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First Sunday of Advent

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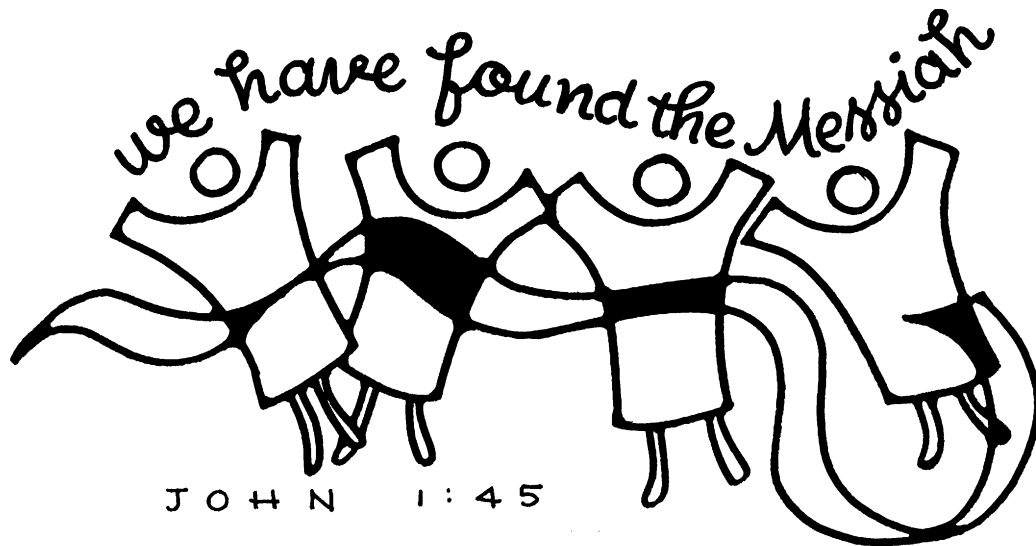
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TODAY'S DIVINE SERVICE

(Matins, pages 109-119 in the *Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary*)

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

P: Dearly beloved! We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hand, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.

C: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us, according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. For His sake grant that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.

P: The almighty and merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

A HYMN: CW 711 "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"

1 Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult of our
2 As the first dis - ci - ples heard it by the
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
5 Je - sus calls us! In your mer - cy, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his voice in -
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
help us hear your call; give our hearts to your o -

vites us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me!"
kin - dred, leav - ing all for his dear sake.
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
be - dience, serve and love you best of all!

THE VERSICLES (*chanted*)

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.

Glory 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: for - ev - er - more. A - men. Al - le - lu - ia!

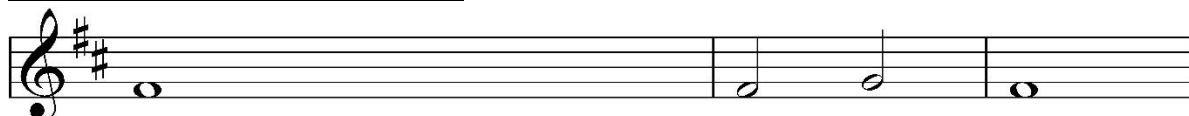
THE INVITATORY (*chanted*)

P: O come, let us worship the Lord.

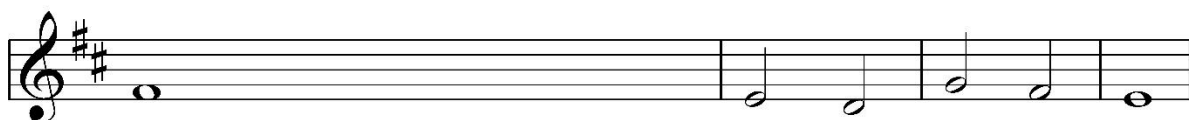


C: For He is our Mak - er.

