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The Festival of St. Michael & All Angels
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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 - 15, "Holy, Holy, Holy" *Please stand for verse 4*

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

Hear the holy and comforting Word of our Lord:

“Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” “For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

Lift up your hearts! By the authority of God and of my holy office I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE - 359, “This is the Feast”

SALUTATION & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

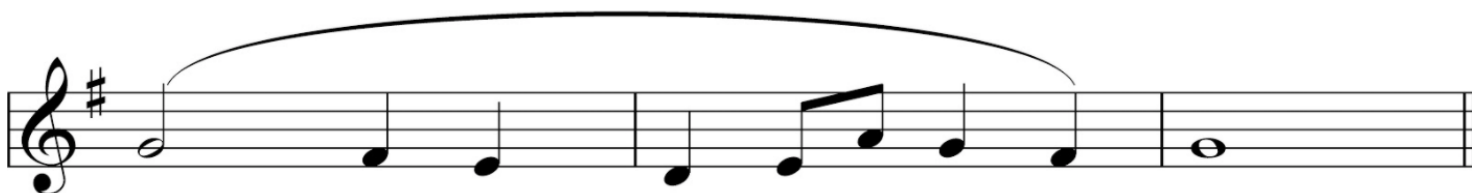
The Lord be with you.



And with your Spi - rit.

Let us pray:

O everlasting God, You have ordained and constituted the services of angels and men in a wonderful order: Mercifully grant that, as Your holy angels always serve You in heaven, so by Your appointment they may also help and defend us here on earth; 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 - Daniel 10:10-14, 12:1-3

Behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. And he said to me, "O Daniel, man greatly loved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for now I have been sent to you." And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling. Then he said to me, "Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but

Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia, and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come.”

“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”^(ESV)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM - 103, selected verses

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word!

Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will!

Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

SECOND READING - Revelation 12:7-12

Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”^(ESV)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL - Matthew 18:1-11

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye

causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. For the Son of man came to save the lost.”^(ESV)



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

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ,
His only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified,
died and was buried.

He descended into hell;
The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the Communion of Saints,
the Forgiveness of sins,
the Resurrection of the body,
and the Life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

HYMN - 43, "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name," verses 1-4

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 scan the QR code to give through our website.



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.



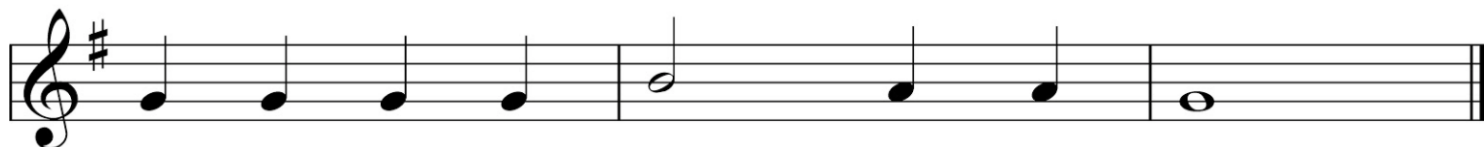
And with your Spi - rit.

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 speaks the proper preface

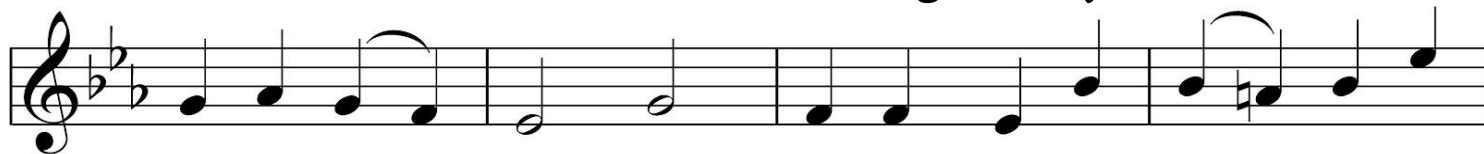
SANCTUS



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



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



in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who comes in the



name of the Lord. Ho - sanna in the high - est.

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.

