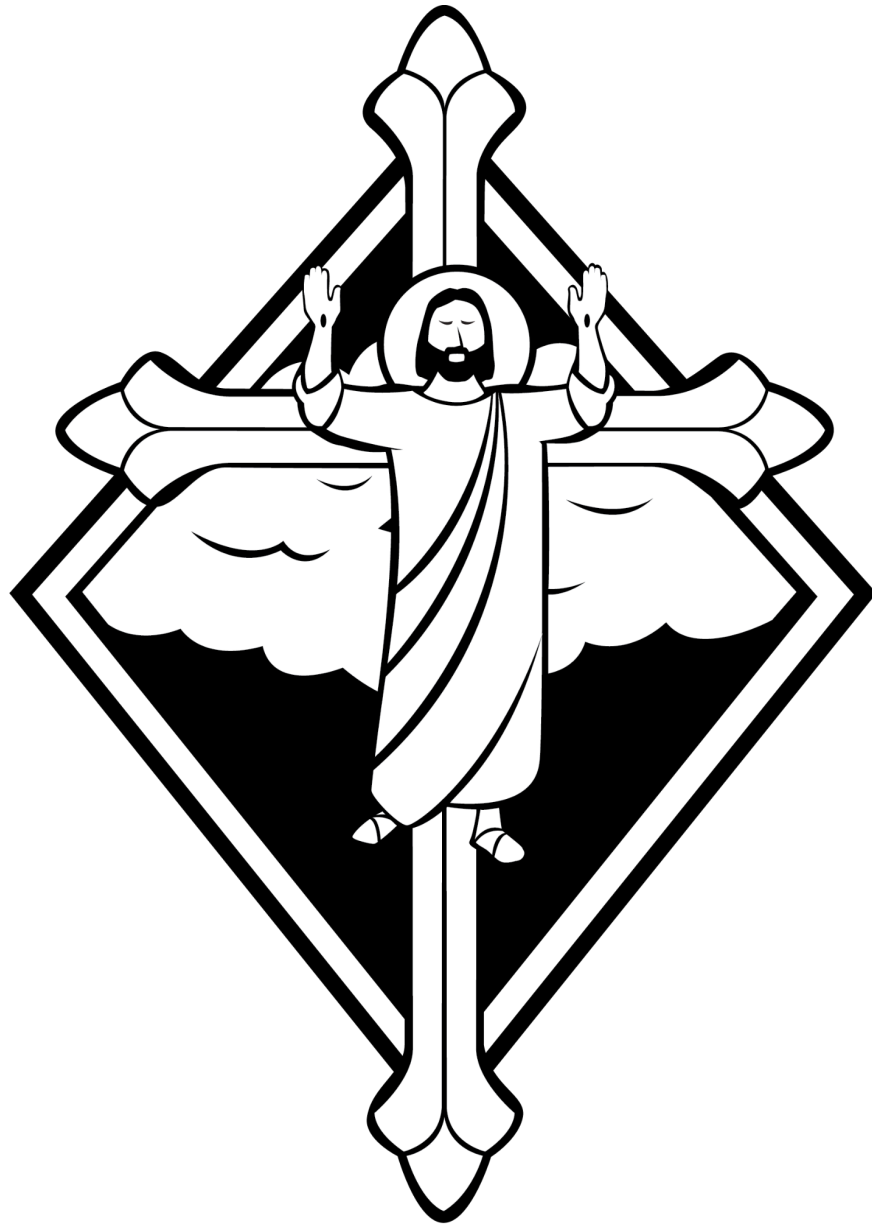


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The Ascension of our Lord

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The Divine Service



The Common Service, p. 60



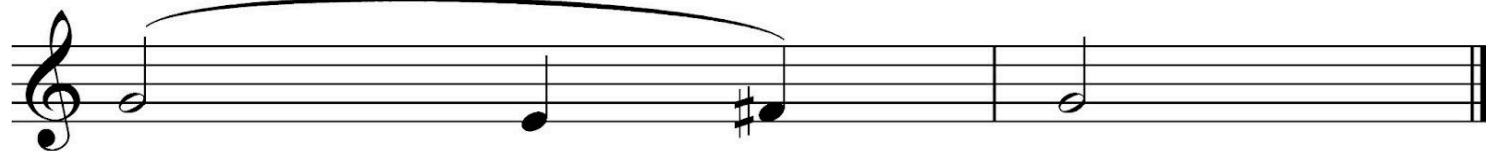
THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

