



# Ash Wednesday

Wednesday March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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### Mission Statement

*“Empowered by God’s Word, we joyfully share the Love of Jesus with all people.”*

### Vision Statement

*“We will be a vibrant, welcoming church serving the needs of our members, community, and missions by partnering with other churches and organizations while preaching and teaching the inspired Word of God and our Savior Jesus Christ.”*

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## **SUNDAY MORNINGS (SEPTEMBER - MAY)**

- ✠ Divine Service w/Holy Communion:
  - 9:00 a.m. (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
- ✠ Adult Bible Study: 10:30 a.m.
- ✠ Sunday School: 10:15 am – 11:15 am

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## **Ash Wednesday**

*Prior to the service the congregation members enter the sanctuary in silence, and may come forward to receive ashes in the sign of the cross upon their foreheads. After receiving the ashes, each person may find a place in the pews. While seated or kneeling members may prepare for the service of Corporate Confession and Absolution and the Lord's Supper by silently reading from the hymnal one or more of the penitential psalms (6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143), or by contemplating the Ten Commandments (321), Confession and the Sacrament of the Altar (326-327), the Table of Duties (328), and/or Christian Questions with their Answers (329-330). Additional prayers of preparation are available on the first page of the hymnal.*

**Remember that you are ✠ dust, and to ✠ dust you shall ✠ return.**

*When the bell tolls the service begins.*

### **Address**

**☐** Dear brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ, on this day the Church begins a holy season of prayerful and penitential reflection. Our attention is especially directed to the holy sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

From ancient times the season of Lent has been kept as a time of special devotion, self-denial, and humble repentance born of a faithful heart that dwells confidently on His Word and draws from it life and hope.

Let us pray that our dear Father in heaven, for the sake of His beloved Son and in the power of His Holy Spirit, might richly bless this Lententide for us so that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth.

*Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection.*

The Litany: for Ash Wednesday

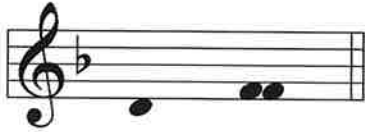
*Kneel/Stand*



**L** O Lord,



**C** have mer - cy.



**L** O Christ,



**C** have mer - cy.



**L** O Lord,



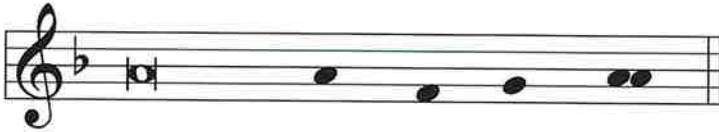
**C** have mer - cy.



**L** O Christ,



**C** hear us.



**L** God the Fa - ther in heaven,



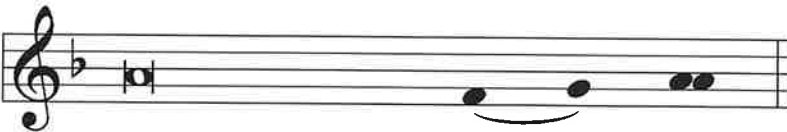
**C** have mer - cy.



**L** God the Son, Redeemer of the world,



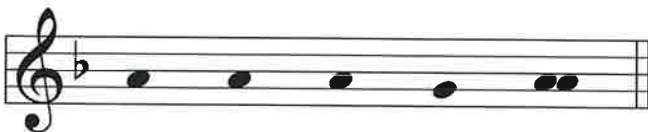
**C** have mer - cy.



**L** God the Holy Spir - it,



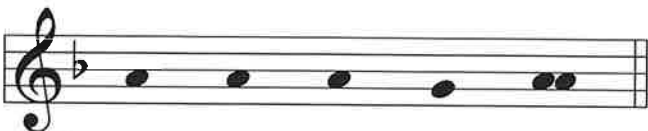
**C** have mer - cy.



**L** Be gra - cious to us.



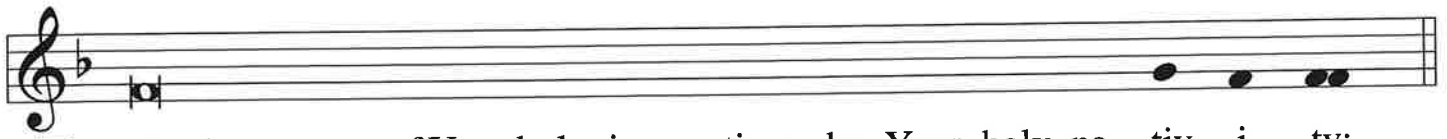
**C** Spare us, good Lord.



