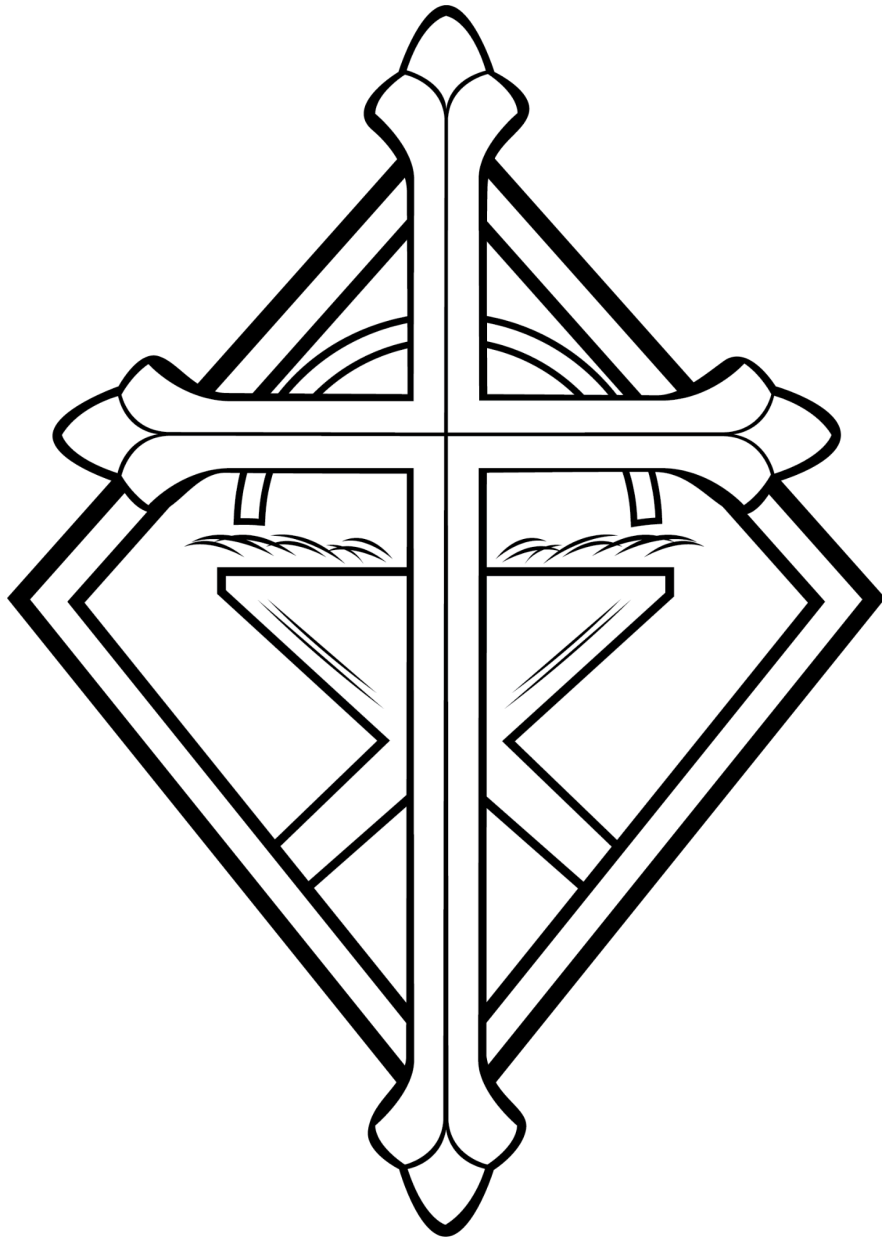


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THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

God prepares us to come into his presence by calling us to repent of our sins and giving us his absolution; so that we can come before him in humble confidence.