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 - 389, "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" *Please stand for final verse*

INVOCATION

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



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

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

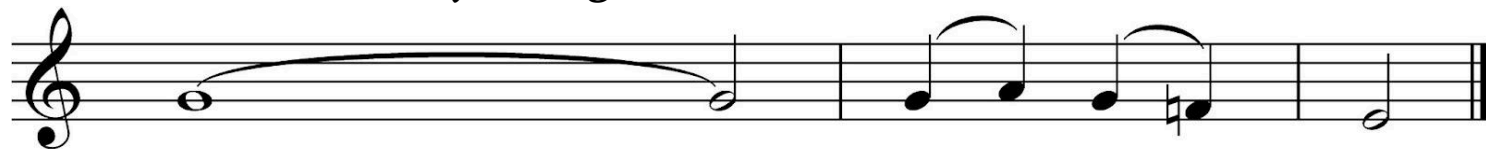
Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.

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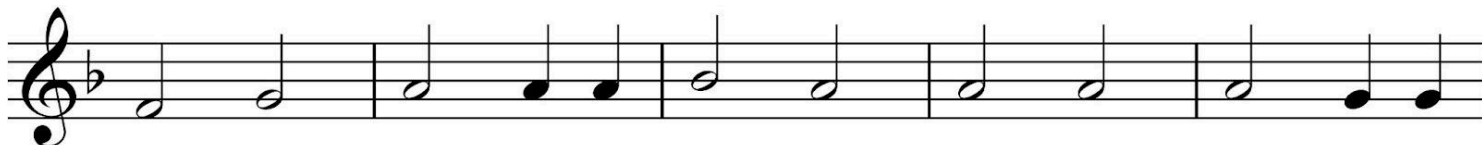
Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? 'Alleluia!/
This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come as you
saw Him go into heaven. 'Alleluia!

Oh, clap your hands, 'all you peoples!/
Shout to God with the 'voice of triumph!

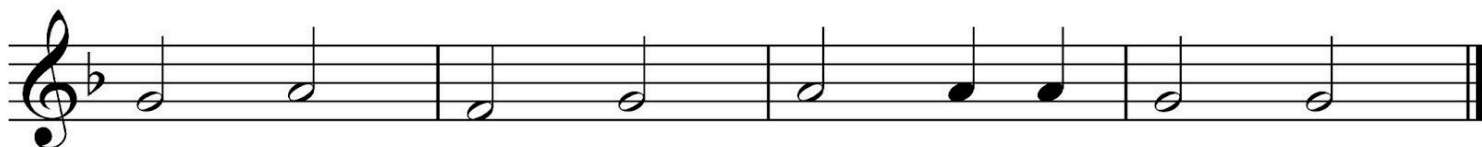
Glory be to the Father 'and to the Son / and to 'the Holy Ghost; As it was
in the be'ginning, is now,/ and ever shall be, forever'more. Amen.

Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? 'Alleluia!/
This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come as you
saw Him go into heaven. 'Alleluia!

KYRIE ELEISON



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



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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Glory be to God on high:



And on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise You, we bless You, we wor - ship You, we glorify You,



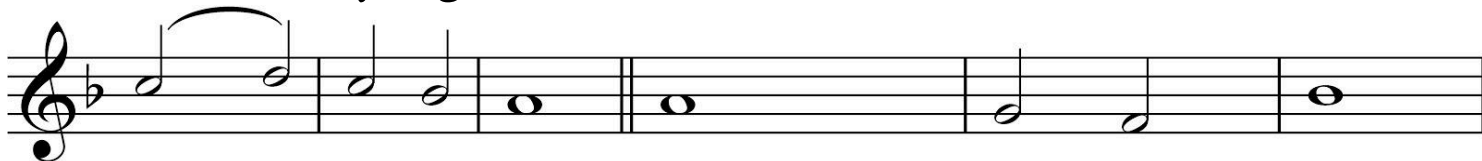
we give thanks to You, for Your great glory. O Lord God,