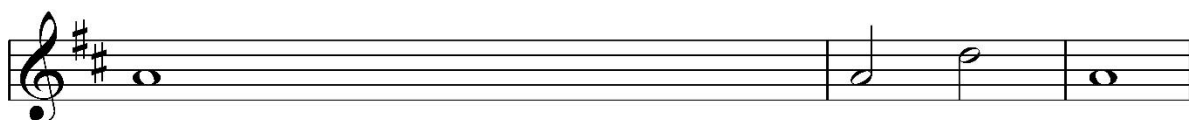
THE VENITE EXULTEMUS



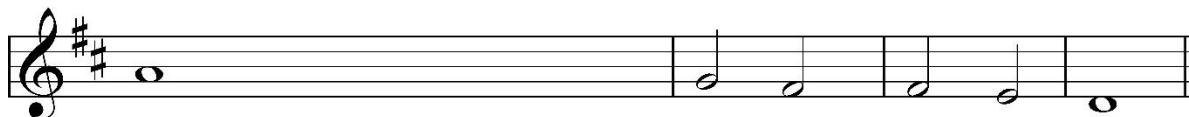
1.	O come, let us sing	to	the	Lord:
3.	For the Lord is a	great		God:
5.	The sea is His, for He	made		it:
8.	Glory be to the Father and	to	the	Son



1.	let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of	our	sal - va - tion.
3.	and a great	King	a - bove all gods.
5.	and His hands	form - ed	the dry land.
8.	and	to	the Ho - ly Ghost;



2.	Let us come before His presence with thanks	-	giv - ing
4.	In His hand are the deep places	of	the earth:
6.	O come, let us worship and	bow	down:
>7.	For He	is	our God:
8.	As it was in the beginning, is now, and	ever	shall be:



2.	and make a joyful	noise	to	Him	with	psalms.
4.	the strength of the hills is	His		al - so.		
6.	let us kneel before the	Lord,	our	Mak - er. (7)>		
>7.	and we are the people of His pasture and the	sheep	of	His	hand.	
8.	for	-	-	-	-	ev - er - more. A - men.

HYMN: CW 301 "Savior of the Nations, Come"

1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, by the
3 Won - drous birth! O won - drous Child of the
4 From the Fa - ther's throne he came and as -
5 Praise to God the Fa - ther sing, praise to

Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O
Spir - it of our God was the Word of
vir - gin un - de - filed, though by all the
cend - ed to the same, cap - tive lead - ing
God the Son, our King, praise to God the

heav'n and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
God made flesh, wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.
world dis - owned, yet to be in heav'n en - throned!
death and hell. High the song of tri - umph swell!
Spir - it be ev - er and e - ter - nal - ly.

THE PSALM: Psalm 66:16-20

P: ¹⁶ Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

C: ¹⁷ I cried to him with my mouth,
and high praise was on my tongue.

P: ¹⁸ If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened.

**C: ¹⁹ But truly God has listened;
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.**

P: ²⁰ Blessed be God,
because he has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me!

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Ezekiel 3:16-21

¹⁶ And at the end of seven days, the word of the Lord came to me: ¹⁷ “Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ¹⁸ If I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, in order to save his life, that wicked person shall die for his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ¹⁹ But if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, or from his wicked way, he shall die for his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul. ²⁰ Again, if a righteous person turns from his righteousness and commits injustice, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die. Because you have not warned him, he shall die for his sin, and his righteous deeds that he has done shall not be remembered, but his blood I will require at your hand. ²¹ But if you warn the righteous person not to sin, and he does not sin, he shall surely live, because he took warning, and you will have delivered your soul.”

THE EPISTLE: Romans 10:10-18

¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

¹⁴ How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” ¹⁶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” ¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

