

As We Gather: It would be a strange thing for God to send His Son to prepare the way of salvation for the world and then not give us a way to receive that salvation. “Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God” (1 Peter 3:18). How does Jesus “bring us to God”? Peter says, “Baptism . . . now saves you” (1 Peter 3:21). Here is the most important way Jesus sends the Helper, the Holy Spirit, who works repentance and faith in the heart. Saving faith is not a product of our own effort, decision, or desire. It is always the gift of God, continually renewed and strengthened by the Holy Spirit working through God’s Word and Sacraments. As our Easter celebration continues, we are drawn closer to our Lord, who remains close to us, as He said, “I am with you always” (Matthew 28:20).

Pre-Service Music

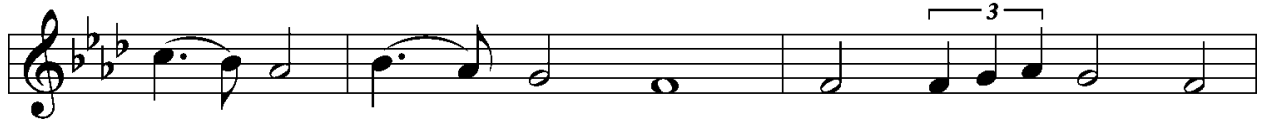
Welcome

Sharing of The Peace
578 Thy Strong Word

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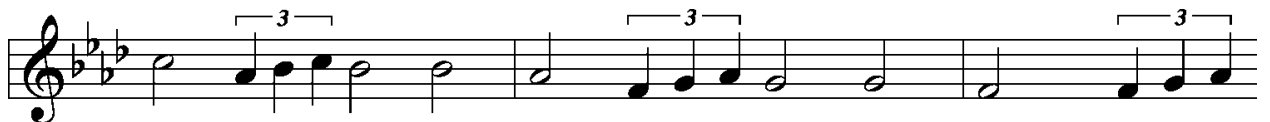
1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with
 4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of
 Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we
 forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.
 ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
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Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
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 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
 Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
 Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
 Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 May the light which Thou dost send
 Fill our songs with alleluias,
 Alleluias without end!



6 God the Father, light-creator,
 To Thee laud and honor be.
 To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
 Praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
 Glory, glory be to Thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever
 Praise the holy Trinity!

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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.

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.

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.

Introit (YES, the cong will sing ALL parts)

Ps. 119:89–93; antiphon: Ps. 119:105



Your word is a lamp | to my feet*
and a light | to my path.

Forever, O | LORD, your word*
is firmly fixed | in the heavens.

Your faithfulness endures to all gener- | ations;*
you have established the earth, and it | stands fast.

By your appointment they | stand this day,*
for all things are your | servants.

If your law had not been | my delight,*
I would have perished in my af- | fliction.

I will never forget your | precepts,*
for by them you have giv- | en me life.

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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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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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.

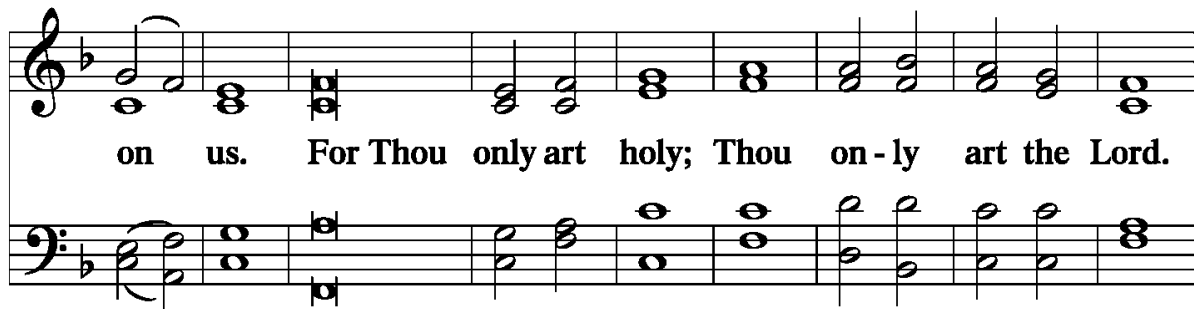
O Lord, the only - begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