**L** Be gra - cious to us.



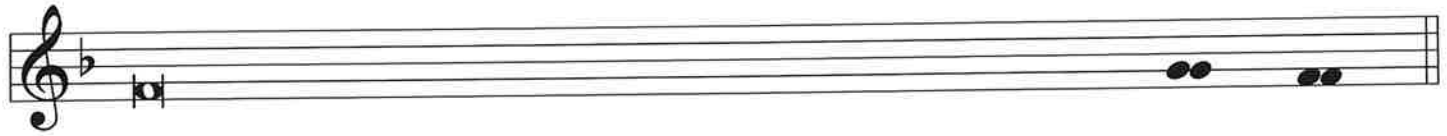
**C** Help us, good Lord.



**L** By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy na - tiv - i - ty;  
 By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation;  
 by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your  
 cross and passion; by Your precious death and . . . . . bur - i - al;  
 By Your glorious resurrection and ascension;  
 and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the . . . . . Com - fort - er:



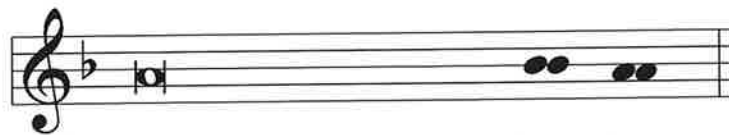
**C** Help us, good Lord.



**L** In all time of our tribulation; in all time  
 of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judg - ment:



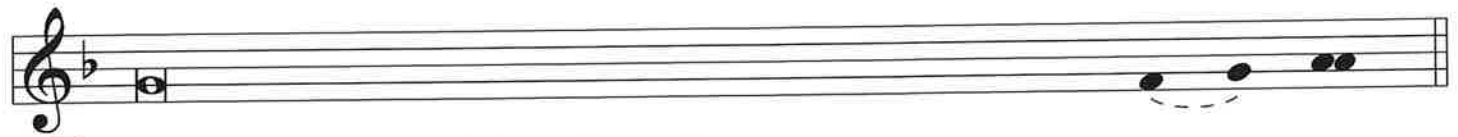
**C** Help us, good Lord.



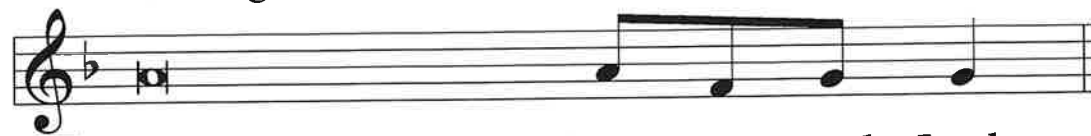
**L** We poor sinners im - plore You



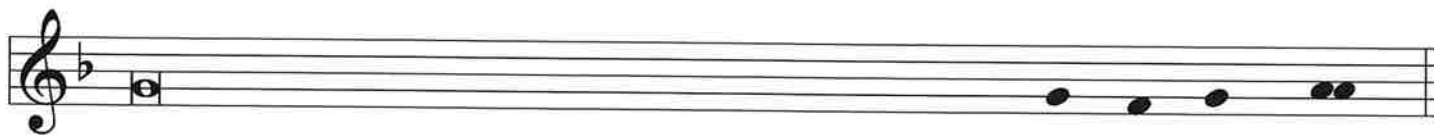
**C** to hear us, O Lord.



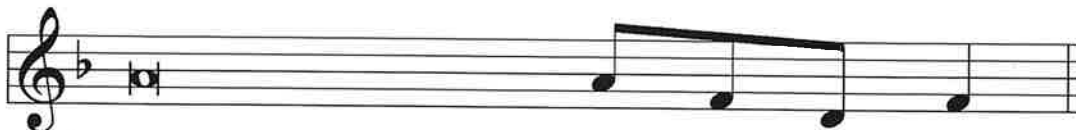
**L** To prosper the preaching of Your Word;  
 to bless our prayer and . . . . . medi - ta - tion;  
 To strengthen and preserve us in the true faith;  
 and to give heart to our sorrow and strength to our re - pen - tance:



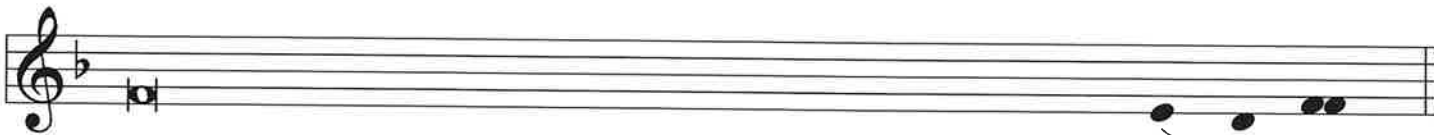
**C** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.