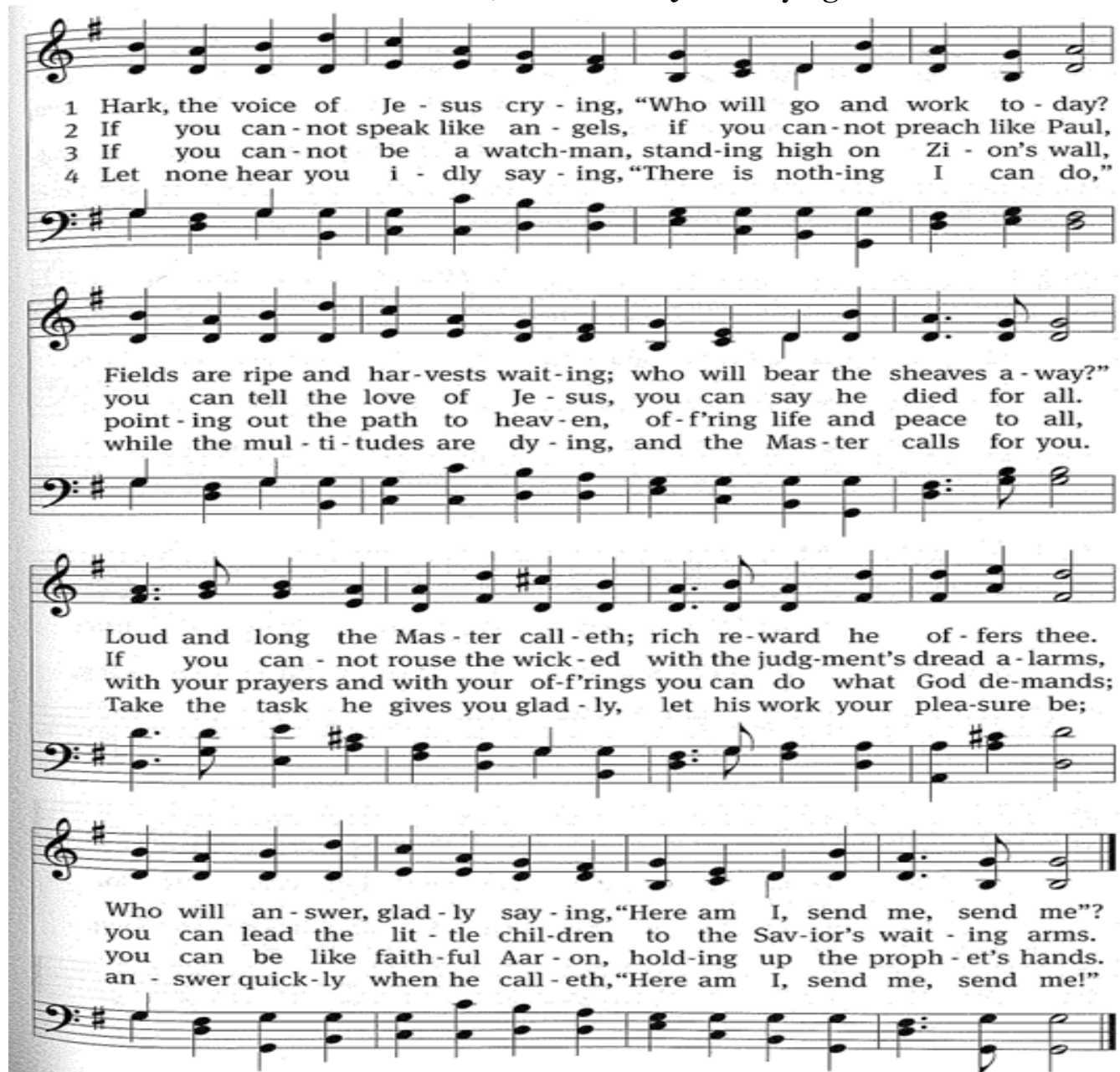
¹⁸ But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have, for
“Their voice has gone out to all the earth,

and their words to the ends of the world.”

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:35-42

³⁵ The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “**What are you seeking?**” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹ He said to them, “**Come and you will see.**” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). ⁴² He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “**You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas**” (which means Peter).

THE CHIEF HYMN: CW 745 “Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying”



1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus cry - ing, “Who will go and work to - day?
2 If you can - not speak like an - gels, if you can - not preach like Paul,
3 If you can - not be a watch - man, stand - ing high on Zi - on's wall,
4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, “There is noth - ing I can do,”

Fields are ripe and har - vests wait - ing; who will bear the sheaves a - way?
you can tell the love of Je - sus, you can say he died for all.
point - ing out the path to heav - en, of - f'ring life and peace to all,
while the mul - ti - tudes are dy - ing, and the Mas - ter calls for you.