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

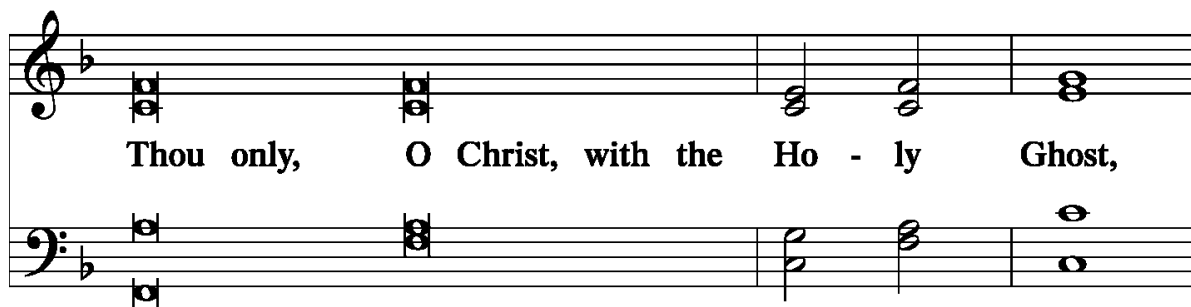
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.

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.

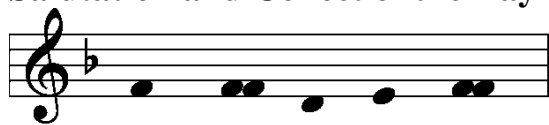


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,



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

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.

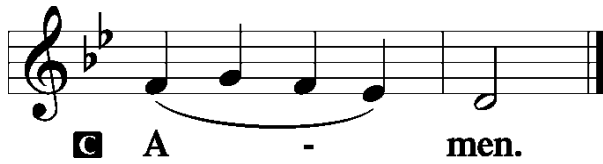


C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

First Reading: Acts 17:16–31

P The Old Testament Reading is from Acts, the seventeenth chapter.

Paul in Athens

¹⁶Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” ²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

Paul Addresses the Areopagus

²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸for

“‘In him we live and move and have our being’;
as even some of your own poets have said,
“‘For we are indeed his offspring.’”

²⁹Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle: 1 Peter 3:13–22

P The Epistle is from 1 Peter, the third chapter.

¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

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

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Al-le-lu-ia". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics "Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia." are written below the treble staff, with a common time signature symbol (C) at the beginning. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style.

Holy Gospel: John 14:15–21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

¹⁵[Jesus said:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

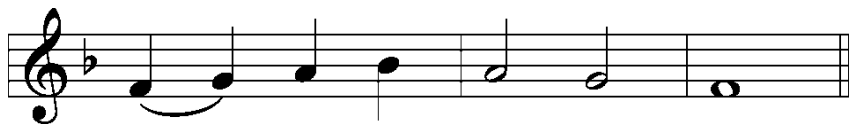
¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.

²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

²¹Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

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.

Sit

537 Beautiful Savior

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Congregation	1	Beau - ti - ful	Sav - ior,	King	of	cre - a -	tion,	Son	of
Choir	2	Fair	are	the	mead - ows,	Fair	are	the	wood - lands,
Choir	3	Fair	is	the	sun - shine,	Fair	is	the	moon - light,
Congregation	4	Beau - ti - ful	Sav - ior,	Lord	of	the	na - tions,	Son	of



God	and	Son	of	Man!	Tru - ly	I'd	love	Thee,	Tru - ly	I'd
flow'rs	of	bloom - ing	spring;	Je - sus	is	fair - er,	Je - sus	is		
spar - kling	stars	on	high;	Je - sus	shines	bright - er,	Je - sus	shines		
God	and	Son	of	Man!	Glo - ry	and	hon - or,	Praise,	ad - o -	



serve	Thee,	Light	of	my	soul,	my	joy,	my	crown.
pur - er,	He	makes	our	sor -	r'wing	spir - it	sing.		
pur - er	Than	all	the	an -	gels	in	the	sky.	
ra - tion	Now	and	for - ev -	er -	more	be	Thine!		

