside us faithful brothers and sisters to proclaim that God is light and life to us, and let us walk in the light as He is in the light (1 John 1:7). In Jesus we have light, and to have light is to have life. May we rejoice in proclaiming the message of Jesus as the Apostle John did. Thanks be to God that He is light, and He shines in the darkness." *Rev. Dennis Norby, Grace Free Lutheran Church, Valley City, North Dakota* ~ **A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org**

Lutheran Hour Ministries for April 12th: Hear "Early Adopters" based on 1 Corinthians 15:20 by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The risen Jesus is the "display model" of what we will be, through faith in Him. ~ **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: Alleluia, Christ has risen! This is the pro-life proclamation! Our Lord has defeated death to give life to the world. There is no person whom Jesus does not wish to rescue from the curse of death, as "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34). And we, who have already "been raised with Christ" through faith and Holy Baptism, "seek the things that are above" (Colossians 3:1), desiring that all would have life, now and when He appears in glory (Colossians 3:4).

SACRED MUSIC FOR THE EASTER SEASON... "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today," "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands," "I Know That My Redeemer Lives," "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness," "He's Risen, He's Risen." You can listen 24/7 to sacred music for the 50 days of the Easter season at lutheranpublicradio.org, TuneIn, Amazon Echo, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

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Thank you all for your prayers on behalf of Bridget. Also thank you for your expressions of concern for me. Additionally, thanks to all who supplied with meals from Wednesday Lenten Potlucks. They were very much appreciated. Bridget is, at present, mainly stable. Thankfully her appetite has returned. She still is sleeping the great majority of the time. We are thankful that she still recognizes family, friends and the voices of her siblings.

LWML: Nourish your roots of faith through the unchanging gospel. Plan now to attend the 2026 Iowa East District Convention, June 12-13 at The Graduate Hotel in Iowa City. The theme for the weekend event is "Rooted in Christ," based on Paul's letter to the Colossians: "Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in faith, just as you were taught abounding in thanksgiving." Keynote speaker is The Most Rev. Dien Ashley Taylor, Bishop and President of LCMS Atlantic District and Pastor at Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, The Brox, New York. Take this opportunity to strengthen your roots in Christ Jesus. Registration is March 1 through May 1. For more details and to register on-line only, visit the convention page at <https://lwml-ied.org/2026-iowa-east-district-convention>.

Village Closet items may be put in the plastic bin under the information table in the entryway. Thank you for your support! ~ Board of Evangelism
BABY ITEMS NEEDED: NEWBORN - 12 MONTHS (3 - 6 MONTHS MOST NEEDED), DIAPERS, WIPES, BOTTLES, HOODED BATH TOWELS, WASH CLOTHS, BURP CLOTHS, BREAST FEEDING ITEMS, TOYS IN GOOD CONDITION, BABY SWINGS, CAR SEATS, BATH TUBS, OTHER BABY EQUIPMENT, MATERNITY CLOTHES.

Voters' Assembly Sunday, April 19 after the Divine Service

If you are not a member and desire to become one:

4.3.1 *Definition: Voting members are communicants who have reached the age of 18 years and who have been received by the Voters' Assembly.*

4.3.2 *Reception: Applicants for voting membership shall have received a copy of the constitution and be given time to review it. They shall be received as voting members by presenting themselves at a meeting of the Voters' Assembly and signing the constitution.*

4.3.3 *Duties: Voting members shall attend the meetings of the Voters' Assembly regularly, participate in the work of the congregation, and willingly accept responsibility according to their ability.*



"Be joyful in HOPE, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." Romans 12:12

**LWML Marshalltown Zone
Spring Rally
April 11, 2025**

**St. Paul Lutheran Church,
Rural Lacona/Germantown
2002 20th Place
Lacona, IA 50139**

**Please RSVP by March 29,
to
jlroe23@yahoo.com
or call Bonnie Roe
at 515-971-1983**

Ignite Hope!
Cancer is strong. Hope is stronger.