OPENING PRAYER

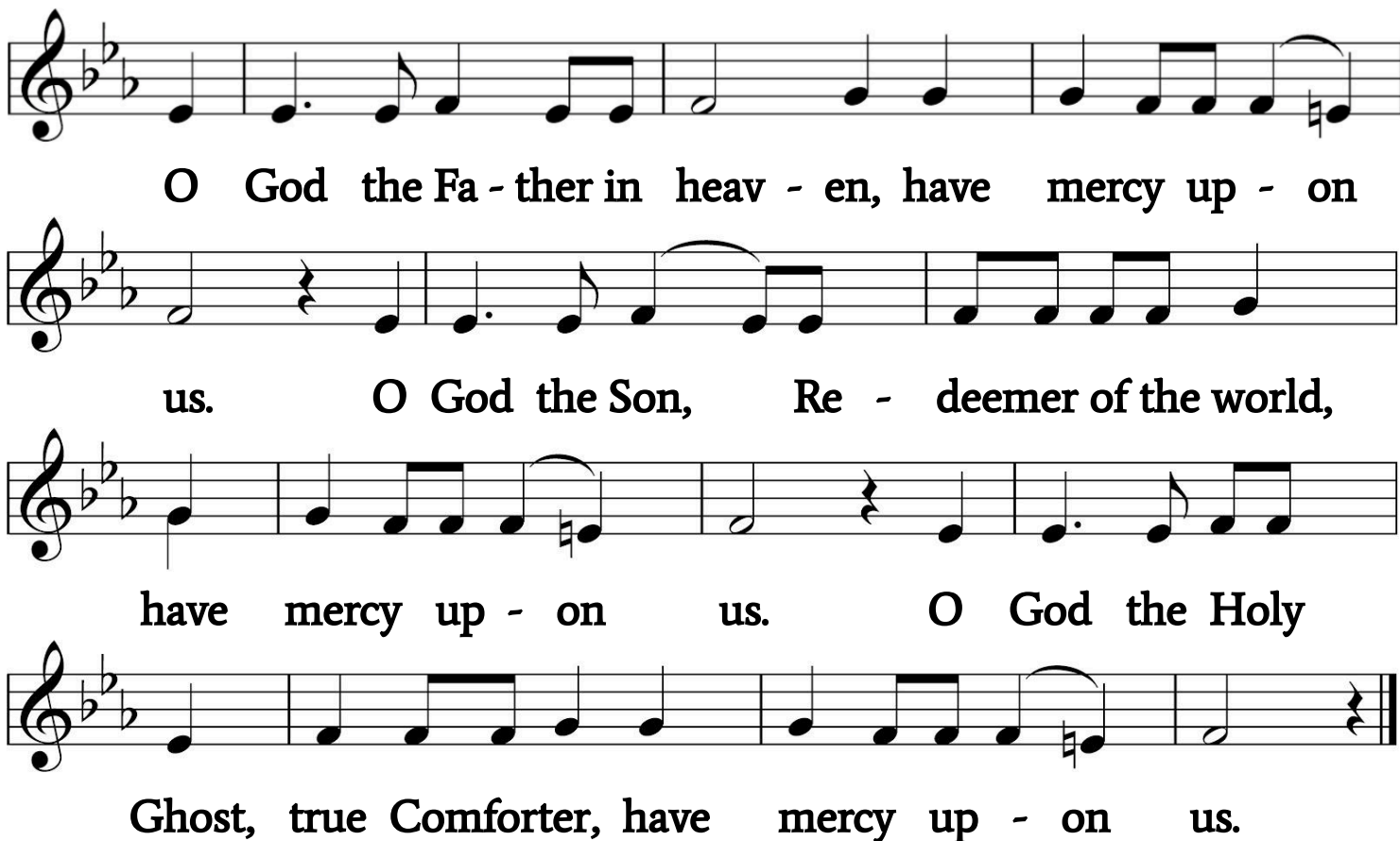
(Pastor) O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

HYMN - 133, "O Come, All Ye Faithful" *Please Stand*

CONFESSION OF SIN

(Pastor) Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins.
Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(All) O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us: have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



O God the Fa - ther in heav - en, have mercy up - on

us. O God the Son, Re - deemer of the world,

have mercy up - on us. O God the Holy

Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy up - on us.

ABSOLUTION

Upon this your confession, by the authority of God and of my holy office I declare to you the gracious forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. May He who has begun the good work in you perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. Peace be with you. Amen.