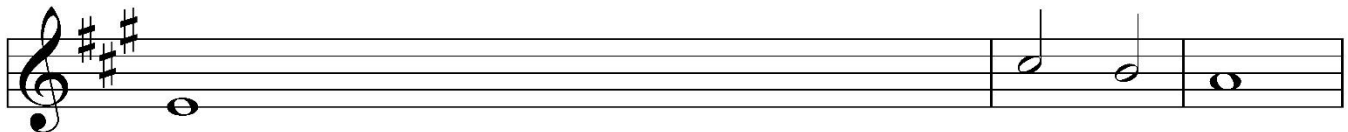
Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; rich re - ward he of - fers thee.
If you can - not rouse the wick - ed with the judg - ment's dread a - larms,
with your prayers and with your of - f'rings you can do what God de - mands;
Take the task he gives you glad - ly, let his work your plea - sure be;

Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, “Here am I, send me, send me”?
you can lead the lit - tle chil - dren to the Sav - ior's wait - ing arms.
you can be like faith - ful Aar - on, hold - ing up the proph - et's hands.
an - swer quick - ly when he call - eth, “Here am I, send me, send me!”

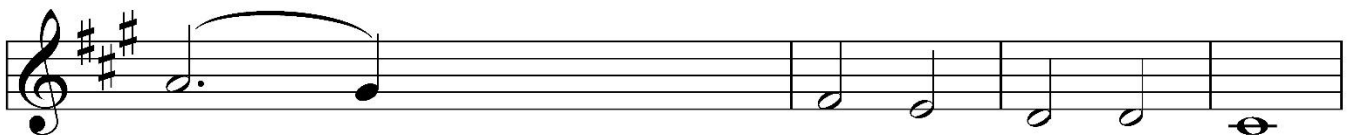
THE OFFERING

If you are a first time visitor with us, we encourage you to fill out a welcome card which is in the pew in front of you. You may place it in the offering plate as it comes by and our Pastor will happily reach out to you.

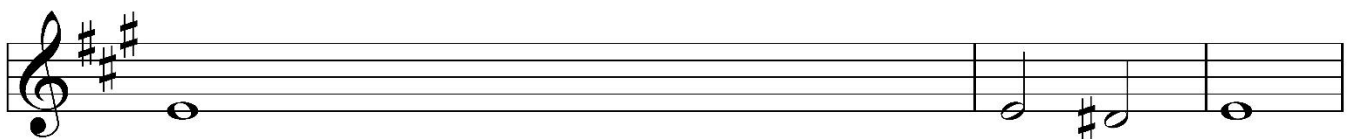
The Te Deum Laudamus



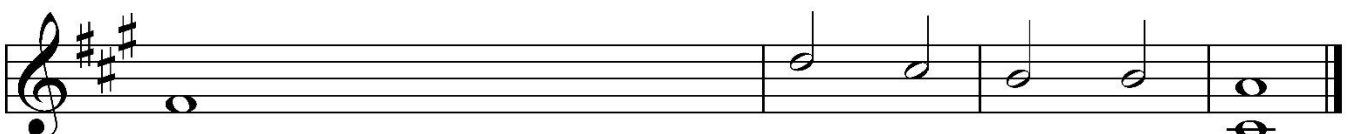
1. We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
3. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab- a- oth;
5. The noble army of martyrs praise You.



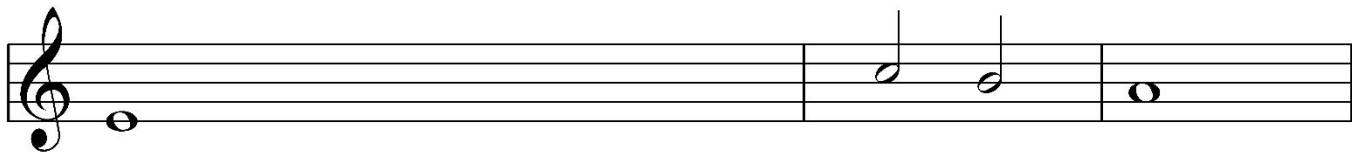
1. All the earth worships You, the Father ev- er- last- ing.
3. heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Your glo- ry.
5. The holy Church throughout all the world does ac- knowl- edge You:



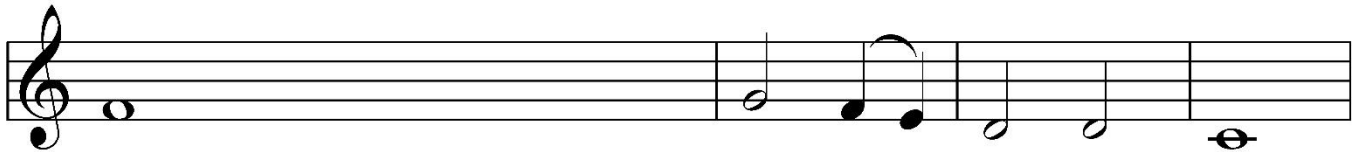
2. To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers there- in;
4. The glorious company of the Apostles praise You.
6. The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable true and on- ly Son;
- > 7. You are the King of Glory, O Christ.