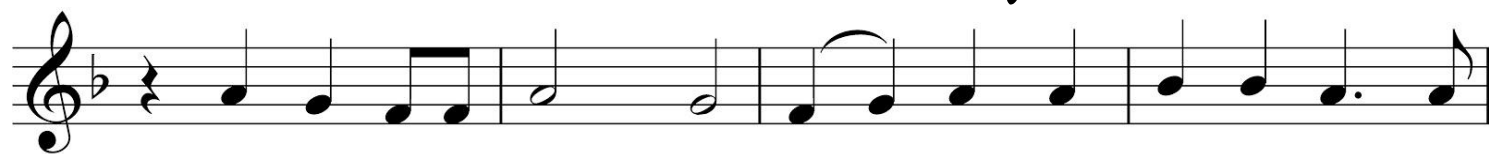
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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."

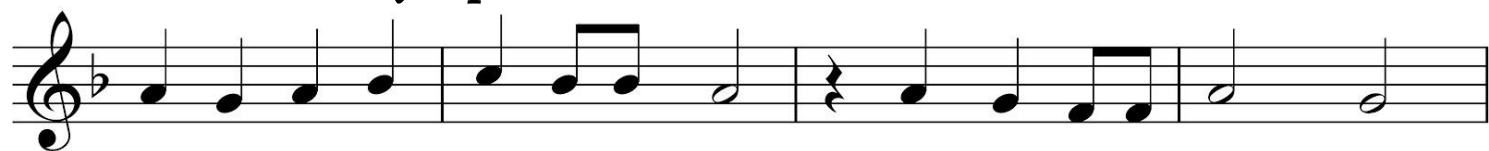
AGNUS DEI



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



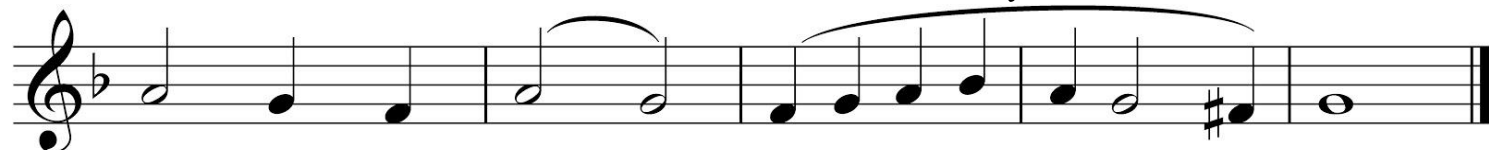
have mercy up-on us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You



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 - 327, "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

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

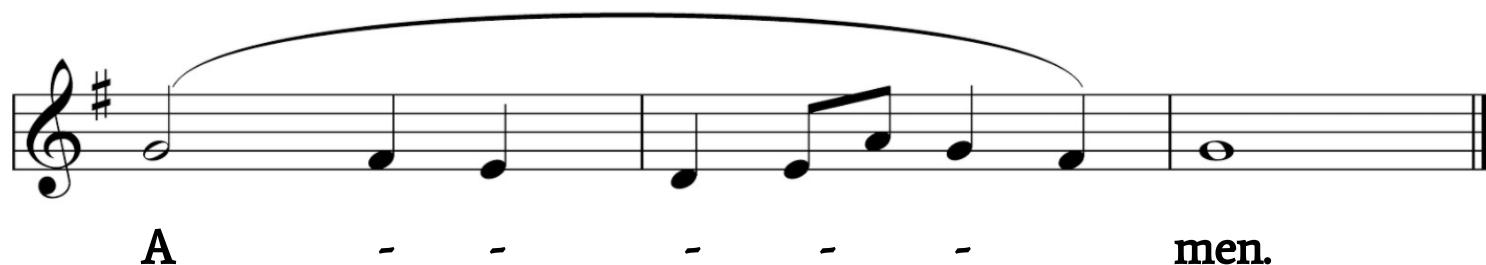


bestowed on me Thy bo - dy and Thy blood.
me now: how blest am I! How good art Thou!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

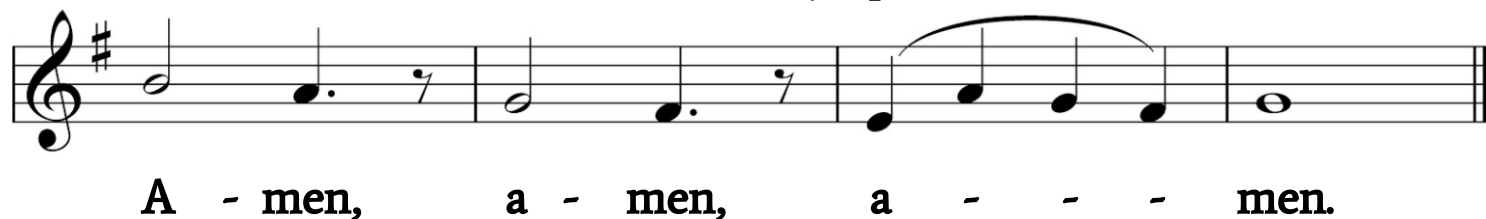
Let us give thanks and pray:

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.