HYMN - 114, "Angels We Have Heard on High"

SALUTATION PRAYER FOR THE DAY

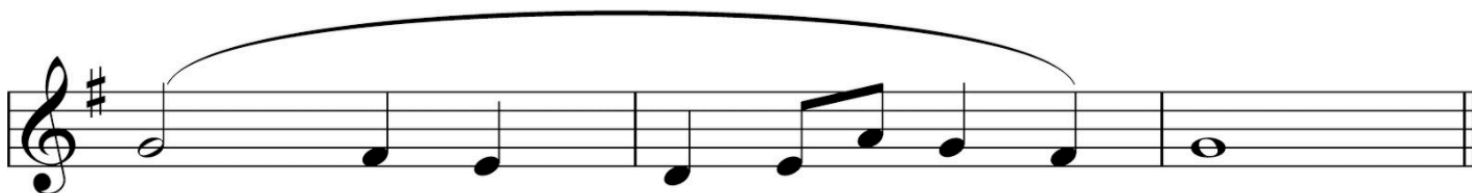
The Lord be with you.



And with your Spi - rit.

Let us pray:

Grant, we beseech You, almighty God, that the new birth of Your only begotten Son in the flesh may set us free who are held in the old bondage under the yoke of sin; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.



A - - - - - men.



THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

*God instructs and nourishes our faith by means of his Word.
Hearing God's inspired Word from the prophets, apostles, and evangelists, we confess our faith in creed and in song.*

OLD TESTAMENT - Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,

Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.^(ESV)

HYMN - 153, "The People That in Darkness Sat," verses 1, 4-6

EPISTLE - Titus 3:4-7

We ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.^(ESV)

HYMN - 112, "A Boy is Born in Bethlehem," verses 1-2, 12

HOLY GOSPEL - John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.

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He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.^(NKJV)



God be prais - ed for His glad ti - dings.

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 is seated at the right hand of the Father;
And He shall come again with glory
to judge both the living and the dead;
Whose kingdom shall 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.

HYMN - 161, "O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is"

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Each petition of the prayer concludes, "Lord in Your mercy," to which
the congregation replies, "**Hear our prayer.**"*

OFFERING

*If you are visiting today, please do not feel obligated to give. If you prefer,
you can give through our website, concordiaeauclaire.com/online-giving*



THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

We now partake of the meal which God has given to his people, in which we are united with Christ our savior, and with each other as fellow members of His body.

PREFACE & PROPER PREFACE

The Lord be with you.



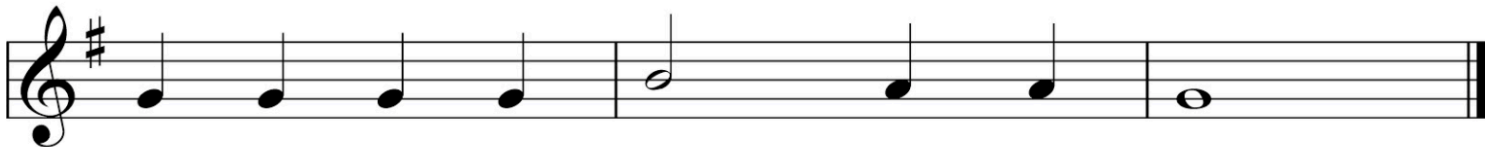
And with your Spi - rit.

Lift up your hearts unto the Lord.



We lift up our hearts un - to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



It is good and right so to do.

