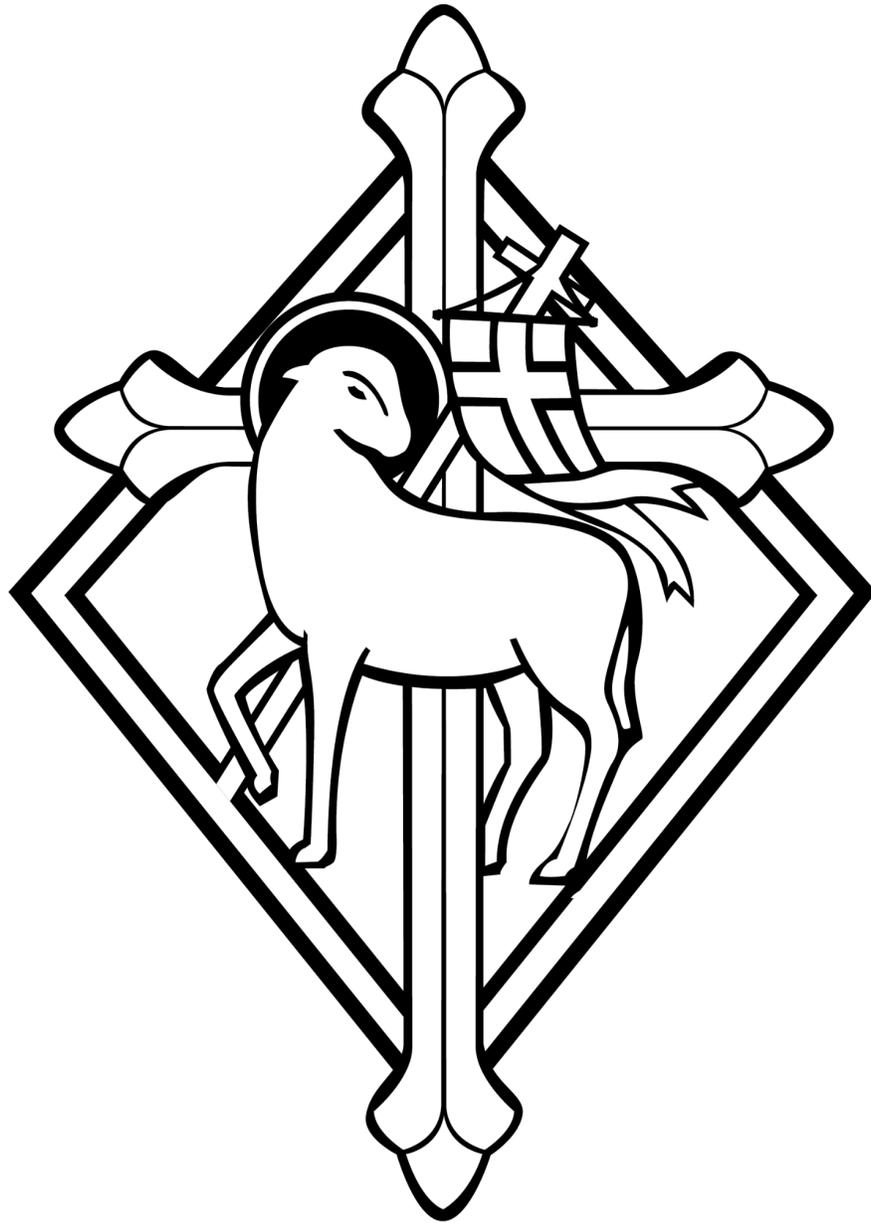


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The Divine Service



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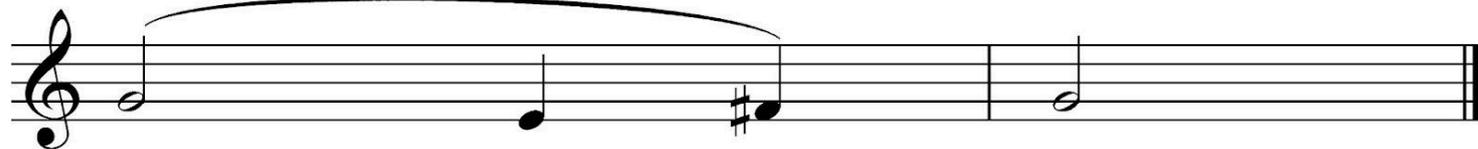
THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

God prepares us to come into his presence in the Divine Service by calling us to repent of our sins and giving us his absolution. Cleansed in this way, we come before God in humble confidence.

HYMN - 69, "The God of Abraham Praise," verses 1-4, 9

INVOCATION

(Pastor) In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.