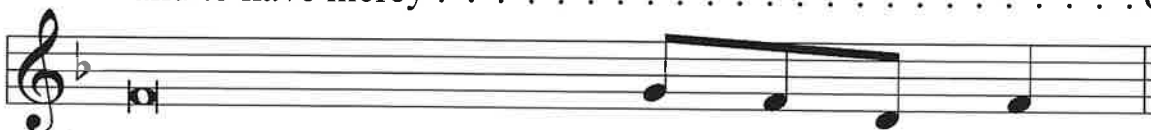
**L** To draw all to Yourself; to bless those who are instruct - ed in the faith;



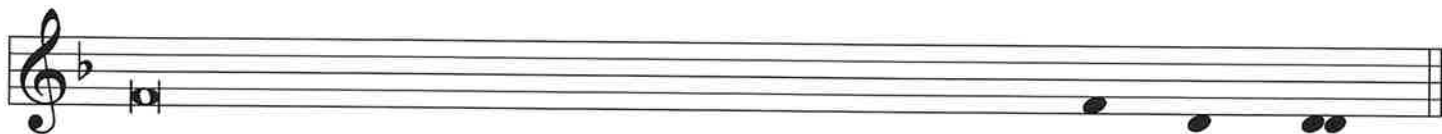
**C** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.



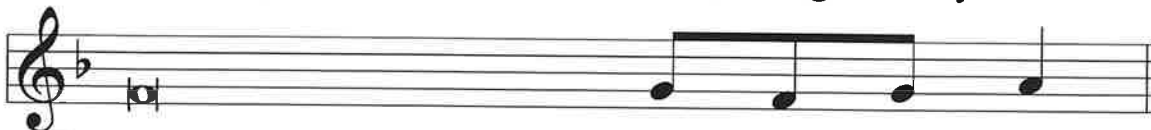
**L** To watch over and console the poor, the sick, the distressed, the lonely, the forsaken, the abandoned, and all who stand in need . . . . . of our prayers;  
To give abundant blessing to all works of mercy;  
and to have mercy . . . . . on us all:



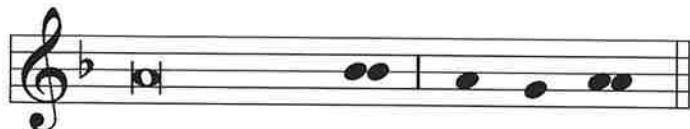
**C** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.



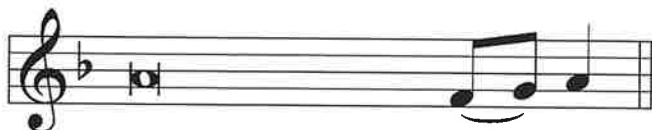
**L** To turn our hearts to You; to turn the hearts of our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers; and graciously to hear our prayers:



**C** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.



**L** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,



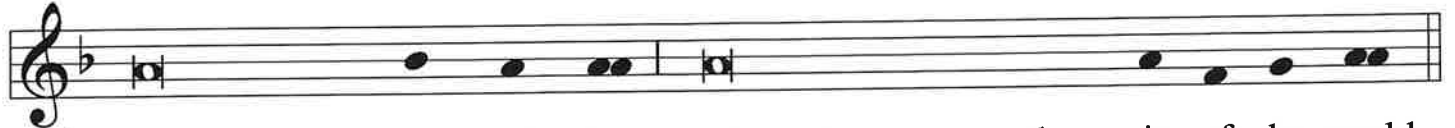
**C** we implore You to hear us.



**L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,



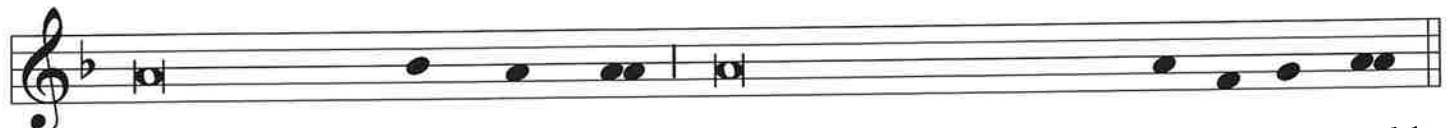
**C** have mer - cy.



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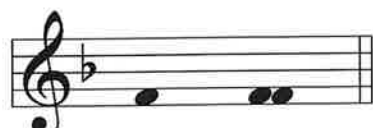
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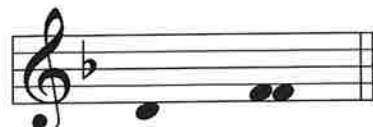
**C** grant us Your peace.



**L** O Christ,



**C** hear us.



**L** O Lord,



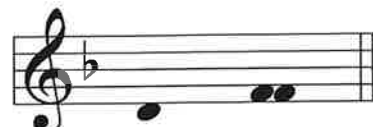
**C** have mer - cy.