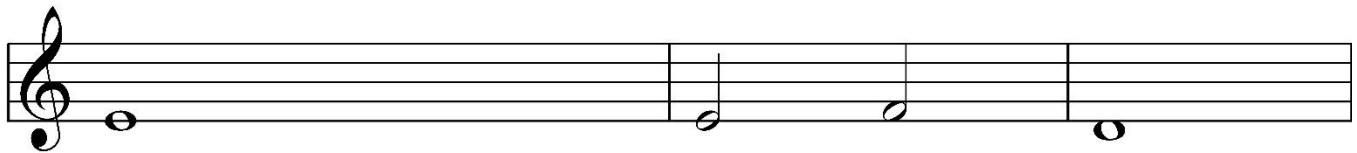
2. To You cherubim and seraphim con- tin- ual- ly do cry:
4. The goodly fellowship of the proph- ets praise You.
6. also the Holy Spirit, the Com- fort- er. (7)>
- > 7. You are the everlasting Son of the Fa- ther.



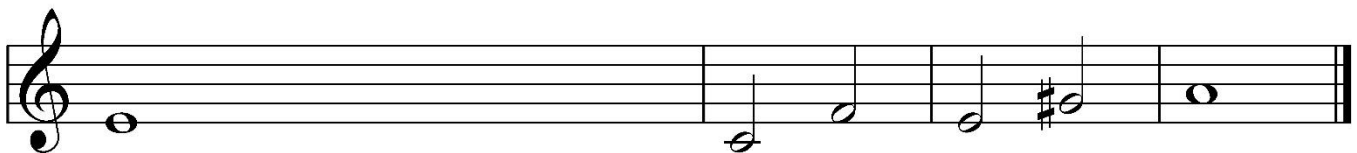
8. When You took upon Yourself to de- liv- er man,
10. You are seated at the right hand of God
12. We therefore pray You, help Your ser- vants,



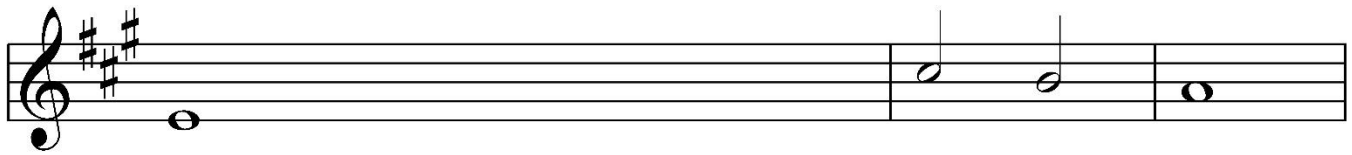
8. You humbled Yourself to be born of a Vir- gin.
10. in the glory of the Fa- ther.
12. whom You have redeemed with Your pre- cious blood.



9. When You had overcome the sharp- ness of death,
11. We believe that You will come
13. Make them to be numbered with Your saints

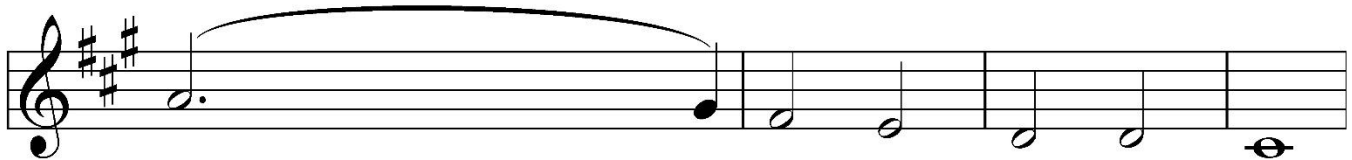


9. You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be- liev- ers.
11. to be our Judge
13. in glory ev- er- last- sing.