(All) A - - **men.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

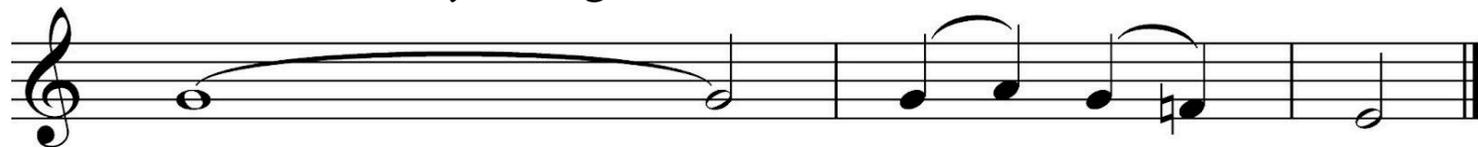
Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.



Who made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord;



And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins.

O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to 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.

I ask each of you, in the presence of God who searches the heart: Do you confess that you have sinned, and do you repent of your sins?

I do.

Do you believe that Jesus Christ has redeemed you from all your sins, and do you desire forgiveness in His name?

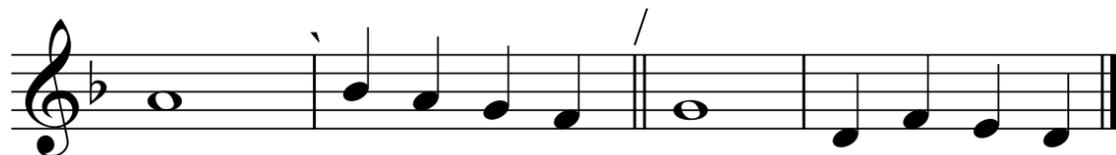
I do.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit. May He comfort your heart by His holy Absolution, and strengthen you by His Sacraments, that your joy may be full.

Peace be with you!

Amen.

INTROIT & GLORIA PATRI



Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an un`godly people,
from the deceitful and unjust man `deliver me!

Send out your `light and your truth;/ let them lead me; let them bring me
to `your holy hill

Glory be to the Father `and to the Son / and to `the Holy Ghost; As it was
in the be`ginning, is now,/ and ever shall be, forever`more. Amen.

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an un`godly people,
from the deceitful and unjust man `deliver me!

KYRIE ELEISON *“Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy”*



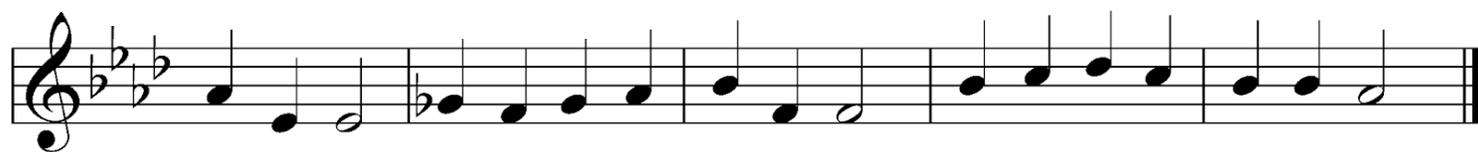
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Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.



Christe e - le - i - son. Christe e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e -



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The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Lent

SALUTATION & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

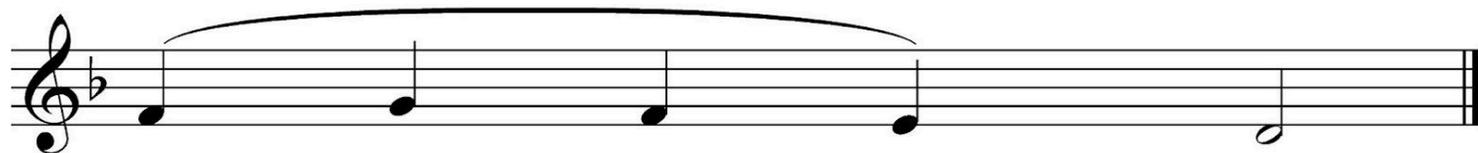
The Lord be with you.



And with your Spi - rit.

Let us pray:

We beseech You, almighty God, mercifully to look upon Your people, that by Your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore in both body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 - Genesis 22:1-14

God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go

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Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil *\within* me?/ Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salva[\]tion and my God.

Glory be to the Father [\]and to the Son / and to [\]the Holy Ghost; As it was in the be[\]ginning, is now,/ and ever shall be, forever[\]more. Amen.

EPISTLE - Hebrews 9:11-15

When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.^(ESV)

VERSE & LENTEN RESPONSE

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil *\within* me?/ Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salva[\]tion and my God.



Christ has humbled him-self, and be-come o - be - dient



un - to death; ev'n the death of the Cross.

HOLY GOSPEL - John 8:42:5-9

The Gospel is announced



Glo - ry be to You, O Lord!

Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is

The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” So

they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.^(ESV)



Praise be to You, 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 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.

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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 - 276, "When O'er My Sins I Sorrow"

SERMON

OFFERTORY VERSE

Cre- ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 - new a right Spi-rit with - in me. Cast me not a -
 - way from Your presence, and take not Your Ho - ly
 Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of
 Your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with



Your free Spi - rit. A - men.

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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



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.



We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



It is good and right so to do.

The pastor chants the proper preface

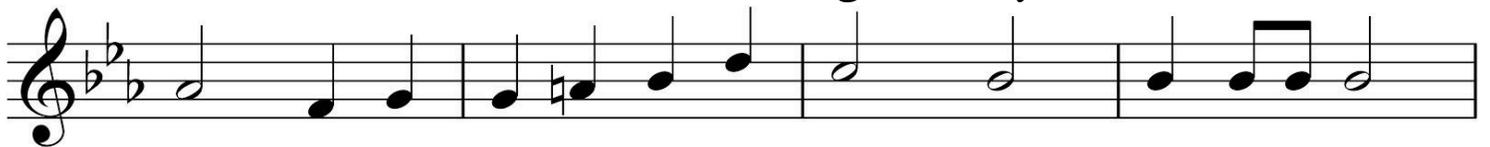
SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Sa - ba - oth;



Heaven and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho -



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



blessed is He, blessed is He who comes in the



name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - sanna in the highest.

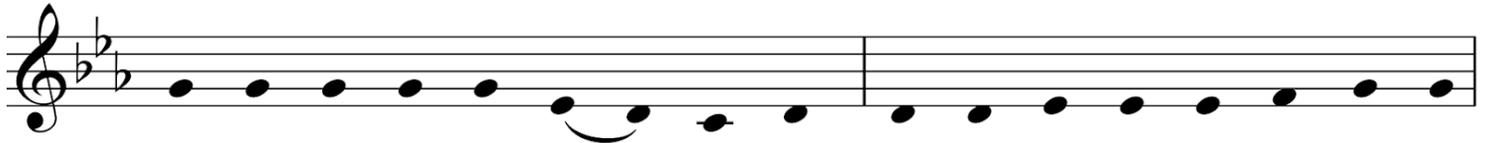
LORD'S PRAYER *Sung by all*



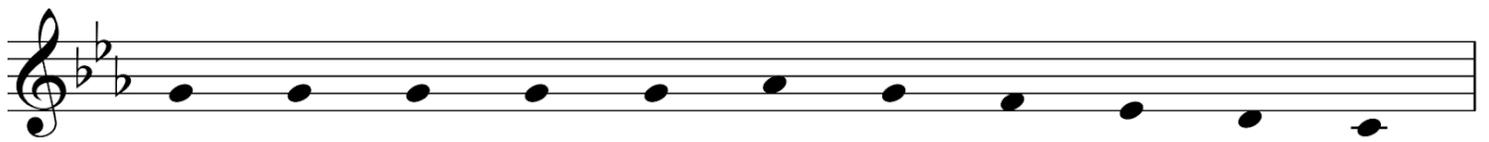
Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name



Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.



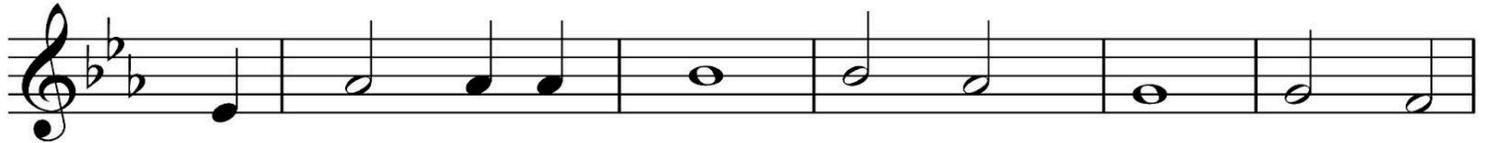
Give us this day our dai - ly bread; And forgive us our trespasses,



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



And lead us not in - to temptation, But de-li- ver us from e - vil.



For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



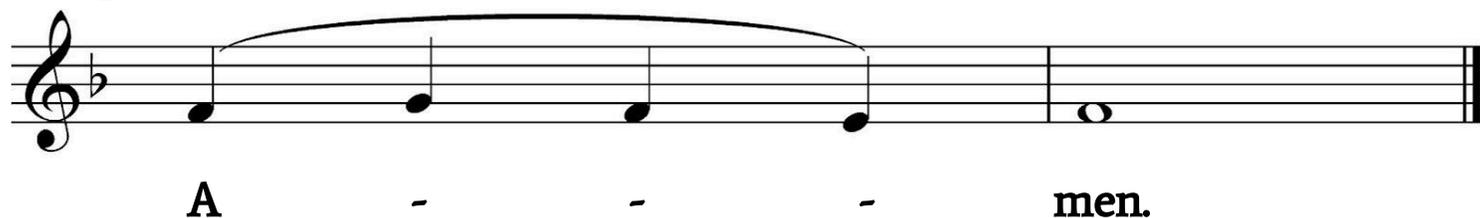
glo - ry for - e - ver and e - ver. A - men.