The pastor chants the proper preface

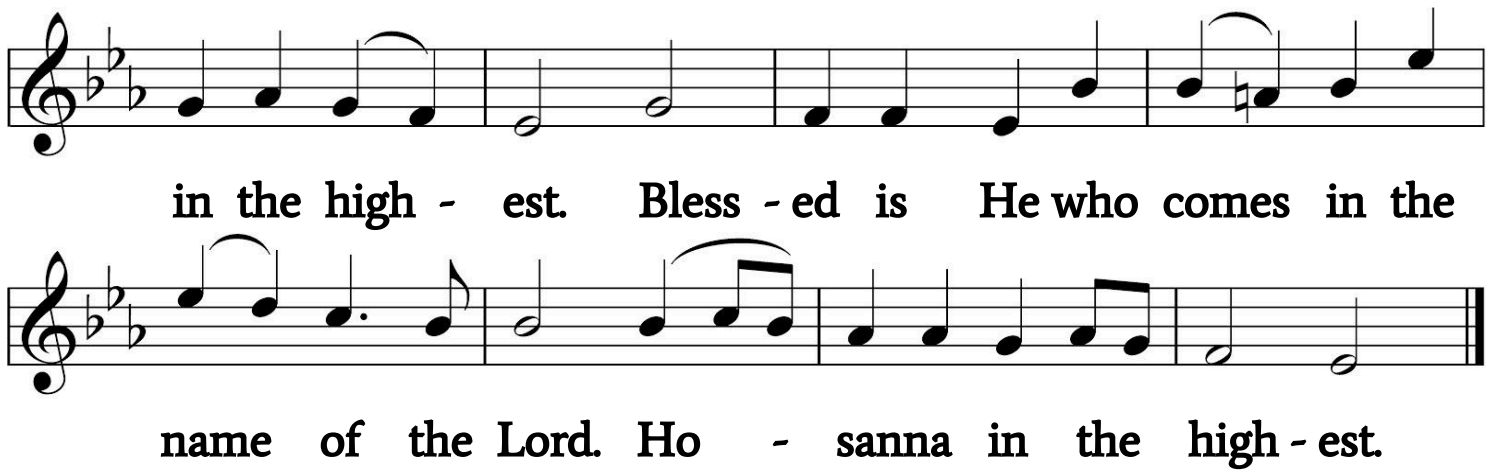
SANCTUS



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



Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - sanna



LORD'S PRAYER

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.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.

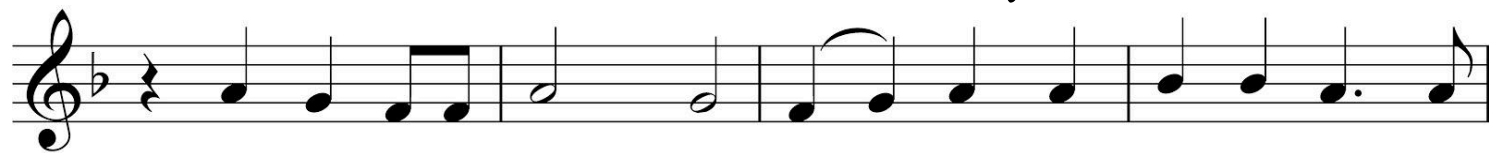
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night on which He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, "Take, eat, this is My body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it all of you. This cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

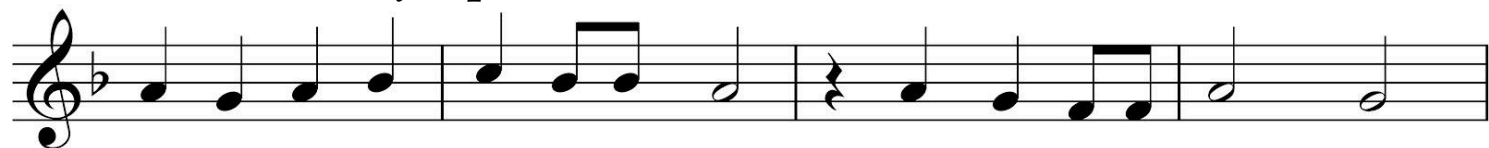
AGNUS DEI



O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world,



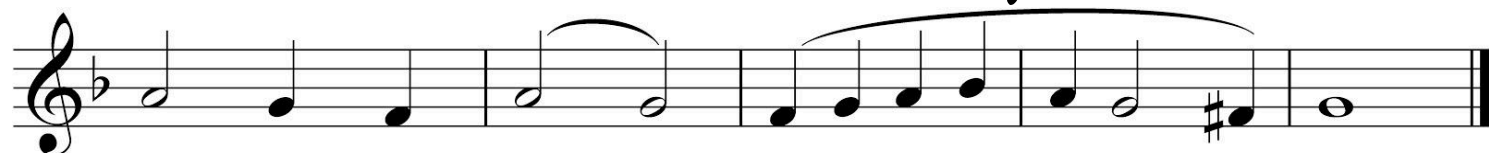
have mercy up- on us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You



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



O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world,



grant us Your peace. A - - - men.