Offertory

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.

Sit

Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Church

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Brief silence

For the Church, that the Lord would bless and protect His people in a world where so many worship false gods, known and unknown; and that He would give His saints a clear and bold proclamation of Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the government and those who protect us, that they may be strengthened and upheld in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the lonely, the destitute and the homeless, that the Lord who preserved eight souls in the ark would grant them companionship, food and shelter; and that we as His people might be His hands and feet in love for others, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who are in need of relief [*including _____*], that the Lord who gives mankind life and breath and everything would provide healing and restoration according to His gracious will, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who travel, that the Lord who safely delivered Noah and his family through the flood would bring them safely to their destinations, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who receive Holy Communion today, that the Christ who did not leave His people as orphans would strengthen the faith of His penitent children with His very body and blood, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the saints who have gone before us and stand before the Lord in glory, let us give thanks to the Lord; and that we might remain steadfast in the faith until we, too, see Christ in glory, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

We give You thanks, almighty God, that as You gave Your Son to be our Redeemer, so You send forth Your Holy Spirit to sanctify and keep us in the faith. Continue to pour out Your Spirit upon Your Church so that, enlivened by His work in the Means of Grace, we might remain steadfast until You deliver us to heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



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

It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

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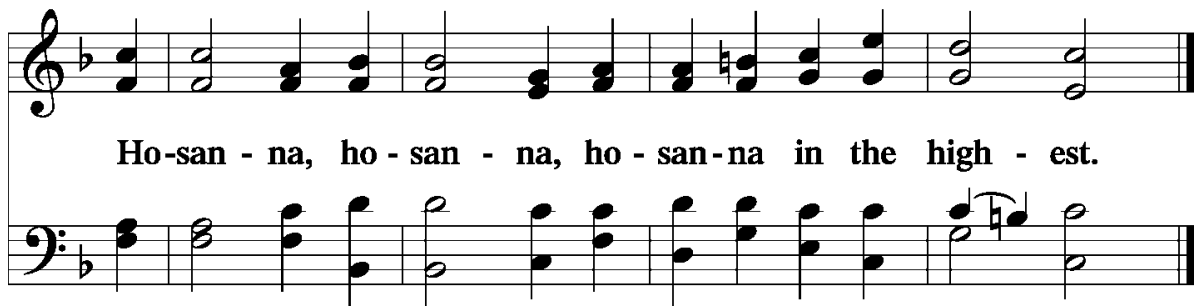
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

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

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



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



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

Lord's Prayer

P Our Father who art in heaven,
 hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
 give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.



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

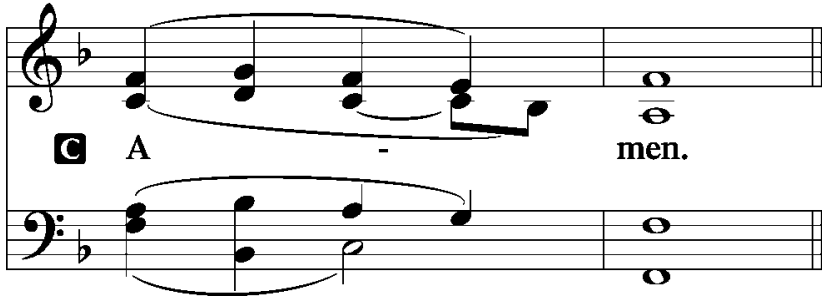
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Pax Domini

