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Reformation Sunday
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✠ ✠ ✠ The Divine Service ✠ ✠ ✠

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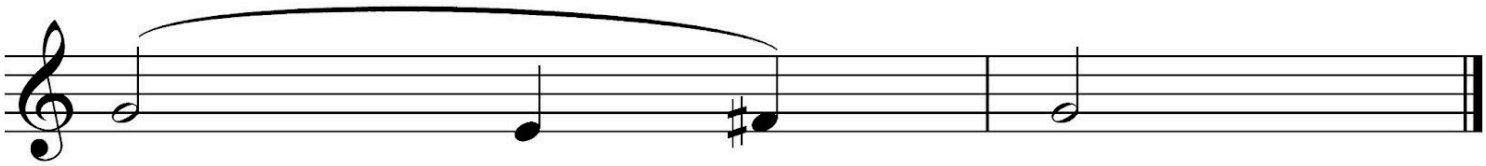
THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

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 - 250, "A Mighty Fortress"

INVOCATION

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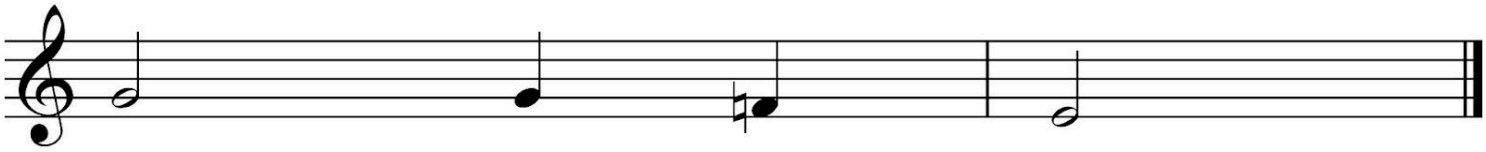


(All) A - - men.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

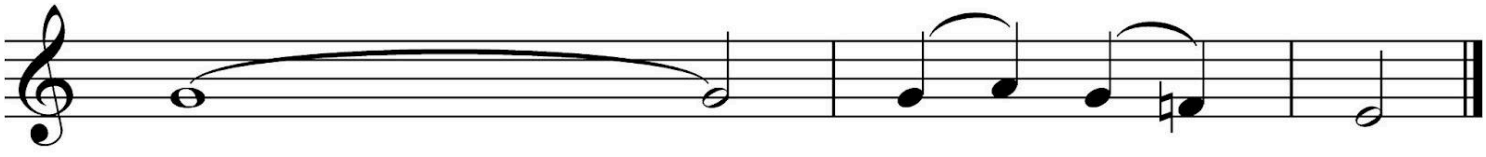
Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.
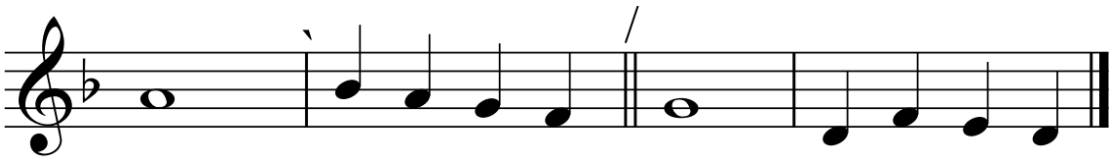
Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins.
O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent 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.
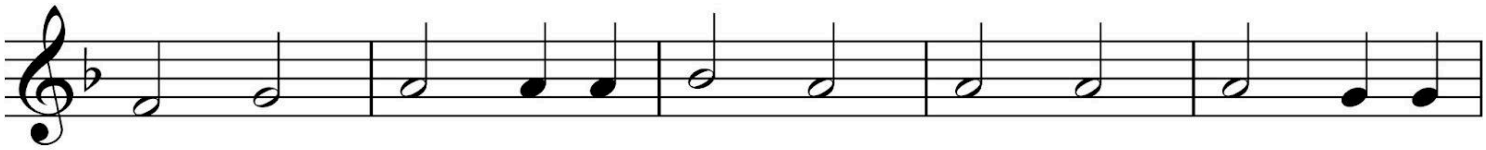
Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. May 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 *Psalm 46*
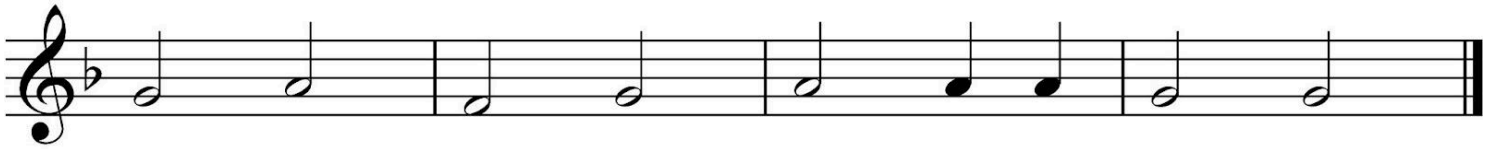


God is our `refuge and strength,/ a very present `help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the `earth be removed,/ though the mountains be carried into the `midst of the sea.
The Lord of `hosts is with us;/ the God of Jacob `is our refuge.
Glory be to the Father `and to the Son / and to `the Holy Ghost; As it was in the be`ginning, is now,/ and ever shall be, forever`more. *A*men.
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Kyrie Eleison
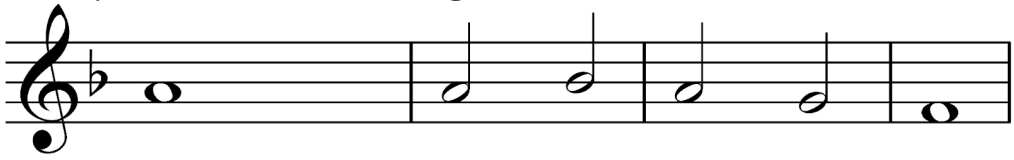


Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



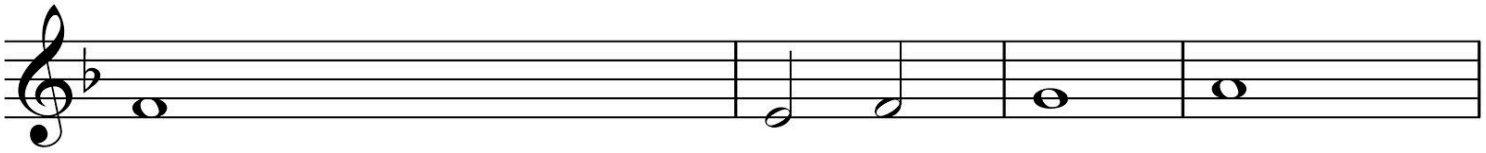
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Gloria In Excelsis Deo
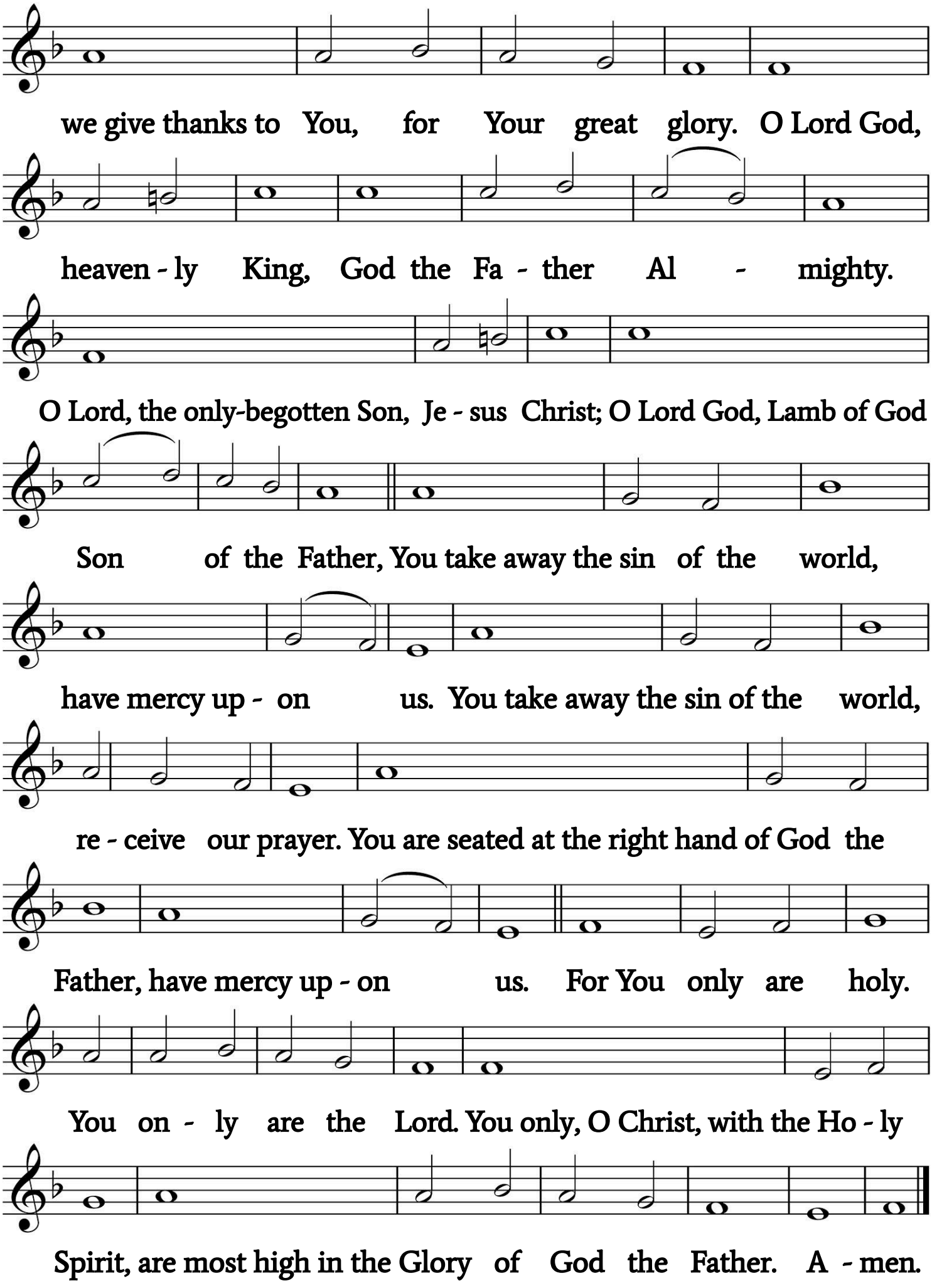
Glory be to God on high:



And on earth peace, good will toward men.