**L** O Christ,



**C** have mer - cy.



**L** O Lord,



**C** have mer - cy. A - men.

## Concluding Collect

**P** O God, You desire not the death of sinners, but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. We implore You to have compassion on the frailty of our mortal nature, for we acknowledge that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Mercifully pardon our sins that we may obtain the promises You have laid up for those who are repentant; 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.

*The rite continues with the imposition of ashes upon those who have yet to receive them. The hymn "Savior, When in Dust to Thee" (419) is sung during the imposition of ashes.*

# Hymn: Savior, When in Dust to Thee

LSB 419



1 Sav - ior, when in dust to Thee Low we bow the a -  
2 By Thy help - less in - fant years, By Thy life of  
3 By Thine hour of dire de - spair, By Thine ag - o -  
4 By Thy deep ex - pir - ing groan, By the sad se -



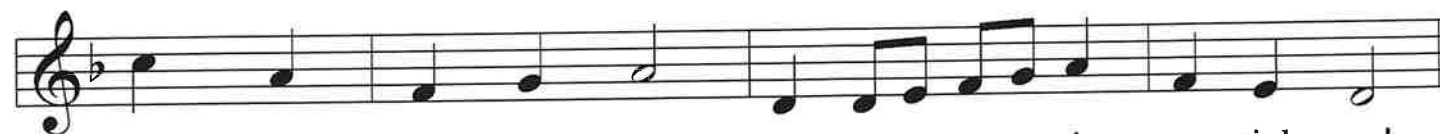
dor - ing knee; When, re - pen - tant, to the skies  
want and tears, By Thy days of deep dis - tress  
ny of prayer, By the cross, the nail, the thorn,  
pul - chral stone, By the vault whose dark a - bode



Scarce we lift our weep - ing eyes; O, by all Thy  
In the sav - age wil - der - ness, By the dread, mys -  
Pierc - ing spear, and tor - turing scorn, By the gloom that  
Held in vain the ris - ing God, O, from earth to



pains and woe Suf - fered once for us be - low, Bend - ing  
te - rious hour Of the in - sult - ing tempt - er's pow'r, Turn, O  
veiled the skies O'er the dread - ful sac - ri - fice, Lis - ten  
heav'n re - stored, Might - y, re - as - cend - ed Lord, Bend - ing



from Thy throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!  
turn a fa - v'ring eye; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!  
to our hum - ble sigh; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!  
from Thy throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!

Text: Robert Grant, 1779–1838, alt.

Tune: Joseph Parry, 1841–1903

Text and tune: Public domain

## Corporate Confession and Absolution

*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

*LSB 290*

- P** I will go to the altar of God,  
**C** to God my exceeding joy.  
**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.

*Sit*

### Confessional Address

- C** Amen.

- P** Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins to Him, imploring Him for the sake of His Son Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

*Kneel/Stand*

### Confession of Sins

*LSB 291*

- C** O almighty God, merciful Father, 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** God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.  
**C** Amen.  
**P** Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?  
**C** Yes.  
**P** Let it be done for you as you believe.

*The pastor absolves the penitents individually at the altar, laying his hands on the head of each and pronouncing the following absolution.*

### Absolution

*LSB 291*

- C** Amen.

## Blessing

**P** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in ☩ peace.

**C** Amen.

## Introit

*Psalm 51:1–3, 10–12; antiphon: v. 17*



**P** The sacrifices of God are a broken | spirit;\*  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will | not despise.

**C** Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;\*  
according to your abundant mercy blot out my trans- | gressions.

**P** Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,\*  
and cleanse me | from my sin!

**C** For I know my trans- | gressions,\*  
and my sin is ever be- | fore me.

**P** Create in me a clean heart, | O God,\*  
and renew a right spirit with- | in me.

**C** Cast me not away from your | presence,\*  
and take not your Holy Spirit | from me.

**P** Restore to me the joy of your sal- | vation,\*  
and uphold me with a willing | spirit.



**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.

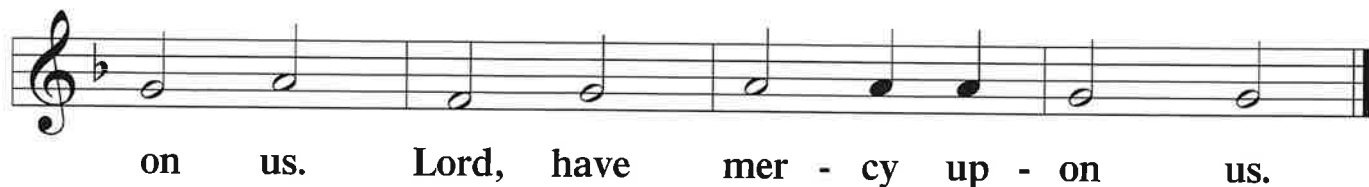
**C** The sacrifices of God are a broken | spirit;\*  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will | not despise.