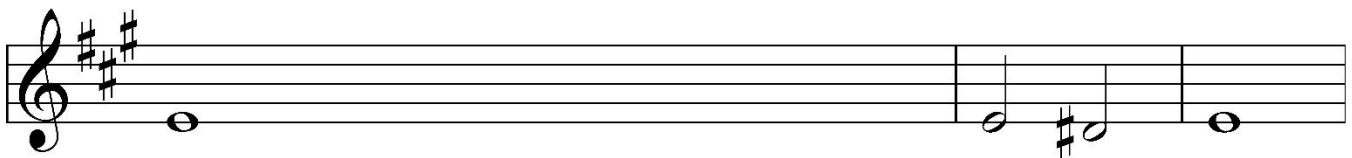
14. O Lord, save Your people and bless Your her- i- tage.

16. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day with- out sin.



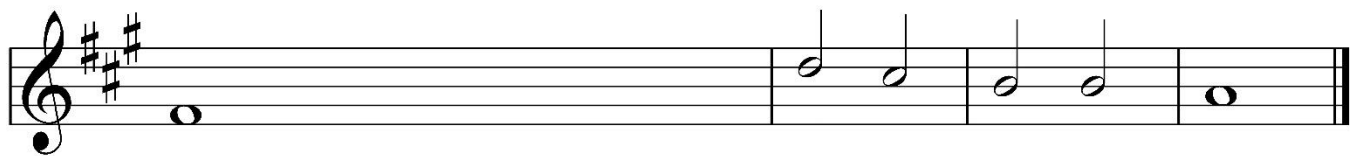
14. Govern them and lift them up for- ev- er.

16. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up- on us.



15. Day by day we magni-fy You.

17. O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, for our trust is in You.



15. And we worship Your name now and ev- er- more.

17. O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con- found- ed.

The Kyrie

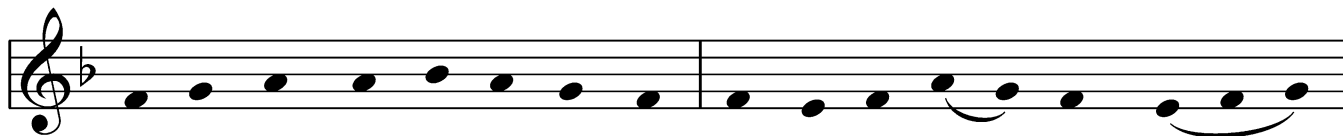


Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

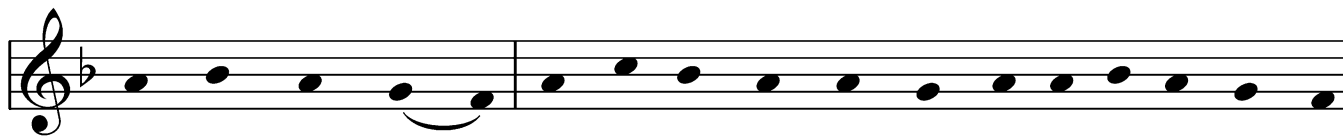


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

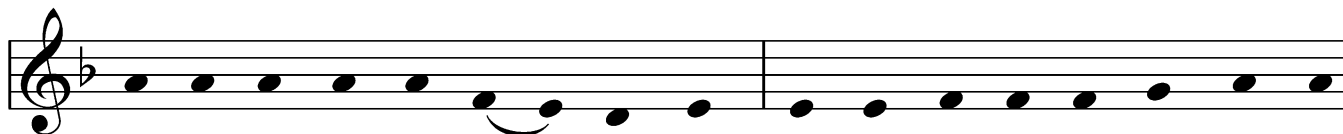
The Lord's Prayer



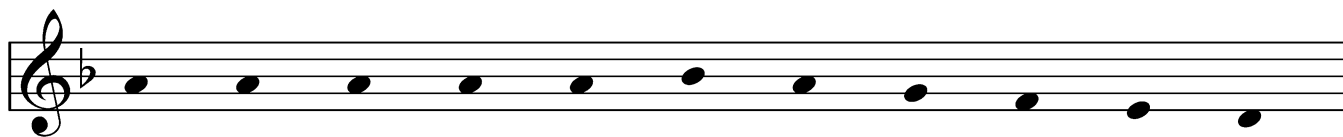
C: Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, Hal-low-ed be Thy name,



Thy king-dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heav-en.