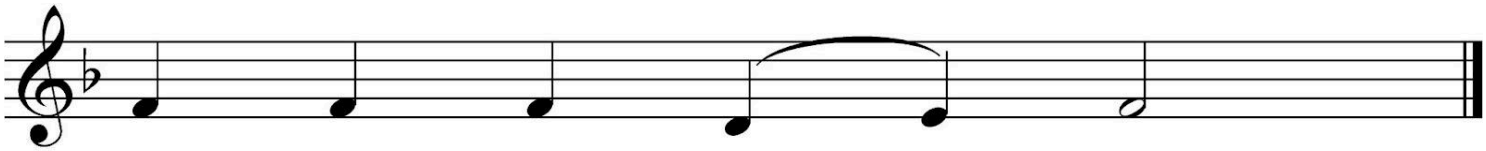


We praise You, we bless You, we wor - ship You, we glorify You,

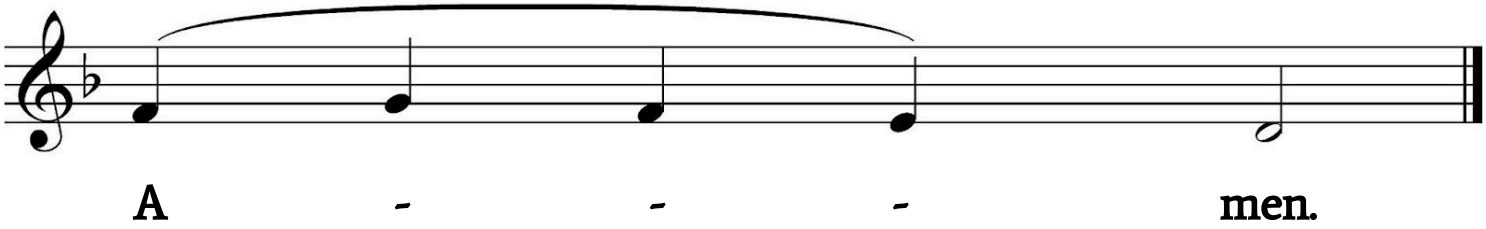

we give thanks to You, for Your great glory. O Lord God,
heaven - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God
Son of the Father, You take away the sin of the world,
have mercy up - on us. You take away the sin of the world,
re - ceive 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.



Let us pray:
O Lord God, heavenly Father: Pour out, we beseech You, Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people; keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, defend us against all enemies of Your Word, and bestow upon Christ's Church militant Your saving peace; through the same, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.





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 Chronicles 29:1-19

Hezekiah began to reign when he was twenty-five years old, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Abijah the daughter of Zechariah. And he did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, according to all that David his father had done.
In the first year of his reign, in the first month, he opened the doors of the house of the Lord and repaired them. He brought in the priests and the Levites and assembled them in the square on the east and said to them, "Hear me, Levites! Now consecrate yourselves, and consecrate the house of the Lord, the God of your fathers, and carry out the filth from

the Holy Place. For our fathers have been unfaithful and have done what was evil in the sight of the Lord our God. They have forsaken him and have turned away their faces from the habitation of the Lord and turned their backs. They also shut the doors of the vestibule and put out the lamps and have not burned incense or offered burnt offerings in the Holy Place to the God of Israel. Therefore the wrath of the Lord came on Judah and Jerusalem, and he has made them an object of horror, of astonishment, and of hissing, as you see with your own eyes. For behold, our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives are in captivity for this. Now it is in my heart to make a covenant with the Lord, the God of Israel, in order that his fierce anger may turn away from us. My sons, do not now be negligent, for the Lord has chosen you to stand in his presence, to minister to him and to be his ministers and make offerings to him."
Then the Levites arose... They gathered their brothers and consecrated themselves and went in as the king had commanded, by the words of the Lord, to cleanse the house of the Lord. The priests went into the inner part of the house of the Lord to cleanse it, and they brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of the Lord into the court of the house of the Lord. And the Levites took it and carried it out to the brook Kidron. They began to consecrate on the first day of the first month, and on the eighth day of the month they came to the vestibule of the Lord. Then for eight days they consecrated the house of the Lord, and on the sixteenth day of the first month they finished. Then they went in to Hezekiah the king and said, "We have cleansed all the house of the Lord, the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils, and the table for the showbread and all its utensils. All the utensils that King Ahaz discarded in his reign when he was faithless, we have made ready and consecrated, and behold, they are before the altar of the Lord."(ESV)

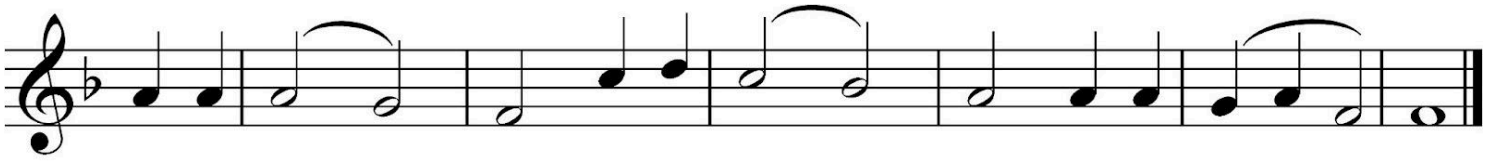
Choir Anthem - "Built on the Rock"

Epistle - Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.
But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.
Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.(ESV)

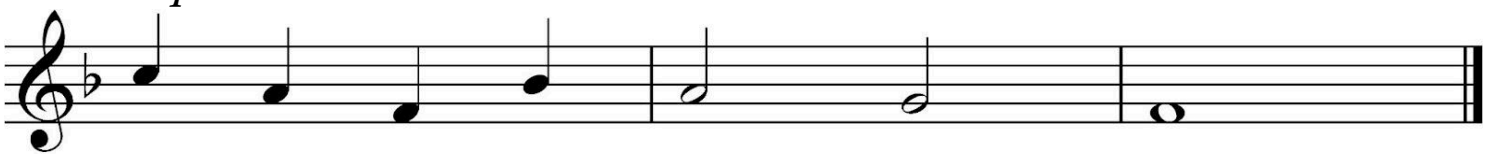
Verse & Alleluia

Alleluia! Alleluia! Great is the Lord, and great ˈly to be praised/ in the city of our God. ˈAlleluia!