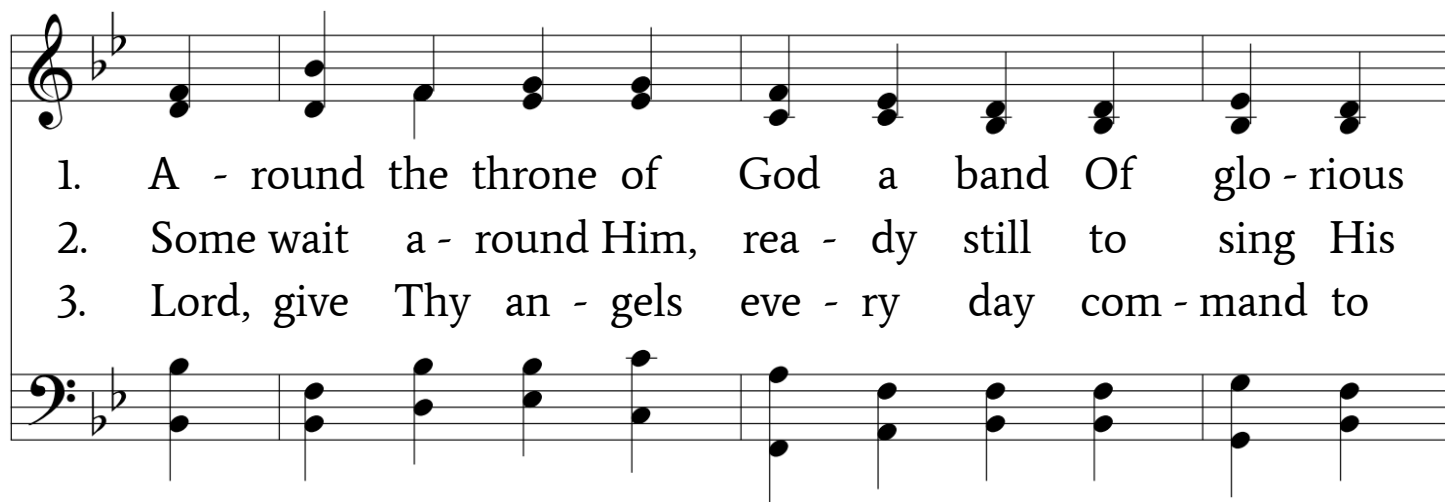


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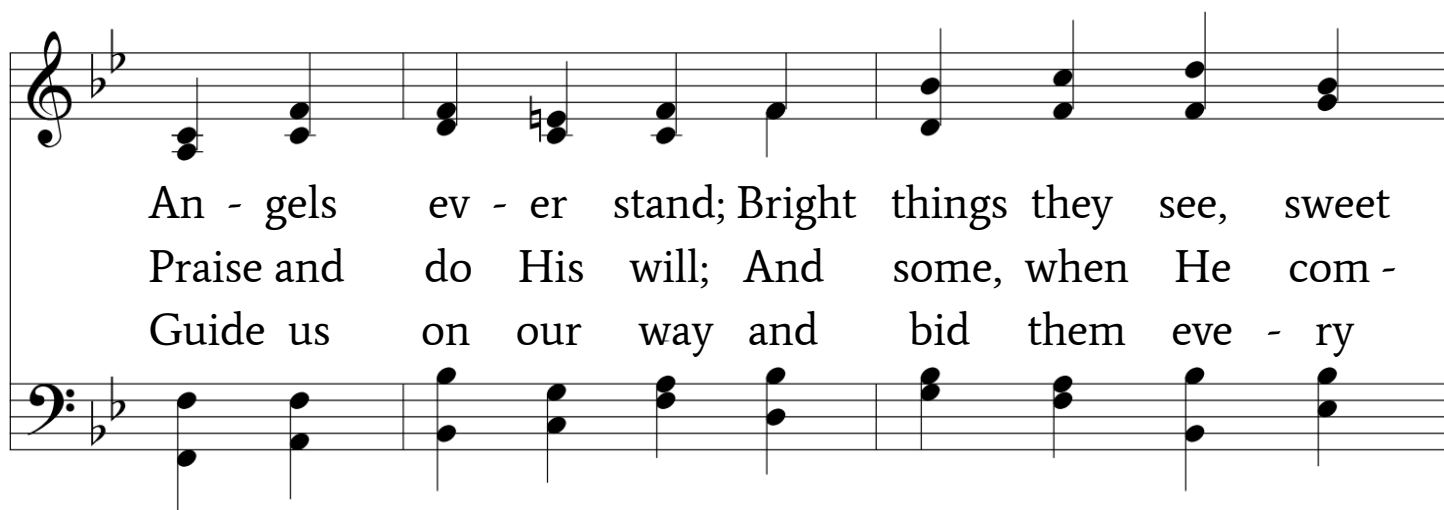
As you go on your way, God go with you; before you to show you the way; behind you to encourage you; beside you to befriend you; above you to watch over you; and within you to give you peace. In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.