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."

PAX DOMINI

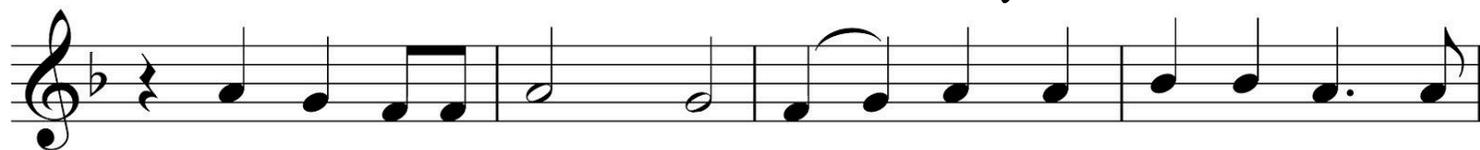
The peace of the Lord be with you always.



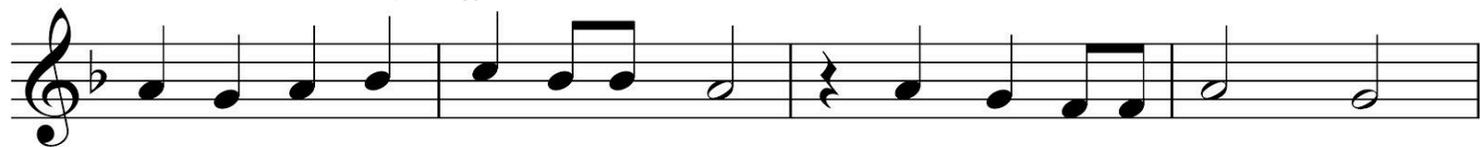
AGNUS DEI



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 close 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 - 403, "God Loved the World,"
305, "Not All the Blood of Beasts"

NUNC DIMITTIS

Lord, now You let Your servant de - part in peace ac -
 - cording to Your Word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation,
 which You have pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a Light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Your people

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, for - e - ver - more. A - men.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup;

We proclaim the Lord's death un - til He comes.

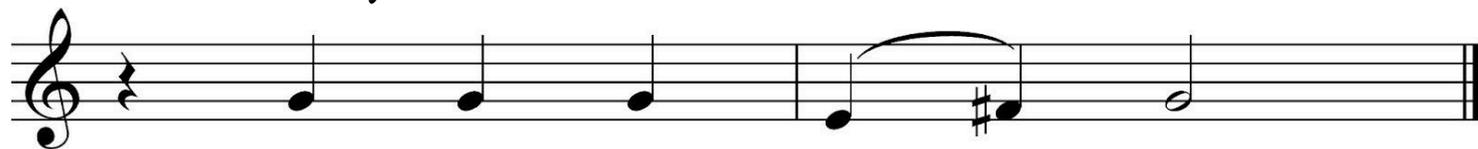
Let us pray:

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 true God, now and forever.

A - - - men.

SALUTATION

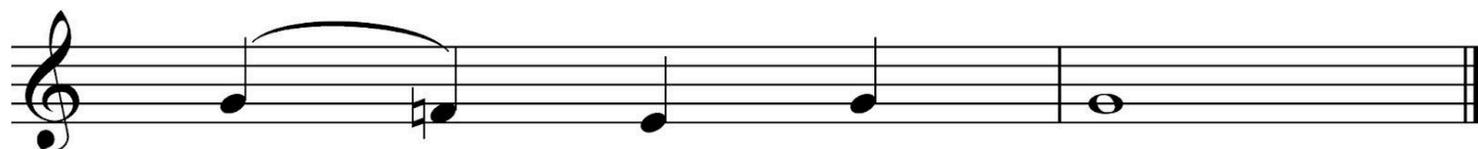
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And with your spi - rit.

BENEDICAMUS

Let us bless the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

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 - 278, "O Jesus, King Most Wonderful"

☩ ☩ ☩ **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.

Serving Today

Officiant – Rev. Paul Webber

Organist – Alana Laufman

Lessons for next week:

Palm Sunday Gospel - Matthew 21:1-11, 15-16

Old Testament - Zechariah 9:9-10

Epistle - Philippians 2:5-11

Passion Reading - Matthew 27:11-61