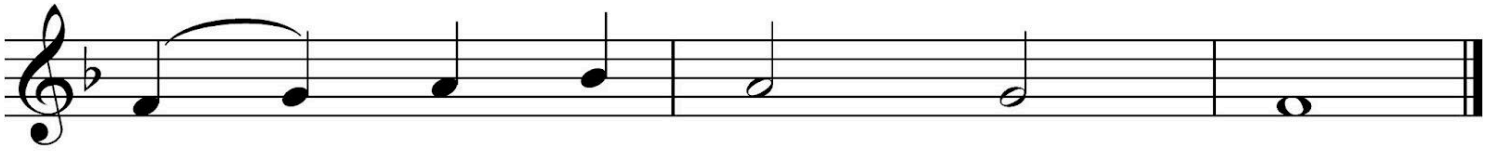


HOLY GOSPEL - John 8:31-36

The Gospel is announced



Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.(ESV)
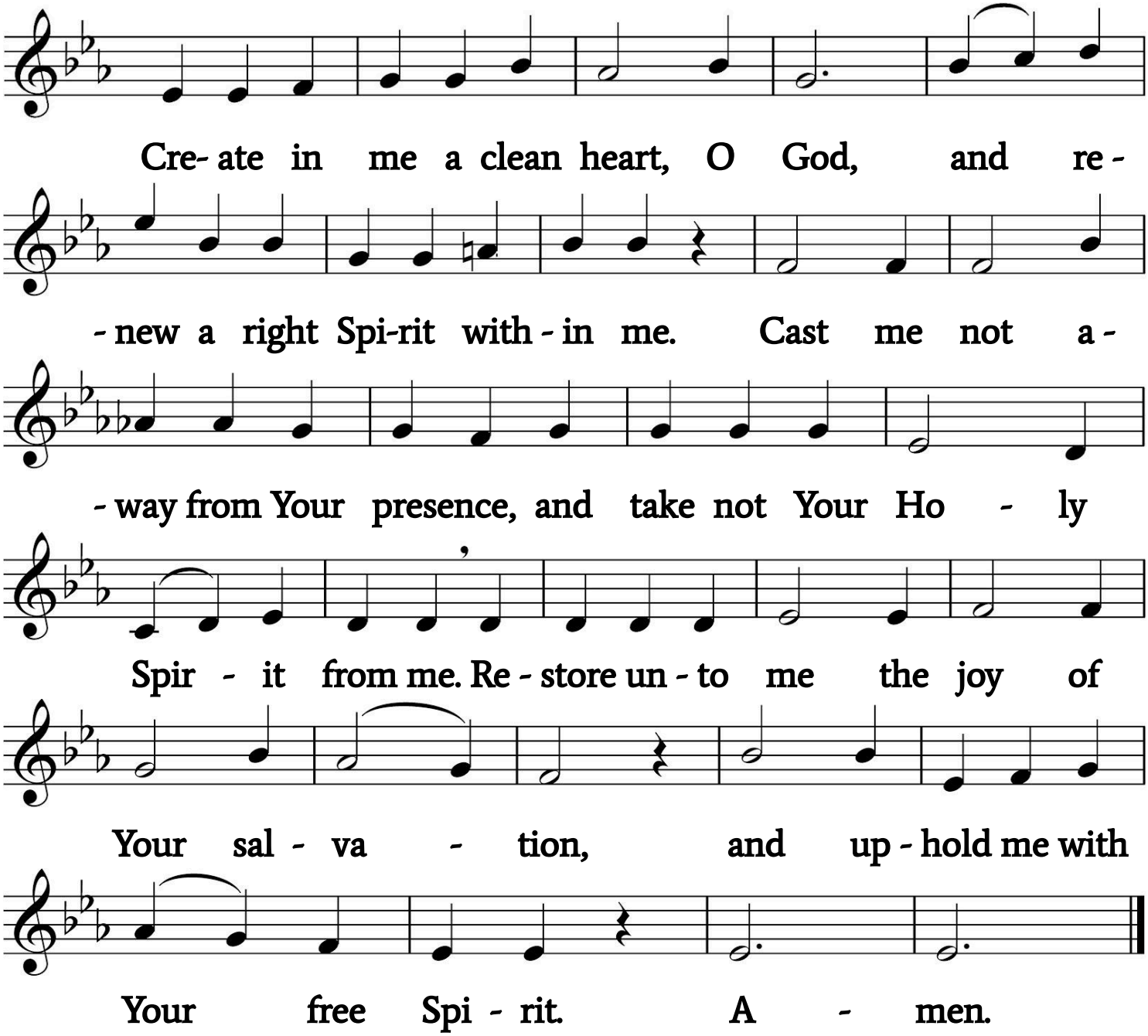


APOSTLES' CREED

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 - 227, "Salvation unto Us Is Come," verses 1-6, 13* *Please stand*

Sermon

Offertory Verse



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.

Prayer Of The Church

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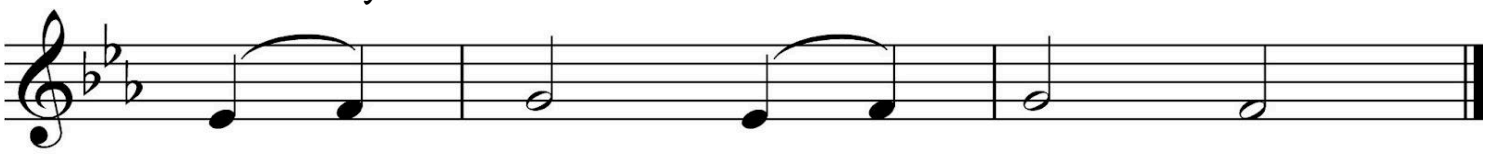


THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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.

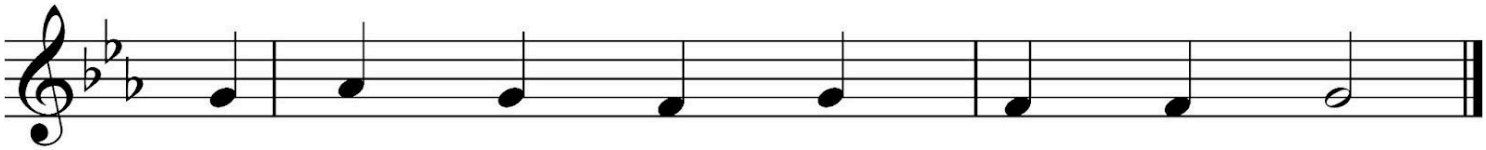
Preface & Proper Preface

The Lord be with you.



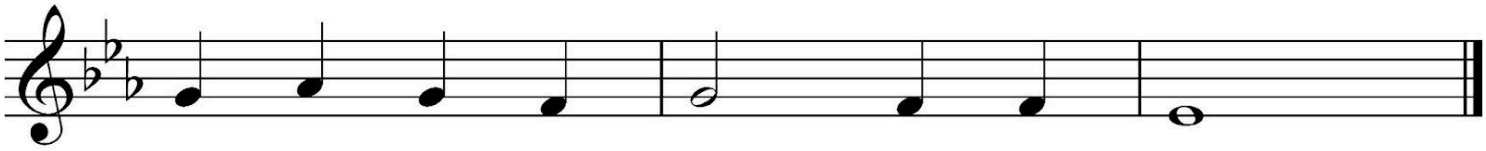
And with your spi - rit.

Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up un - to the Lord.

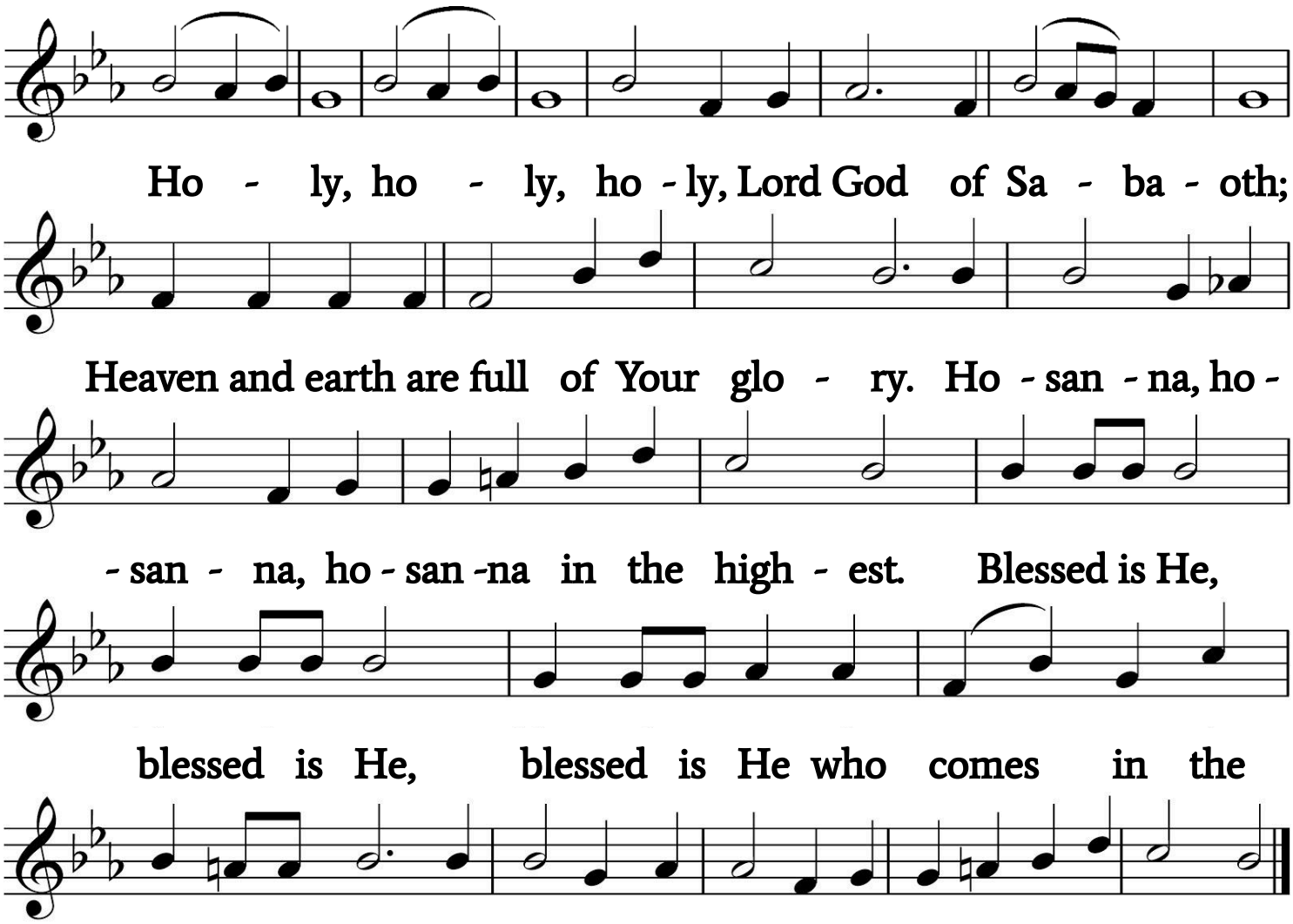
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



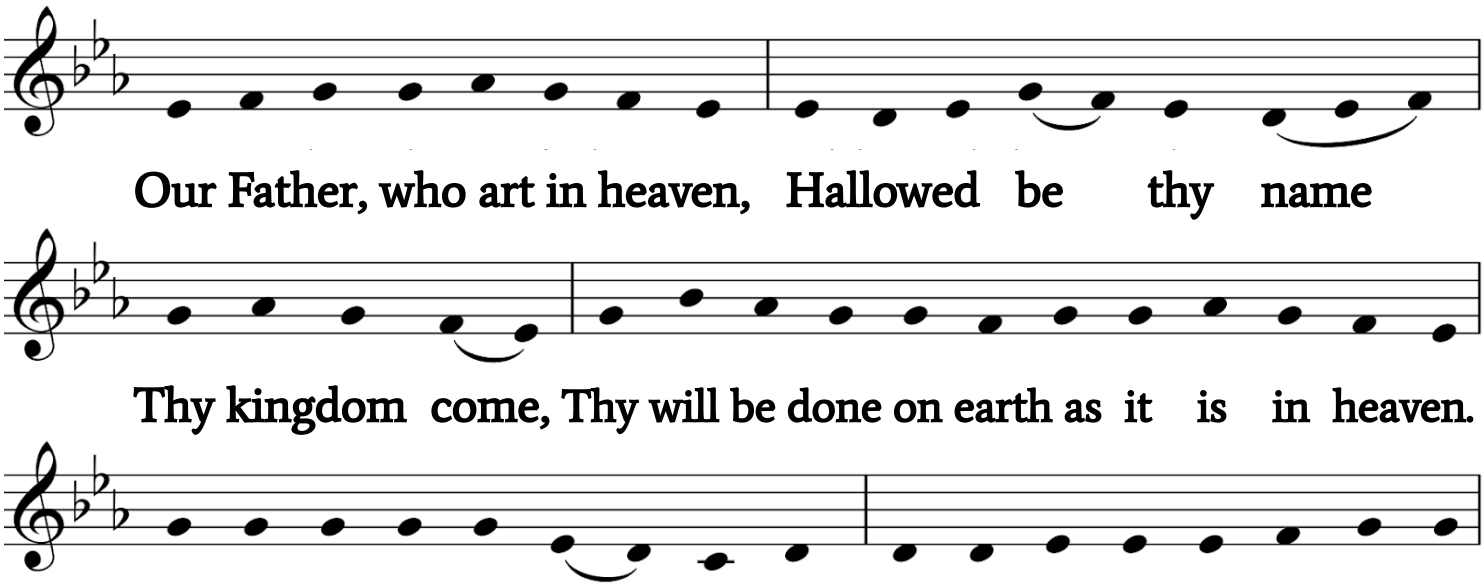
It is good and right so to do.