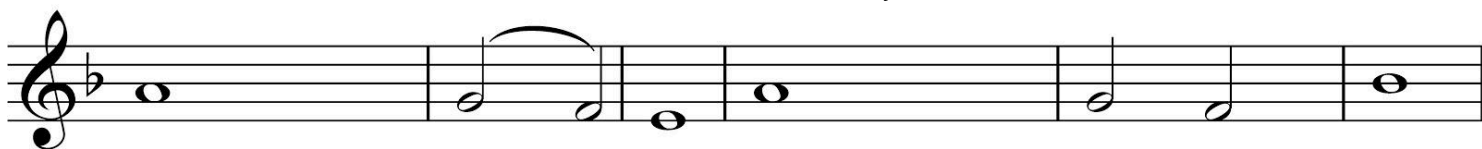
heaven - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



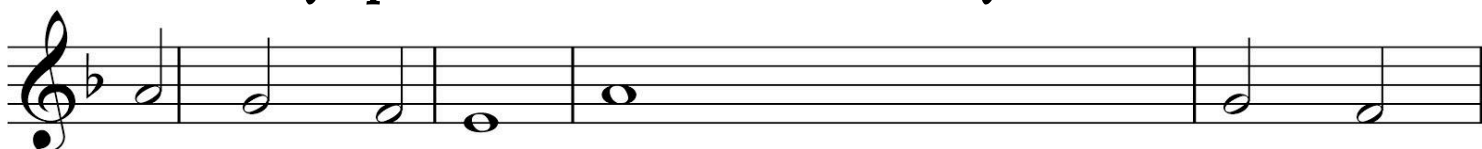
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God



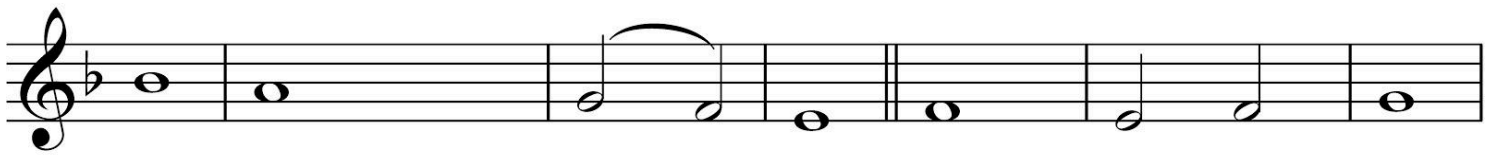
Son of the Father, You take away the sin of the world,



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



re - ceive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of God the



Father, have mercy up - on us. For You only are holy.



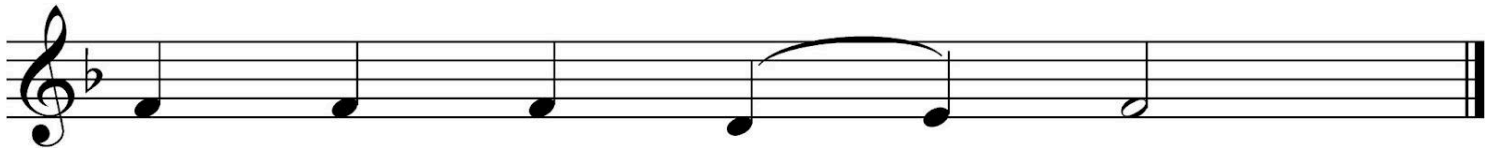
You on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spirit, are most high in the Glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

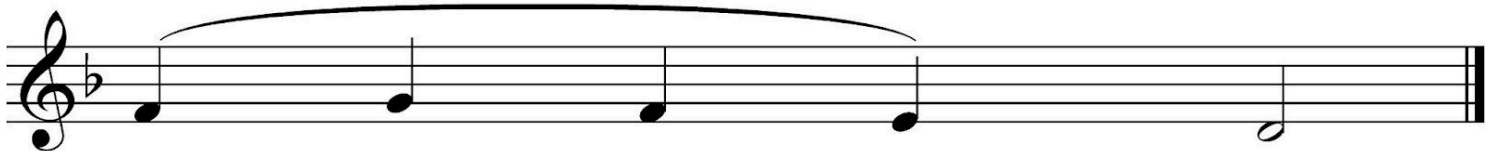
The Lord be with you.