## Kyrie

*LSB 186*



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



### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.



**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



### Old Testament Reading

*Joel 2:12-19*

<sup>12</sup>“Yet even now,” declares the LORD,

“return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; <sup>13</sup>and rend your hearts and not your garments.”

Return to the LORD, your God,

for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;  
and he relents over disaster.

<sup>14</sup>Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,  
and leave a blessing behind him,  
a grain offering and a drink offering  
for the LORD your God?

<sup>15</sup>Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast;

call a solemn assembly; <sup>16</sup>gather the people.  
Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders;  
gather the children, even nursing infants.  
Let the bridegroom leave his room,  
and the bride her chamber.

<sup>17</sup>Between the vestibule and the altar  
let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep  
and say, “Spare your people, O LORD,  
and make not your heritage a reproach,  
a byword among the nations.  
Why should they say among the peoples,  
‘Where is their God?’”

<sup>18</sup>Then the LORD became jealous for his land  
and had pity on his people.

<sup>19</sup>The LORD answered and said to his people,  
“Behold, I am sending to you  
grain, wine, and oil,  
and you will be satisfied;  
and I will no more make you  
a reproach among the nations.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Gradual

*Hebrews 12:2*



**P** [O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,\*  
the founder and perfecter | of our faith,

**C** who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross,  
despis- | ing the shame,\*  
and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

### Epistle

*1 John 4:7–19*

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that

God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. <sup>17</sup>By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Verse (Lent)**

*LSB 157*

**C** Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

**Holy Gospel**

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



**G** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

<sup>2</sup>“Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup>But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>5</sup>“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup>But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. . . .

<sup>16</sup>“And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup>But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>19</sup>“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup>but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**☐** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

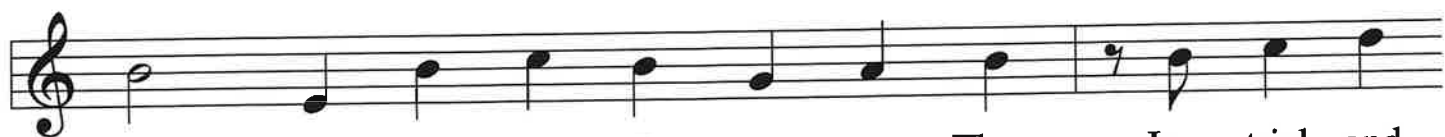
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down 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.

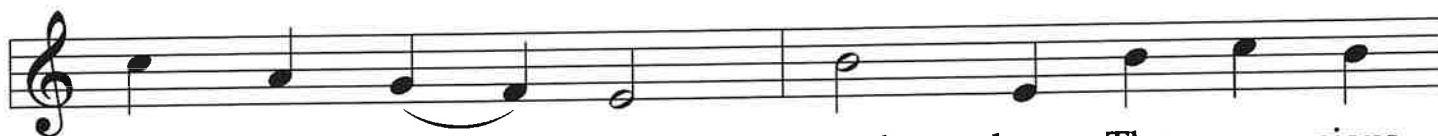
*Sit*

# Hymn of the Day: From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee

LSB 607



1 From depths of woe I cry to Thee, In trial and  
 2 Thy love and grace a - lone a - vail To blot out  
 3 There - fore my hope is in the Lord And not in  
 4 And though it tar - ry through the night And till the  
 5 Though great our sins, yet great - er still Is God's a -



trib - u - la - tion; Bend down Thy gra - cious  
 my trans - gres - sion; The best and ho - liest  
 mine own mer - it; It rests up - on His  
 morn - ing wak - en, My heart shall nev - er  
 bun - dant fa - vor; His hand of mer - cy



ear to me, Lord, hear my sup - pli - ca - tion.  
 deeds must fail To break sin's dread op - pres - sion.  
 faith - ful Word To them of con - trite spir - it  
 doubt His might Nor count it - self for - sak - en.  
 nev - er will A - ban - don us, nor wa - ver.



If Thou re - mem - b'rest ev - 'ry sin, Who then could heav - en  
 Be - fore Thee none can boast - ing stand, But all must fear Thy  
 That He is mer - ci - ful and just; This is my com - fort  
 O Is - rael, trust in God your Lord. Born of the Spir - it  
 Our shep - herd good and true is He, Who will at last His



ev - er win Or stand be - fore Thy pres - ence?  
 strict de - mand And live a - lone by mer - cy.  
 and my trust. His help I wait with pa - tience.  
 and the Word, Now wait for His ap - pear - ing.  
 Is - rael free From all their sin and sor - row.