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



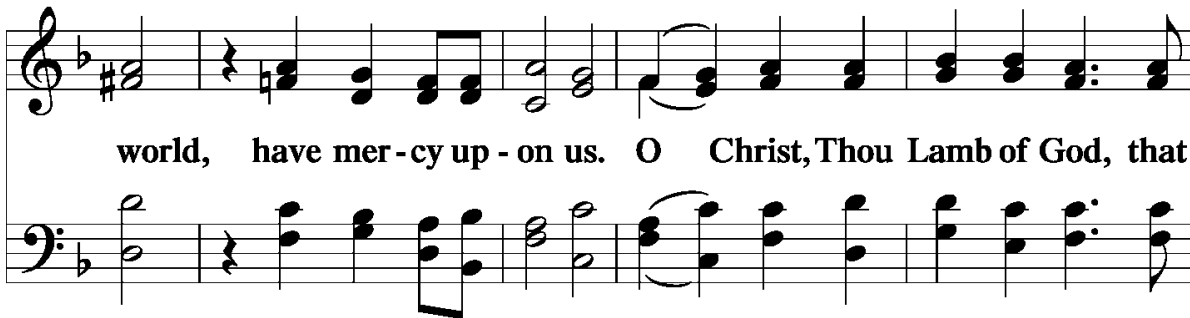
A men.

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.

Sit

Distribution

Choir - " Despair Not, My Soul, Nor to Sorrow Give Way" Ed. Walter Buszin

Despair not, my soul, nor to sorrow give way,
 Remember that God is thy friend every day.
 Though now you encounter misfortunes unnumbered,
 Soon follows the sunshine in glorious rays.
 Content thee, be cheerful, all sorrow: Away!

Much fretting and weeping will bring no relief,
 Who trusteth in God will soon comforteceive.
 His Spirit console Thee, Oh, ponder His mercy,
 When life is perplexing, unhappy, and sad,
 Look upward to heaven, and you'll soon be glad.

To God I commit me, my body and soul,
 He'll grant me contentment and blessing untold.
 To Him my defender, myself I surrender,
 And though I must walk through the valley of death,
 I know He'll protect me and do what He saith.

645 Built on the Rock

LSB 645



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when
 2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His
 4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how



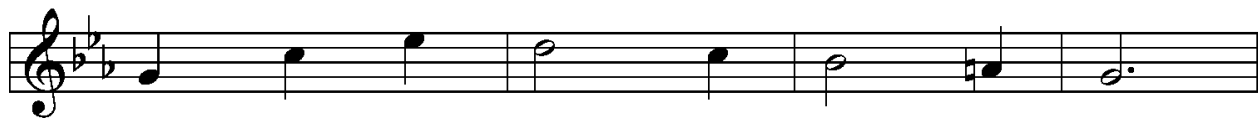
steeples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in
 High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal
 God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -
 tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -
 grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -
 sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,
 ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove
 tion. Were we but two His name to tell,
 us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim



But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,
 Choos - es to live with us in love,
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
 Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.
 With all His grace and His fa - vor.
 And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.

- 5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done,
 That, when the church bells are ringing,
 Many in saving faith may come
 Where Christ His message is bringing:
 "I know My own; My own know Me.
 You, not the world, My face shall see.
 My peace I leave with you. Amen."

725 Children of the Heavenly Father

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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.

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Stand

Nunc Dimittis

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

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

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

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

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

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

Thanksgiving

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

The musical notation consists of three staves. The top staff is a treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The middle staff is a vocal line with lyrics. The bottom staff is a bass clef with a key signature of two sharps. The lyrics are: "O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, and His mercy endureth for - ev - er."

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Salutation and Benedicamus



P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.

A Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

The musical notation consists of two systems. The first system has three staves: a treble clef staff with a key signature of two sharps, a vocal line with lyrics, and a bass clef staff with a key signature of two sharps. The second system also has three staves: a treble clef staff with a key signature of two sharps, a vocal line with lyrics, and a bass clef staff with a key signature of two sharps. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And with thy spir - it. Bless we the Lord. Thanks be to God."

Benediction

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The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

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



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Announcements



655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

LSB 655



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And bring to naught all He has done.
we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
strife And lead us out of death to life.

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