The pastor chants the proper preface

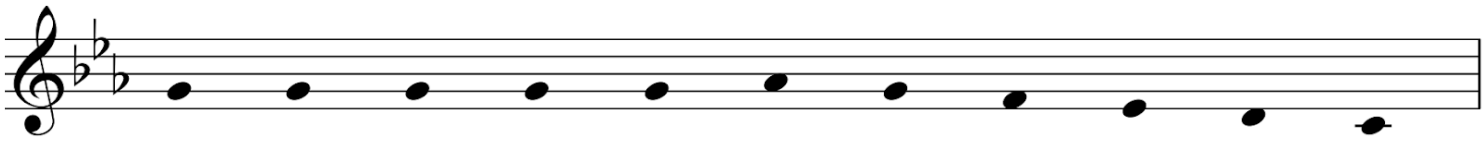
Sanctus



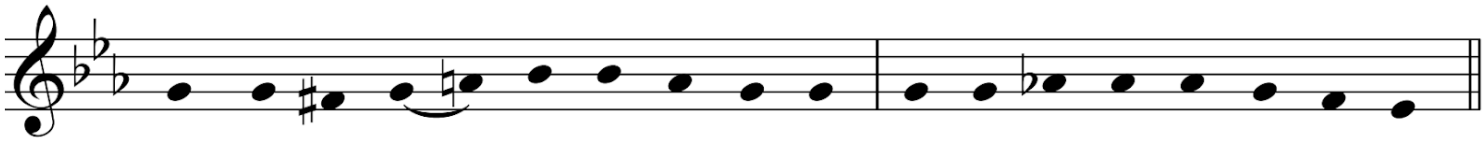
Lord's Prayer *Sung by all*



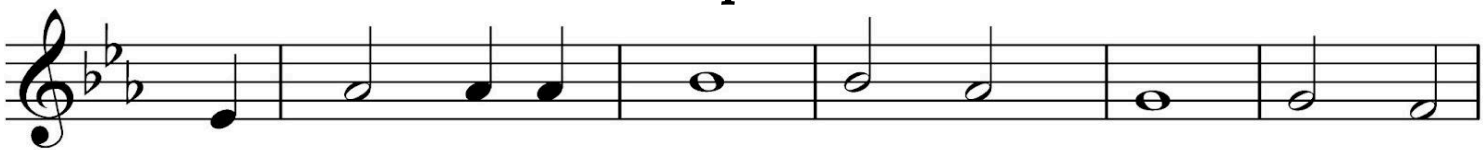
Give us this day our dai - ly bread; And forgive us our trespasses,
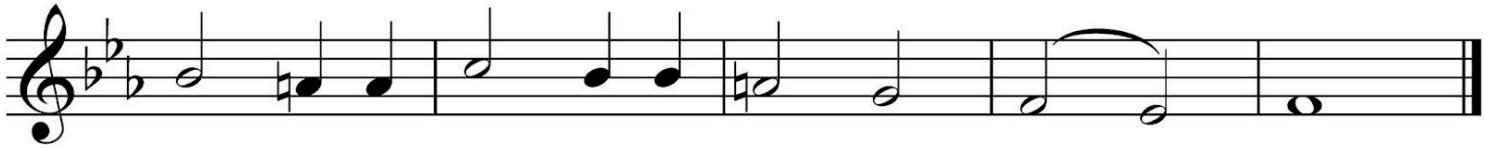


As we for-give those who tres - pass a - gainst us;



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



For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



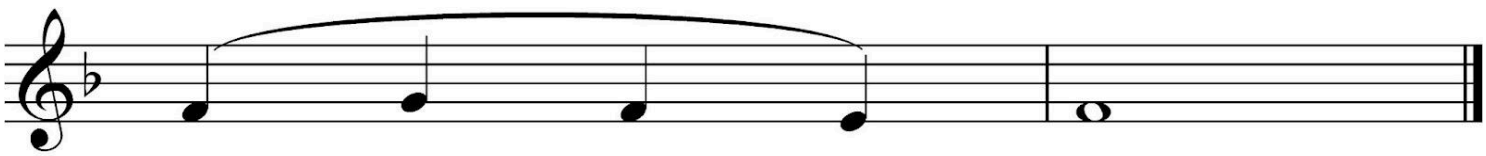
glo - ry for - e - ver and e - ver. A - men.