Text: tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.

Text and tune: Martin Luther, 1483-1546

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Sermon

Offering

Offertory

LSB 192

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

Service of the Sacrament

LSB 194

Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



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



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface (Full)

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

LSB 195



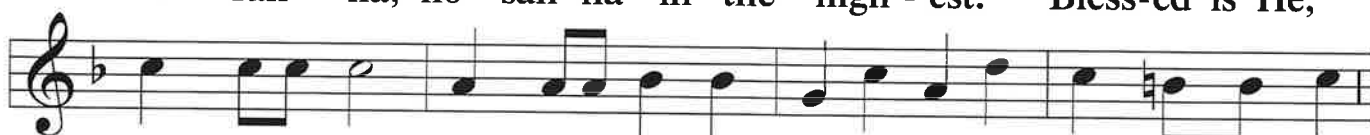
**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



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



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



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



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

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

**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

LSB 197

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\dagger$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\dagger$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

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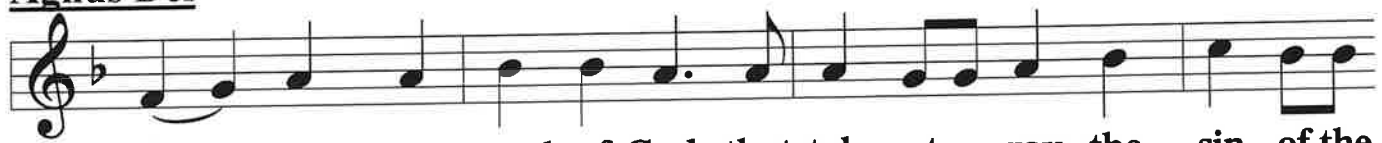
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



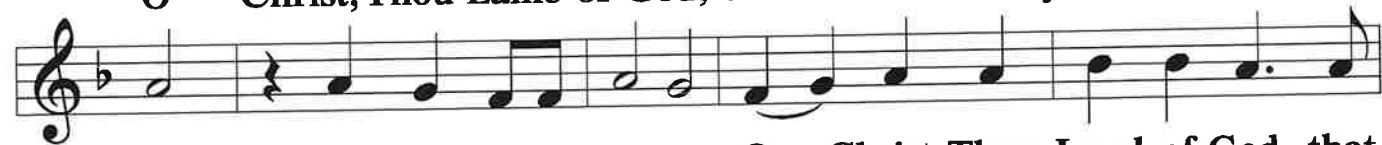
**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198



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



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



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



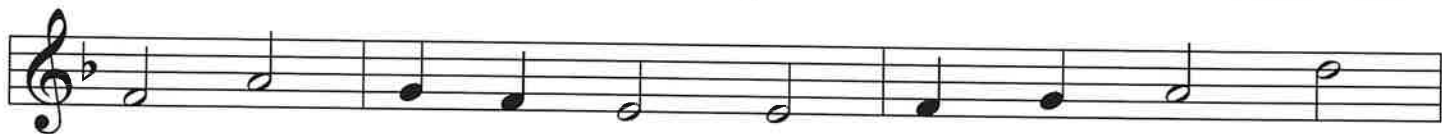
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

# Distribution Hymn: We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died

LSB 429



1 We sing the praise of Him who died, Of Him who  
2 In - scribed up - on the cross we see In shin - ing  
3 The cross! It takes our guilt a - way; It holds the  
4 It makes the cow - ard spir - it brave And nerves the



died up - on the cross. The sin - ner's hope let  
let - ters, "God is love." He bears our sins up -  
faint - ing spir - it up; It cheers with hope the  
fee - ble arm for fight; It takes the ter - ror



all de - ride; For this we count the world but loss.  
on the tree; He brings us mer - cy from a - bove.  
gloom - y day And sweet - ens ev - 'ry bit - ter cup.  
from the grave And gilds the bed of death with light;

5 The balm of life, the cure of woe,  
The measure and the pledge of love,  
The sinner's refuge here below,  
The angels' theme in heav'n above.

6 To Christ, who won for sinners grace  
By bitter grief and anguish sore,  
Be praise from all the ransomed race  
Forever and forevermore.