DISTRIBUTION

Following the guidance of the Scriptures and the example of the historic Christian Church, our congregation practices closed communion. If you are not a member of our congregation, or are not part of our greater fellowship (ELS/WELS), please refrain from communing.

Non-communicants are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, indicating so by crossing their arms across their chest.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN - 139, "Once in Royal David's City"

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING



1. O Je - sus, blessed Lord, to Thee my heart-felt
2. Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: what wealth is



thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing - ly
come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with - in

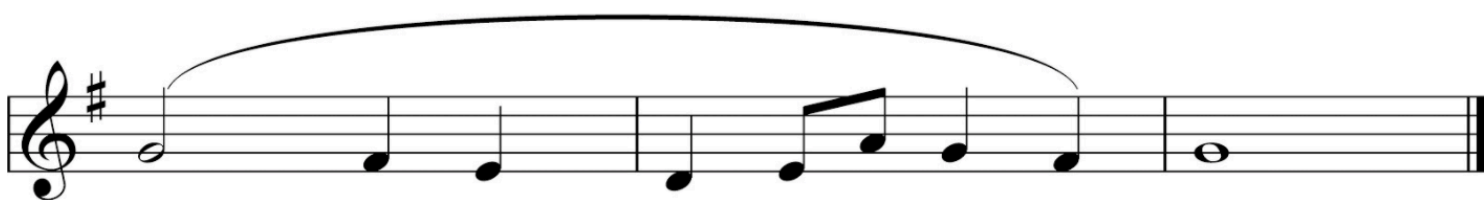


bestowed on me Thy bo - dy and Thy blood.
me now: how blest am I! How good art Thou!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us give thanks and pray:

We thank You, Lord God Almighty, that You have refreshed us with these
Your salutary gifts; and we beseech You of Your mercy, to strengthen us
through them in faith toward You, and in fervent love toward one
another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.



A - - - - - men.

BENEDICTION

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.



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

HYMN - *Insert*, “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”

CLOSING PRAYER

O Lord, we render unto You our heartfelt thanks that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death. Amen.

✠ ✠ ✠ **Depart in Peace** ✠ ✠ ✠

Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are visiting, please sign our guest book before you leave, and please join us again.

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

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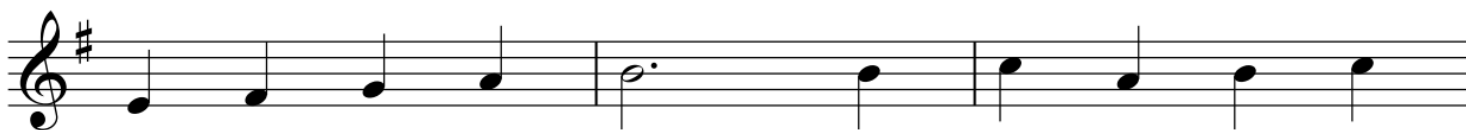
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God rest ye mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let no - thing you dis -
From God out Hea - v'nly Fa - ther a bles - sed An - gel
"Fear not then," said the An - gel, "Let no - thing you a -
Now to the Lord sing pra - ises, all you with - in this



may, Re - mem - ber, Christ our Sa - vior was
came, And un - to cer - tain Shep - herds brought
fright, This day is born a Sa - vior a
place, And with true love and bro - ther - hood each



born on Christ - mas day. To save us all from
ti - dings of the same: How that in Beth - le -
bles - sed ho - ly sight, To free all those who
o - ther now em - brace; This Ho - ly Child of



Sa - tan's pow'r when we were gone a - stray, O____
hem was born the Son of God by Name,
trust in Him from Sa - tan's pow'r and might."
Christ - mas shall fill our hearts with grace:



ti - dings of com - fort and joy, Com-fort and joy O____



ti - dings of com - fort and joy.