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.”
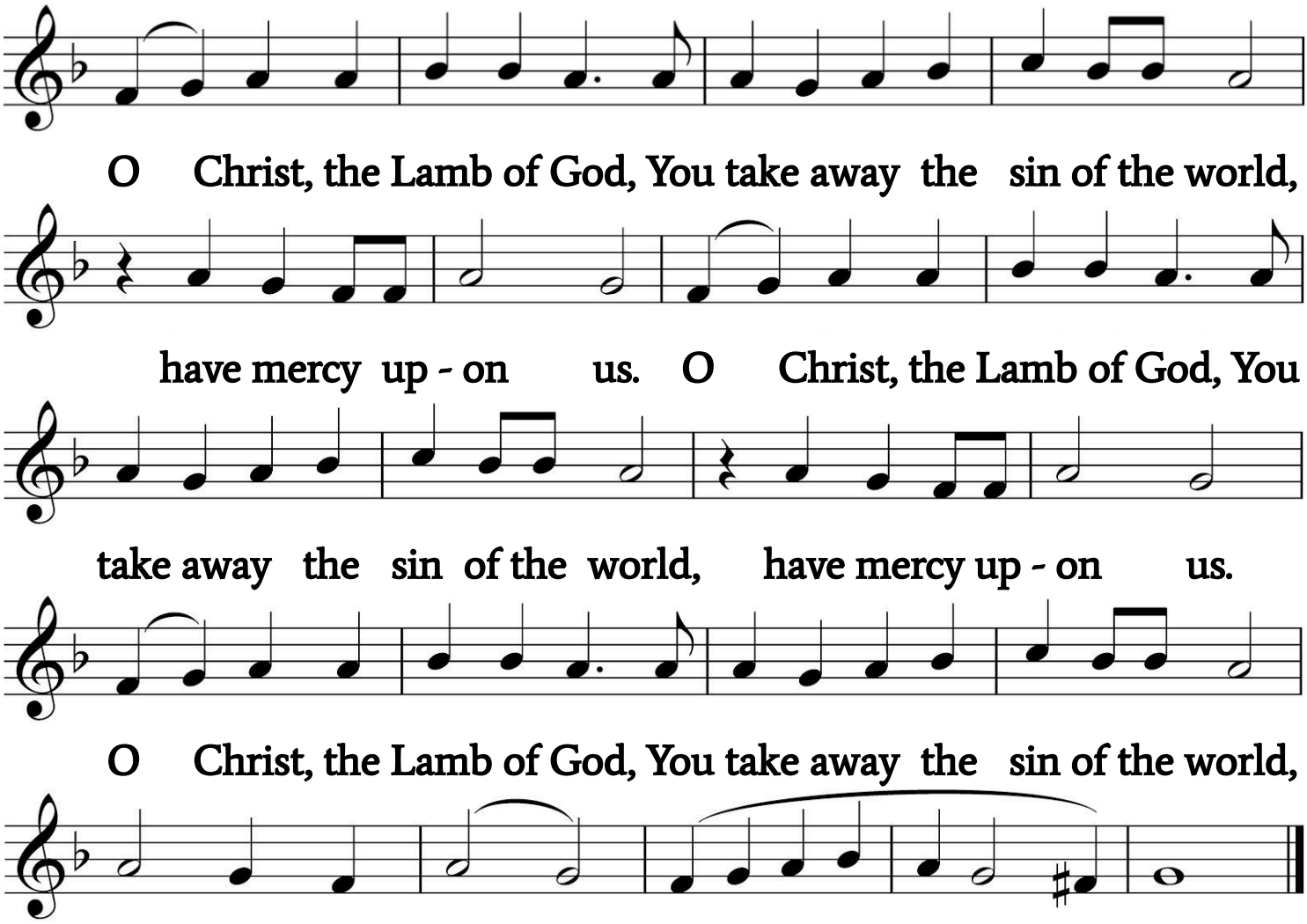
Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



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Agnus Dei
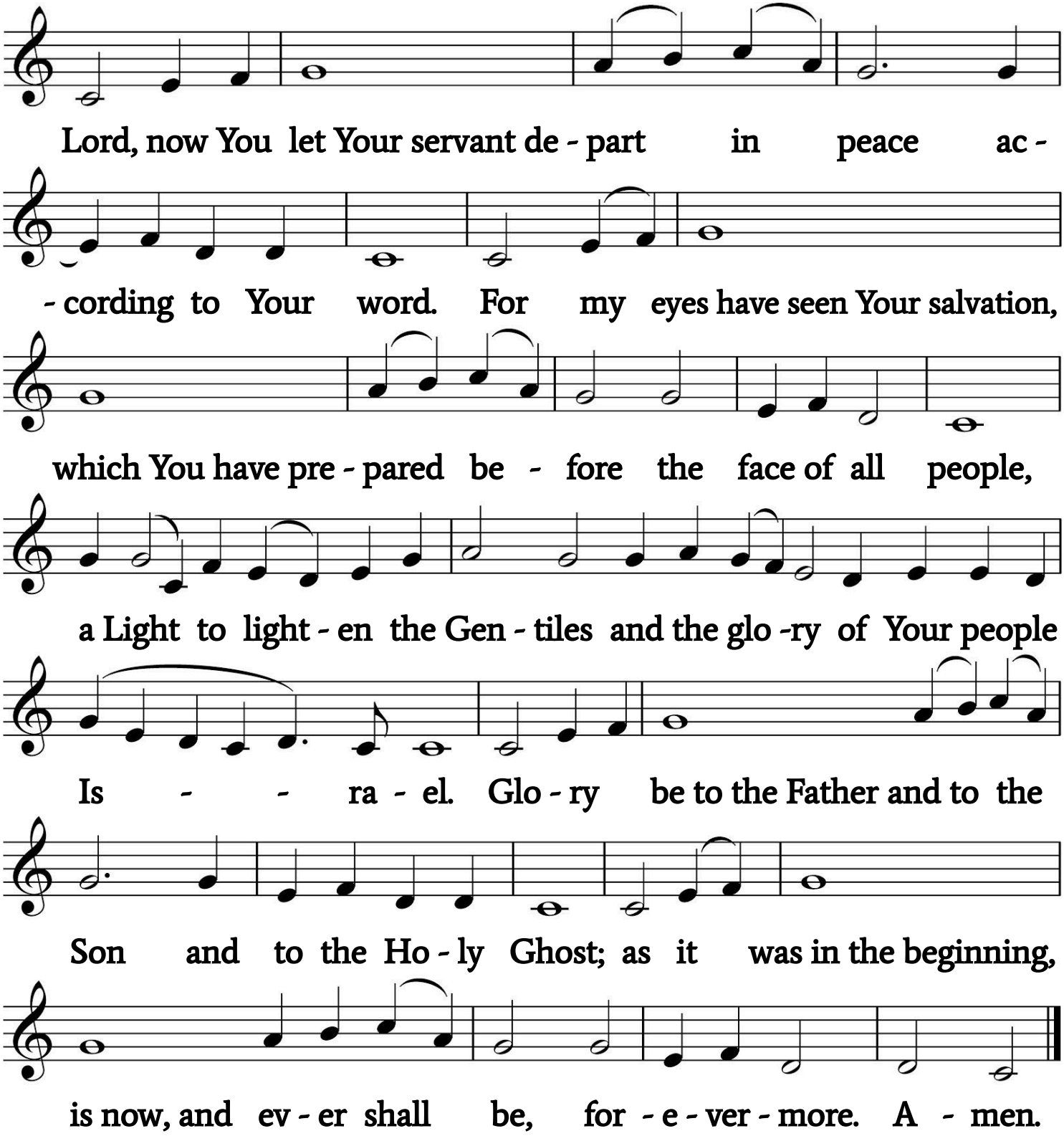