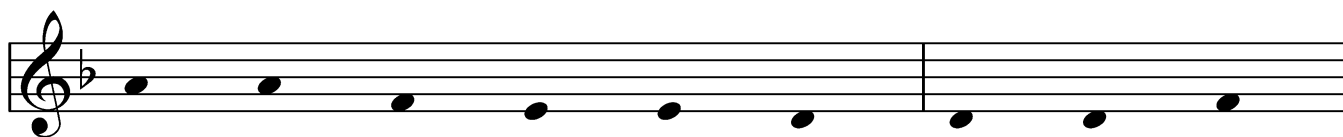
Give us this day our dai - ly bread; And for-give us our tres-pass-es,



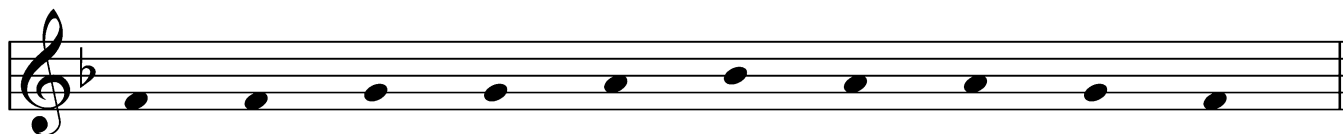
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us;



And lead us not in - to temp-ta-tion, But de-liv - er us from e - vil.



For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r



and the glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er.



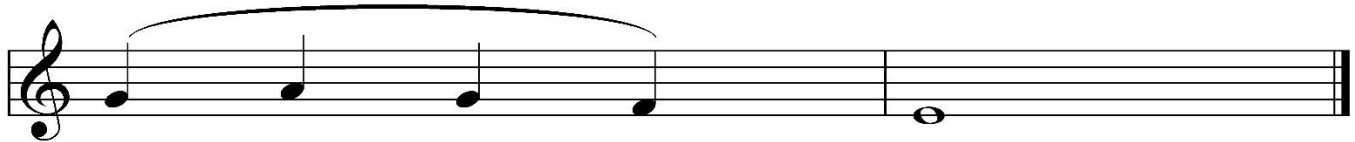
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men.

The Collect (*chanted*)

P: Let us pray: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, having safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doing being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God now and forever.



C: A

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The Benedicamus

P: Let us bless the Lord.



C: Thanks

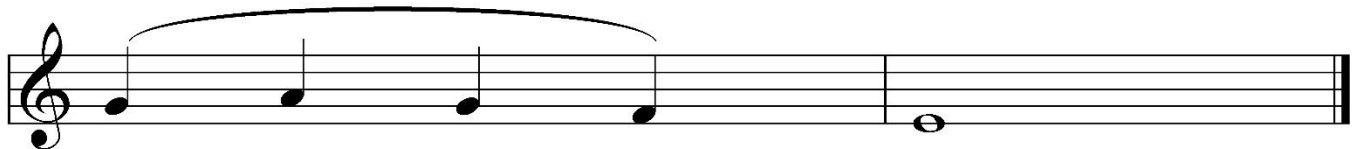
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The Benediction:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



C: A

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men.

THE CLOSING HYMN: CW 640 "God's Word Is Our Great Heritage"

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.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of six systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The hymn is titled "God's Word Is Our Great Heritage" and is identified as CW 640. The lyrics are: "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." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and single notes.

CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS for November 30, 2025

Wednesday 7:00 PM: Advent Service - “The Star Out of Jacob”

Sunday 9:00 AM: Sunday School & Bible Study
10:30 AM: Divine Service

The advent Sundays for the next 3 Sundays is: **Imminent Arrival**

This year's Advent theme, Imminent Arrival, calls to mind how people eagerly anticipate the Christmas season. The Latin word adventus means arrival, and in the Christian church we eagerly anticipate three arrivals of Christ: the commemoration of his birth, his return on judgment day, and the moments he touches our hearts in Word and sacrament. The Lord is near!

Sunday November 30th Imminent Arrival of the One Who Calls

Sunday December 7th Imminent Arrival of the Judge

Sunday December 14th Imminent Arrival of the Messiah

Christmas Services

December 21st, 10:30 AM - Sunday School Children's Christmas Service
“Let Earth Receive Her King”

December 24th, 5:30 PM - Christmas Eve Service

December 25th, 10:30 AM - Christmas Day Service