**Guest Speaker: Judy Earnshaw
Phil's Friends**

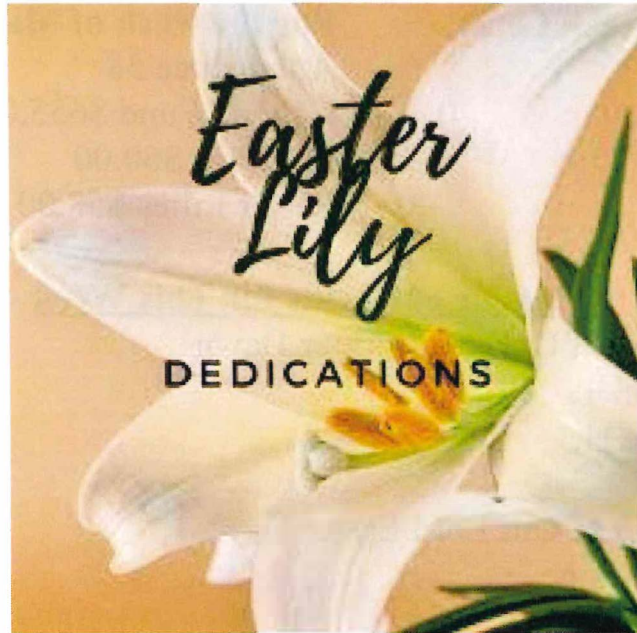
*The LORD upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down. Psalm 145: 14*

Their Mission: To provide Christ-centered support and hope to those affected by cancer through Care Packages, cards of hope, encouragement, and prayer.

Their Vision: They believe in a world where no one faces cancer alone. Where every individual impacted by cancer receives Christ-centered hope, comfort and support.

Schedule

9:00AM Registration (\$5), Coffee & donuts <i>Love offering to Phil's Friends</i>	<u>Lunch Menu</u> Chicken Noodle Soup
9:30 Welcome by St. Paul Response by State Center ●pening Prayer/Devotion <i>Offering for Marshalltown Zone treasury</i>	Vegetable Soup Chicken Salad Croissants Ham Sliders Vegetable Tray
9:45 Bible Study	Desserts
10:30 Phil's Friends and Card Making,	
11:30 Business Meeting	
12:15 Lunch Prayer	



**Dan & Bev Huebner
In Memory of
Wilbert & Irene Huebner
Bernard & Wanda Myers
Arlie Myers**

**Tamera & Cody Schmudlach
In Memory of
Jim Schmudlach
Duane & Ruby Fay
Ken & Rita Riemenschneider**

**Steve & Pam Haase
In Memory of
Our Parents**

**Luke, Amber, Elsie & Egan Bayer
In Memory of
Nolan Bayer**

Our Gifts to God (given at Immanuel)

For the week of March 29, 2026

Attendance 58

Calendar of Events for This Week

- Today 6:30am Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Dawn
Usher: Keith T.
Elder: Steve H.
- 9:00am Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Day
Greeter: Kelting
Usher: Lucas B.
Acolyte/Crucifer: Elsie & Thomas
Elder: Joel M.
No Sunday School / No Bible Study
No Council Meeting
- Tuesday 9:00am Winkle: Circuit Pastors in Grinnell
- Thursday 9:00am Grinnell Ministerial Association
11:00am Bible Study
- Saturday 10am-4pm IDE LLL Convention at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
9:00am LWML Marshalltown Zone Spring Rally in Lacona
- Next Sunday 9:00am Quasimodo Geniti (Second Sunday of Easter)
10:30am LWML
10:30am Sunday School / Bible Study
11:30am Board of Education Meeting
Greeter: Louden
Usher: Tim B.
Servers: Sherry B. & Kistie J.
Acolyte/Crucifer: Brody & Thatcher
Elder: Joel M.