Distribution

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.
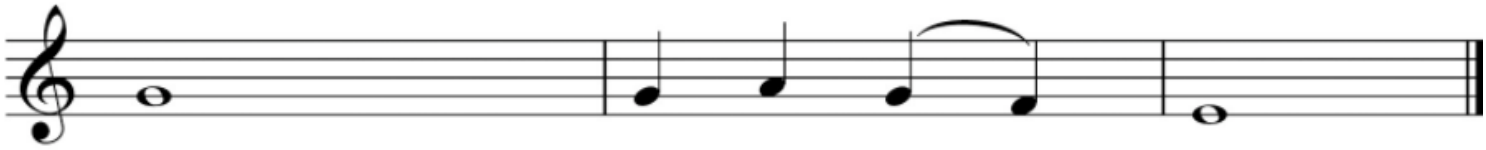
Distribution Hymns - 211, "Built on the Rock
212, "Lord Jesus, Thou the Church's Head"

Nunc Dimittis

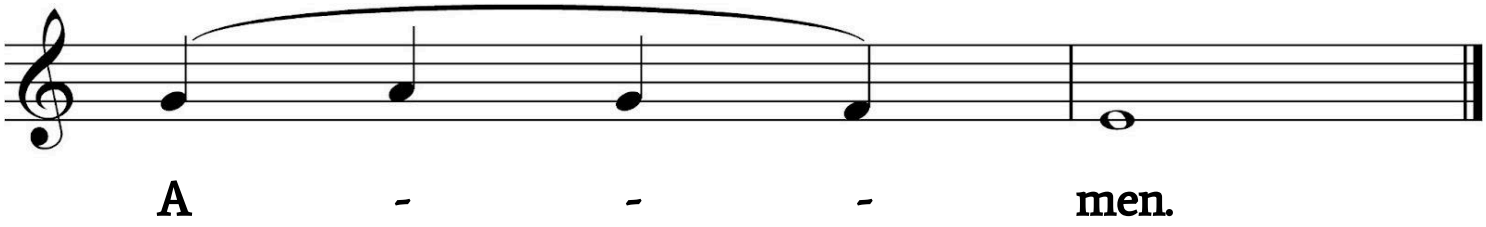


Prayer Of Thanksgiving

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

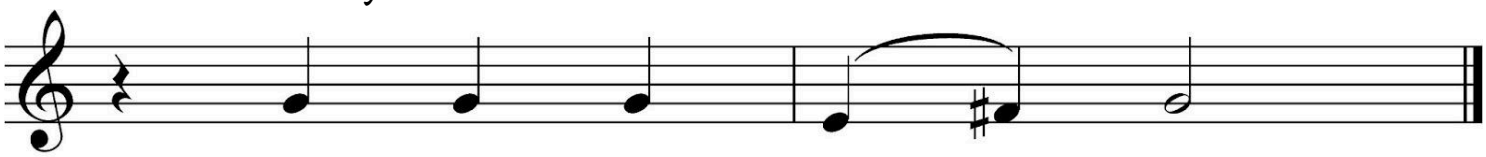


Let us pray:
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through these salutary gifts, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through them in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns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



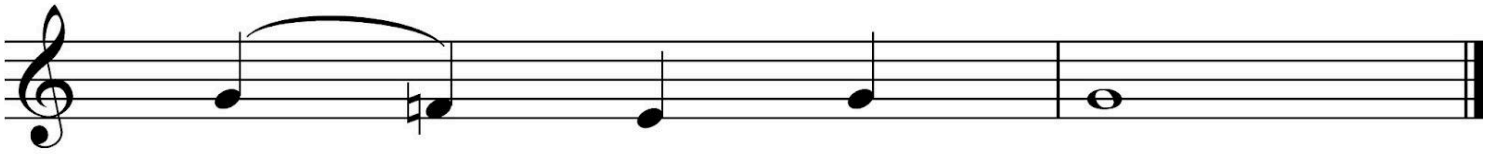
Salutation

The Lord be with you.



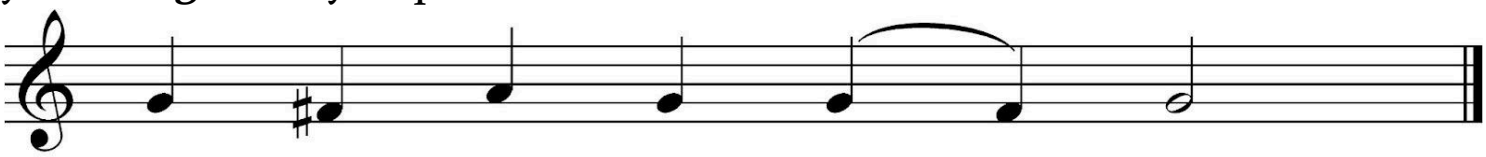
Benedicamus

Let us bless the Lord.



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 - 589, "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast"

✠ ✠ ✠ **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.

Lessons for next week:

Old Testament - Isaiah 25:6-9
Epistle - Revelation 7:9-17
Holy Gospel - Matthew 5:1-12