And with your Spi - rit.

Let us pray:

Grant, we beseech You, almighty God, that just as we believe Your only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to have ascended into the heavens, so may we also in heart and mind to heaven ascend, and continually dwell with Him, 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 - 2 Kings 2:1-14

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

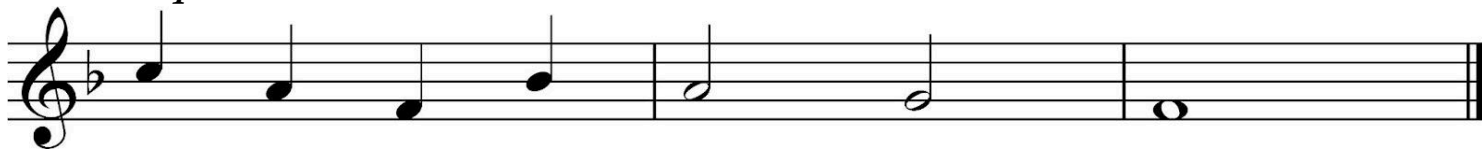
Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." And as they still went on

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HOLY GOSPEL - Mark 16:14-20

The Gospel is announced



Glo - ry be to You, O Lord!

Later Jesus appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.^(NKJV)



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,

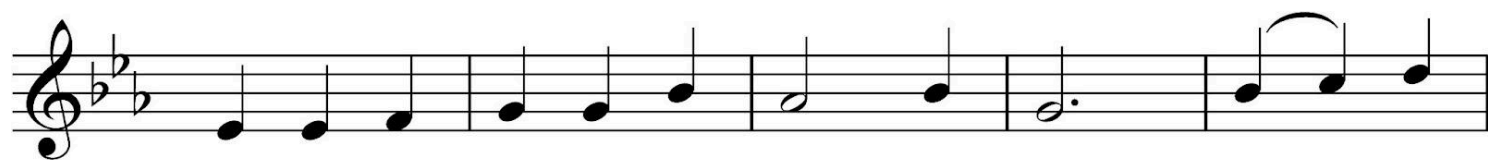
Being of one substance with the Father,
By Whom all things were made;
Who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried;
and the third day 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.
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 - 392, "On Christ's Ascension I Now Build"

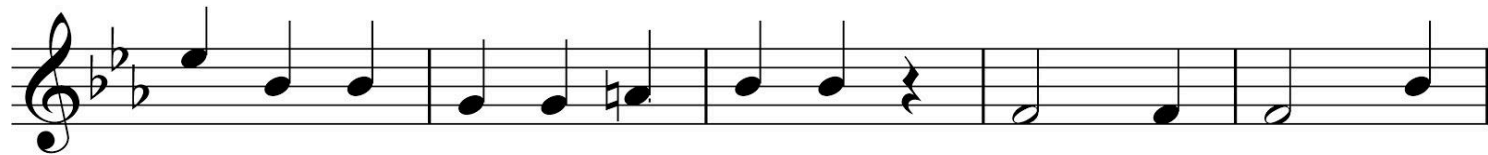
SERMON - Romans 8:1, 33-34

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus...Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.^(NKJV)

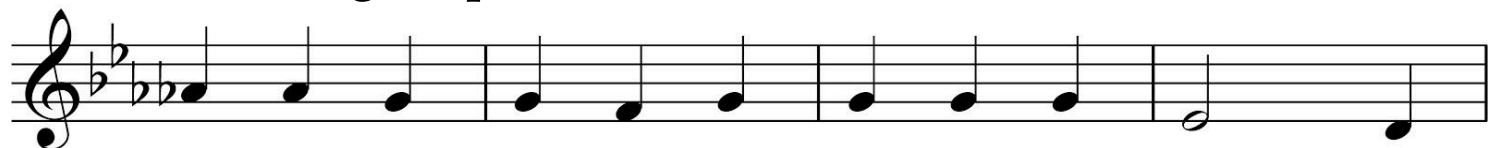
OFFERTORY VERSE



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

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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.