Text (sts. 1-5): Thomas Kelly, 1769-1855; (st. 6): Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861

Tune: attr. Daniel Read, 1757-1836

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## Distribution Hymn: Not All the Blood of Beasts

LSB 431



1 Not all the blood of beasts On Jew - ish al - tars slain  
2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, Takes all our sins a - way;  
3 My faith would lay its hand On that dear head of Thine,  
4 My soul looks back to see The bur - den Thou didst bear  
5 Be - liev - ing, we re - joice To see the curse re - move;



Could give the guilt - y con - science peace Or wash a - way the stain.  
A sac - ri - fice of no - bler name And rich - er blood than they.  
While as a pen - i - tent I stand, And there con - fess my sin.  
When hang - ing on the curs - ed tree; I know my guilt was there.  
We bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice And sing His bleed - ing love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Tune: William Daman, c. 1540–1591

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# Distribution Hymn: Christ, the Life of All the Living

LSB 420



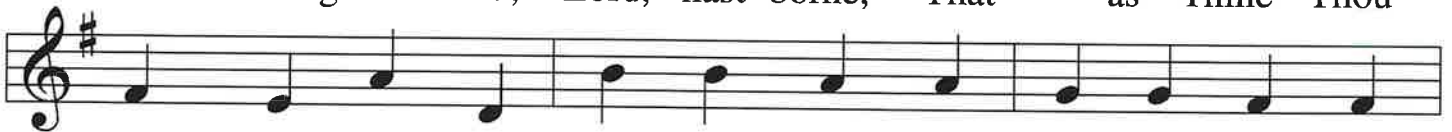
1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of  
 2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast tak - en on Thee Bonds and stripes, a  
 3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly That my wounds might  
 4 Heart - less scof - fers did sur-round Thee, Treat - ing Thee with



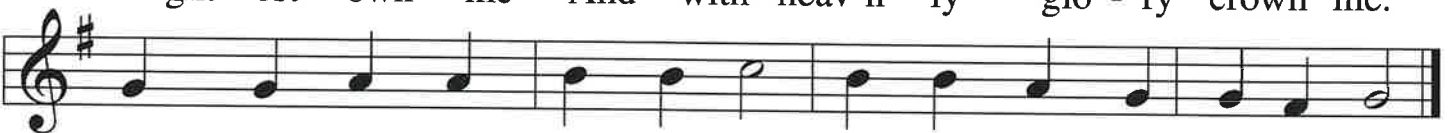
death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing  
 cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were heaped up - on Thee,  
 all be whole; Thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,  
 shame - ful scorn And with pierc - ing thorns they crowned Thee.



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,  
 O Thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst Thou my  
 Rest to give my wea - ry soul; Yea, the curse of  
 All dis - grace Thou, Lord, hast borne, That as Thine Thou



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.  
 soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er.  
 God en - dur - ing, Bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.  
 might - est own me And with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me.



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.  
 Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.  
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| <p>5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee,<br/>             That from pain I might be free;<br/>             Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee:<br/>             Thence I gain security;<br/>             Comfortless Thy soul did languish<br/>             Me to comfort in my anguish.<br/>             Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,<br/>             Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.</p> | <p>6 Thou hast suffered great affliction<br/>             And hast borne it patiently,<br/>             Even death by crucifixion,<br/>             Fully to atone for me;<br/>             Thou didst choose to be tormented<br/>             That my doom should be prevented.<br/>             Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,<br/>             Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.</p> | <p>7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,<br/>             For Thy sorrows deep and sore,<br/>             For Thine anguish in the Garden,<br/>             I will thank Thee evermore,<br/>             Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,<br/>             For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,<br/>             For that last triumphant cry,<br/>             And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.</p> |
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Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605–81; (sts. 1–2, 5, 7): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.; (sts. 3–4, 6): tr. Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book, 1912, St. Louis Tune: Das grosse Cantional, 1687, Darmstadt Text and tune: Public domain