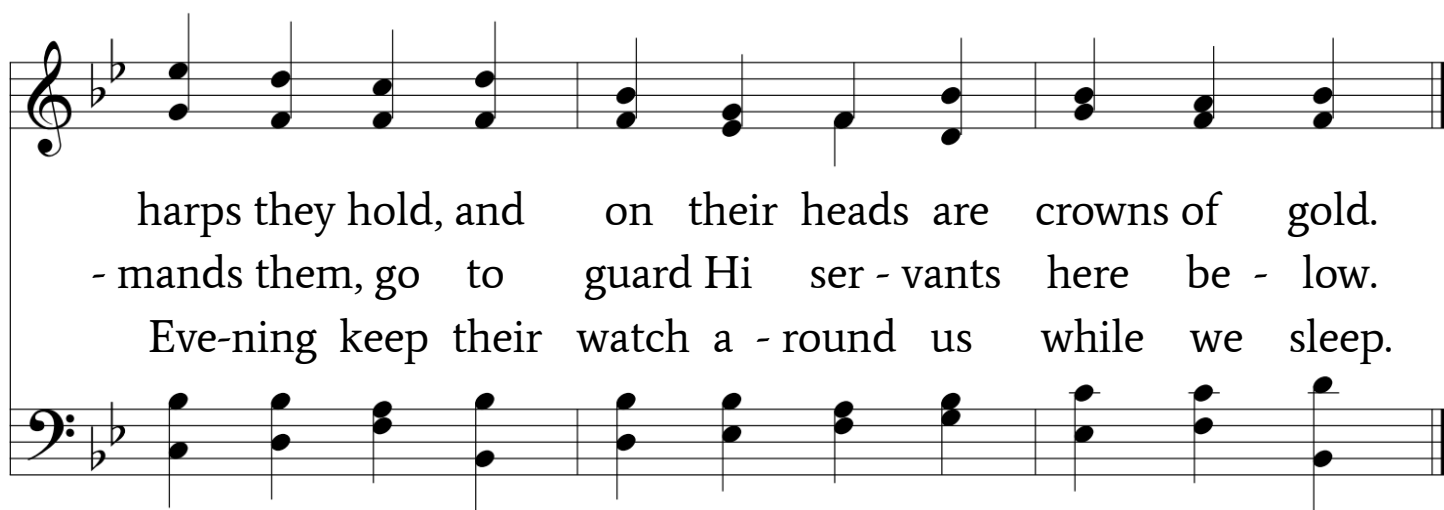
HYMN - 546, "Around the Throne of God a Band



1. A - round the throne of God a band Of glo - rious
2. Some wait a - round Him, rea - dy still to sing His
3. Lord, give Thy an - gels eve - ry day com - mand to



An - gels ev - er stand; Bright things they see, sweet
Praise and do His will; And some, when He com -
Guide us on our way and bid them eve - ry



harps they hold, and on their heads are crowns of gold.
- mands them, go to guard Hi ser - vants here be - low.
Eve - ning keep their watch a - round us while we sleep.

4. So shall no wicked thing draw near to do us harm or cause us fear;
And we shall dwell, when life is past, with angels round Thy throne at last.

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** ✠ ✠ ✠

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