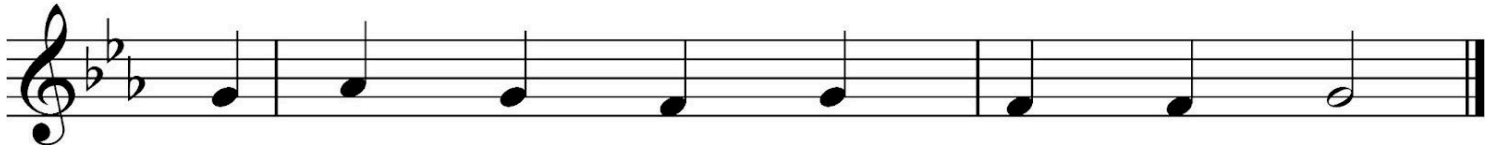
PREFACE & PROPER PREFACE

The Lord be with you.



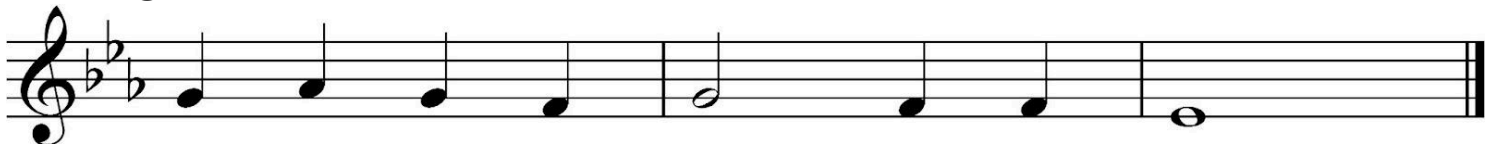
And with your spi - rit.

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

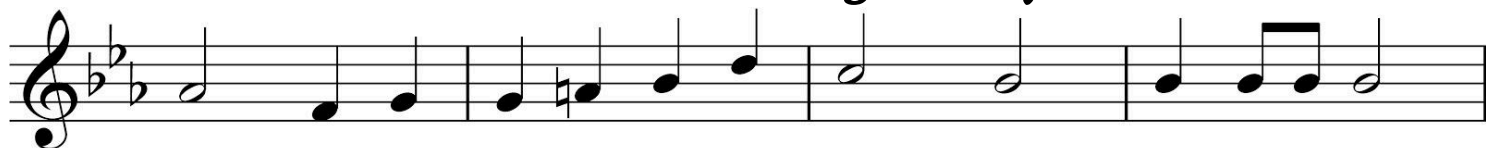
SANCTUS



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



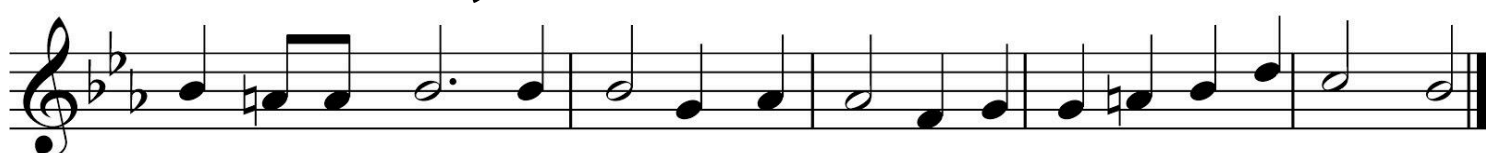
Heaven and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho -



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



blessed is He, blessed is He who comes in the

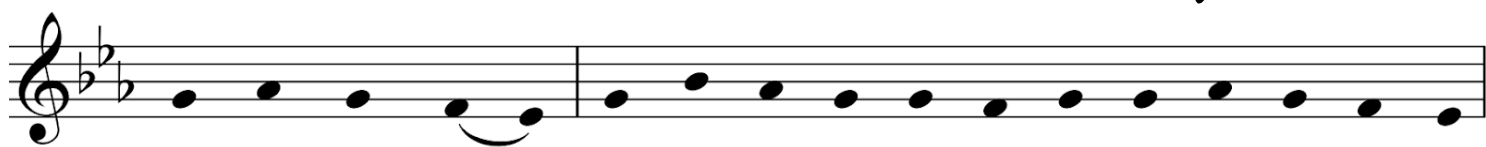


name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - sanna in the highest.

LORD'S PRAYER *Sung by all*



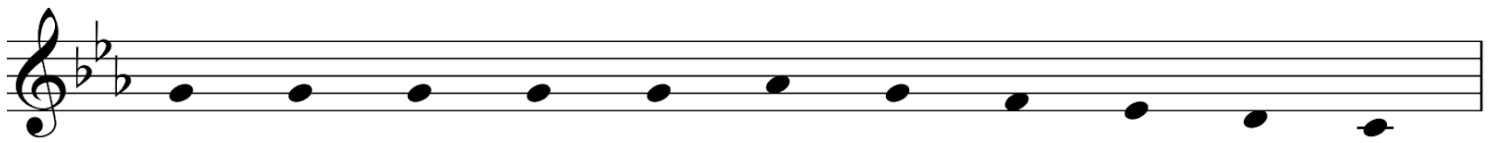
Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name



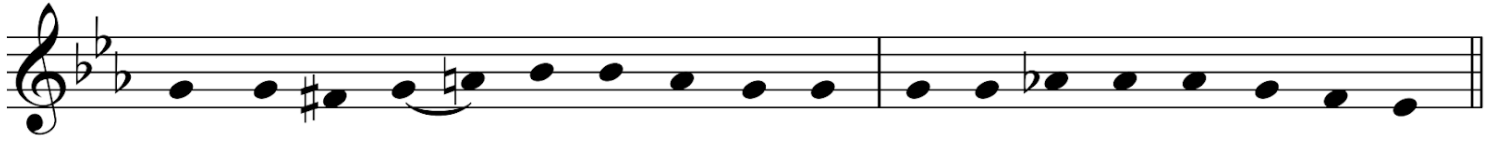
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.



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 - liver us from e - vil.



For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



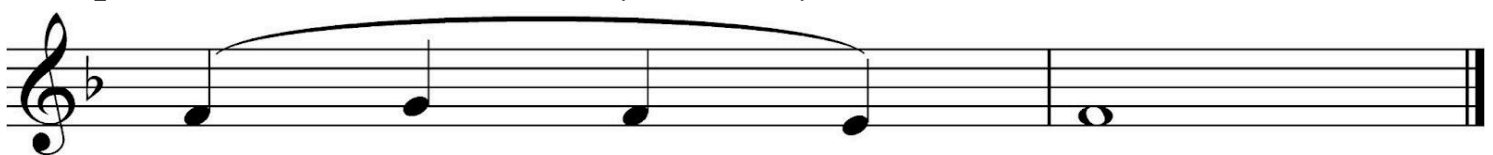
glo - ry for - e - ver and e - ver. A - men.

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.