## The Dismissal

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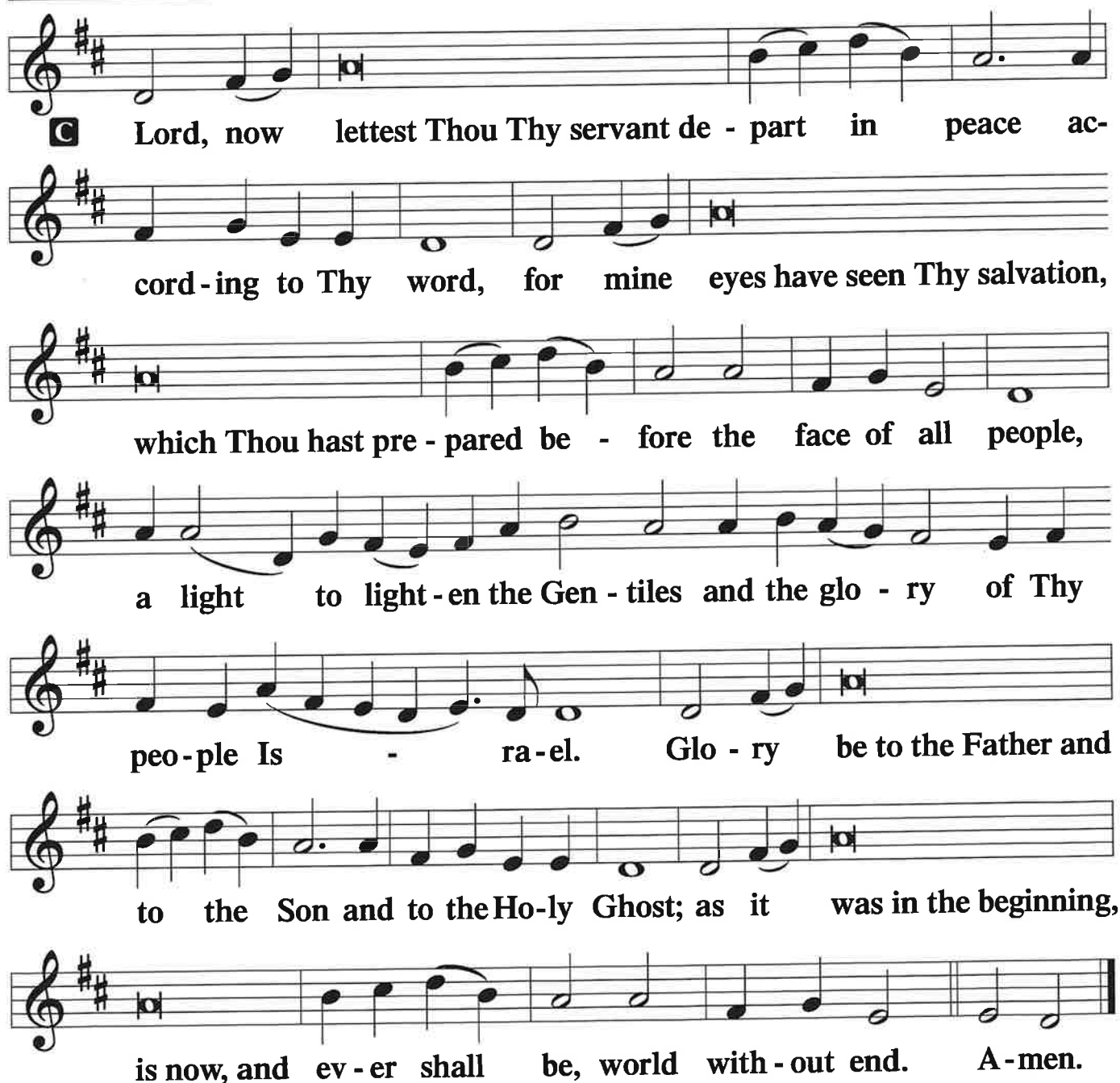
**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis

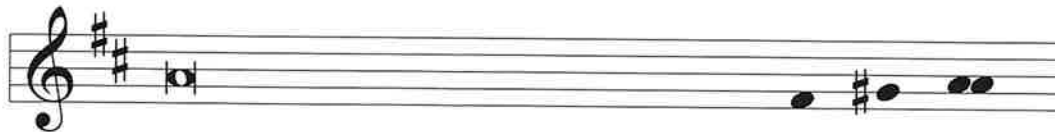
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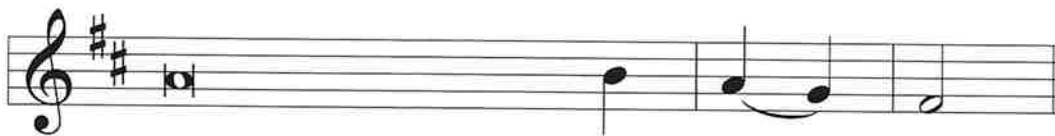
**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

LSB 200



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



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

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.



**C** A - men.

## Salutation

LSB 201

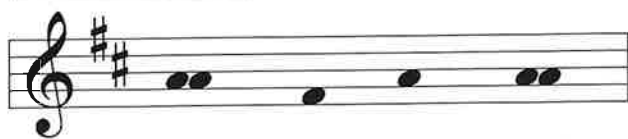


**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**Benedicamus**



**A** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

**Benediction**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



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

# Hymn to Depart: God Loves Me Dearly

LSB 392



1 God loves me dear - ly, Grants me sal -  
2 I was in slav - 'ry, Sin, death, and  
3 He sent forth Je - sus, My dear Re -  
4 Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Him - self did  
5 Now I will praise You, O Love E -



va - tion, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.  
dark - ness; God's love was work - ing To make me free.  
deem - er, He sent forth Je - sus And set me free.  
of - fer; Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Paid all I owed.  
ter - nal; Now I will praise You All my life long.

## *Refrain*



There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me



dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.

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