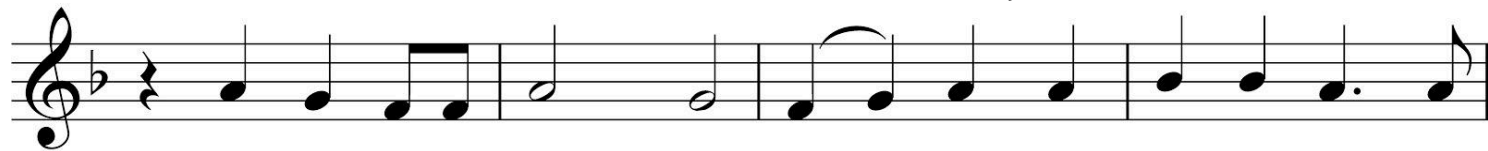


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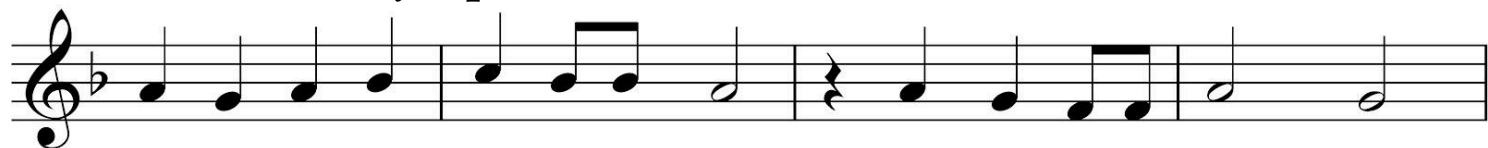
AGNUS DEI



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



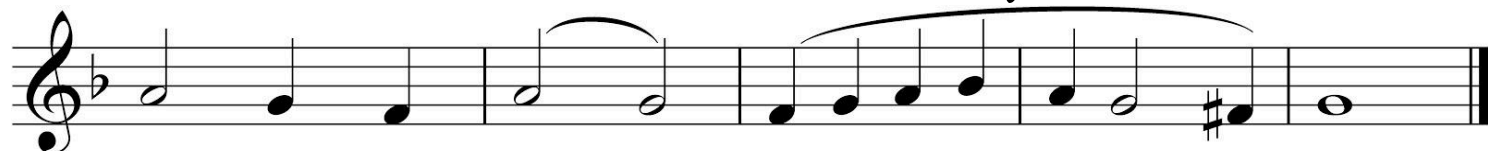
have mercy up - on us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You



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.

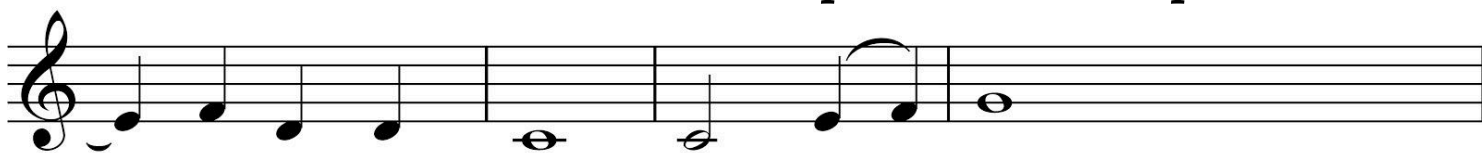
DISTRIBUTION HYMNS - 340, "Alleluia! Jesus Lives"

351, "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

NUNC DIMITTIS



Lord, now You let Your servant de - part in peace ac -



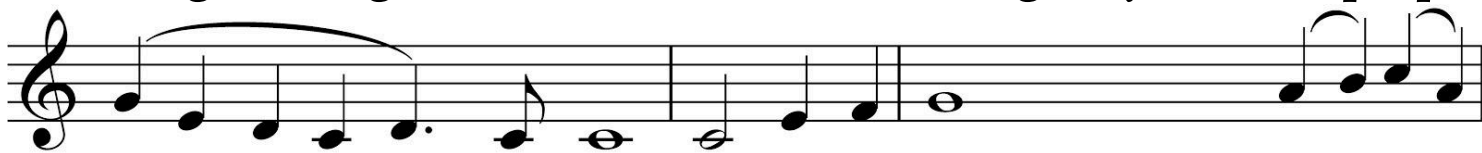
- cording to Your word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation,



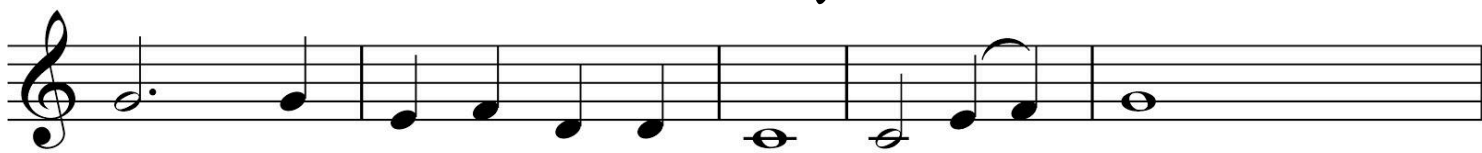
which You have pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



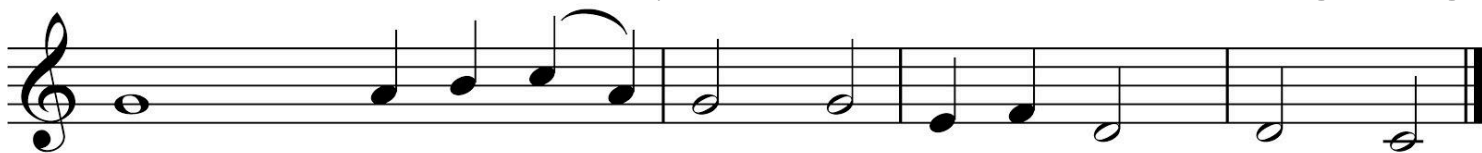
a Light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Your people



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

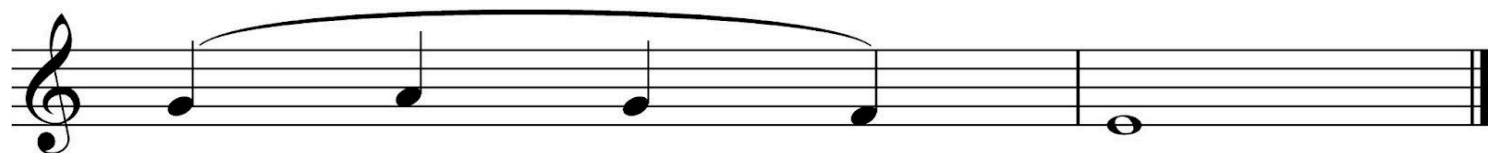
O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



And his mercy endures for - e - ver.

Let us pray:

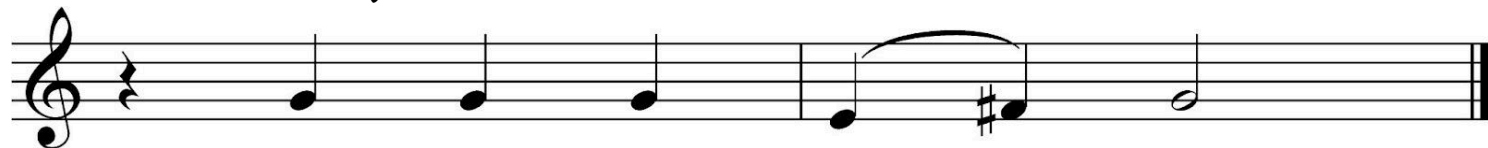
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through these salutary gifts, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through them in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.



A - - - men.

SALUTATION

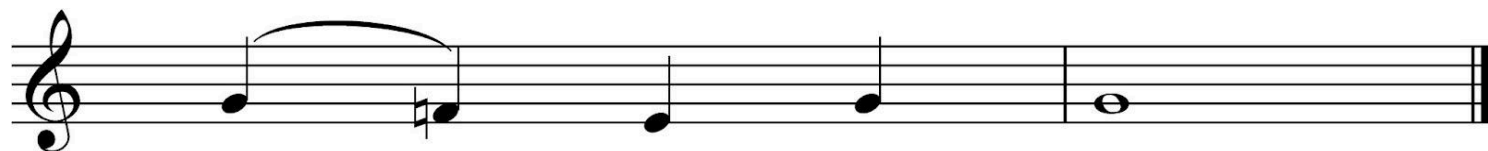
The Lord be with you.



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 - 393, "The Head That Once Was Crowned"

☩ ☩ ☩ **Depart in Peace** ☩ ☩ ☩

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