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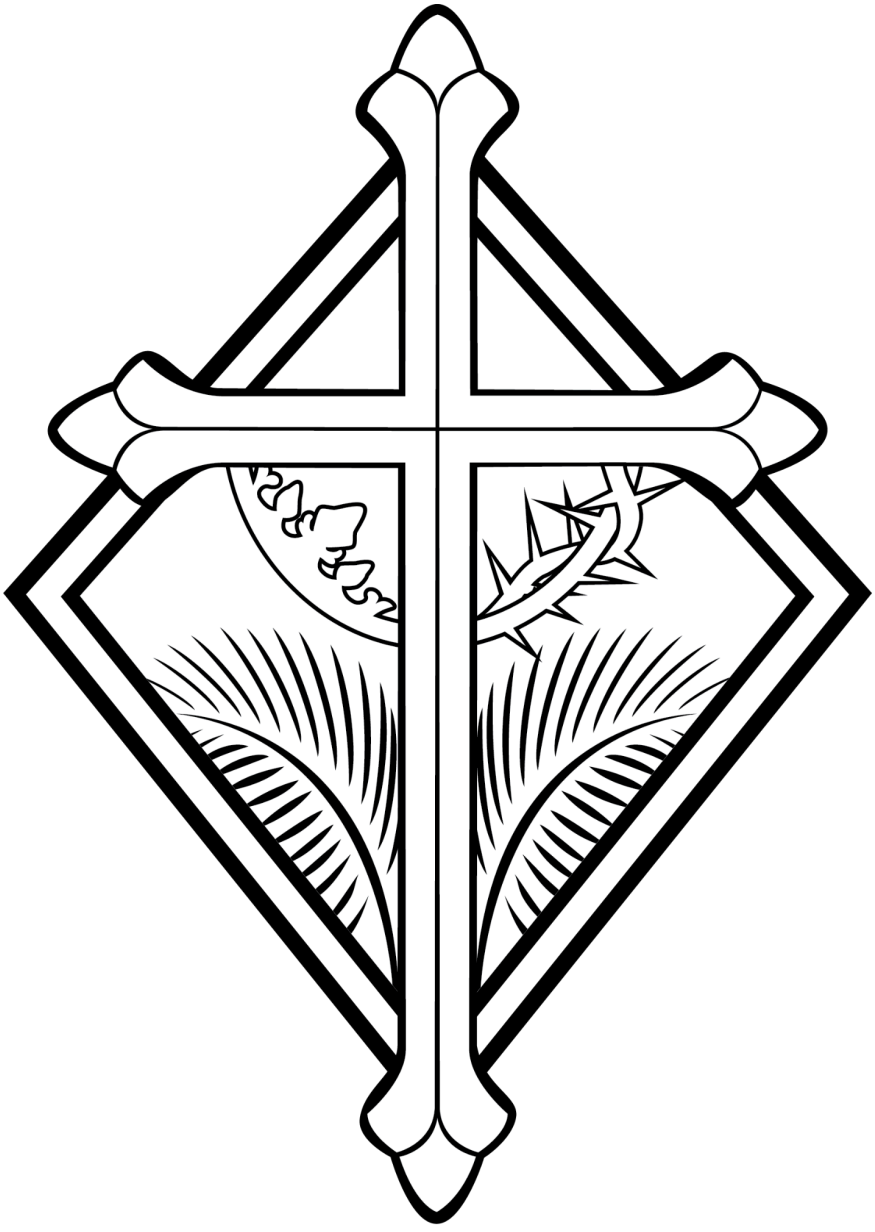


The 1st Sunday in Advent
November 29, 2026

✠ ✠ ✠ The Divine Service ✠ ✠ ✠

The Common Service, p. 60



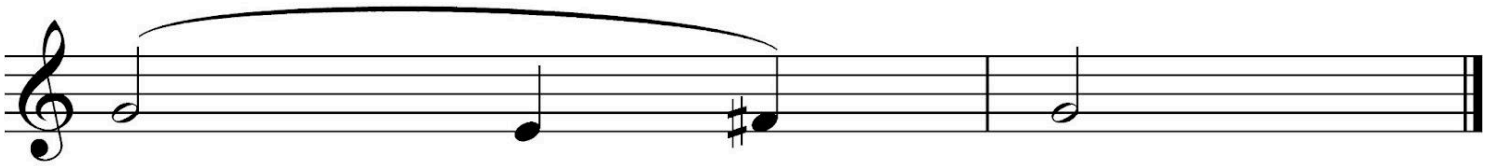
THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

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 - 95, "Wake! The Welcome Day Appeareth," verses 1-4, 8

INVOCATION

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

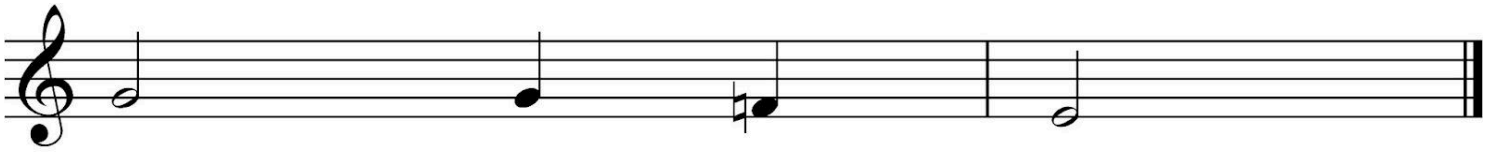


(All) A - - men.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

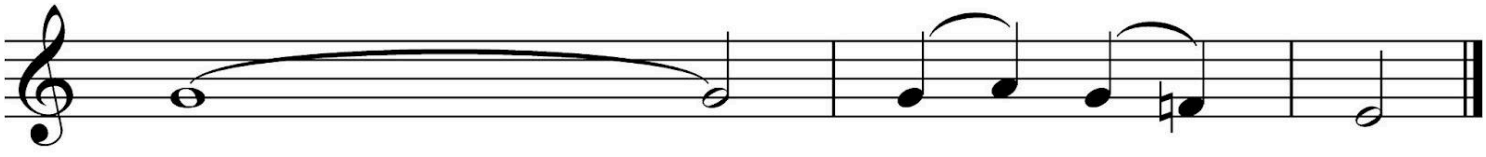
Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.

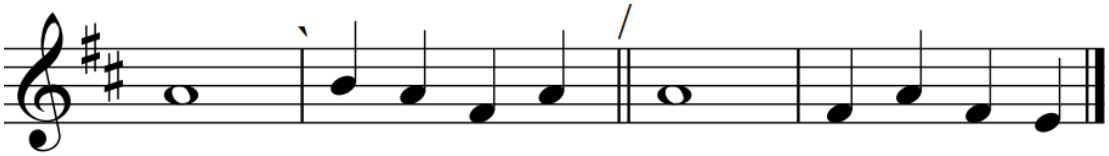
Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins.
O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent 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 24*



Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, ˈO ancient doors,/ that the King of glory ˈmay enter in.

Who is this ˈKing of glory?/ The Lord of hosts, he is the ˈKing of glory! Glory be to the Father ˈand to the Son / and to ˈthe Holy Ghost; As it was in the beˈginning, is now,/ and ever shall be, foreverˈmore. *A*men.

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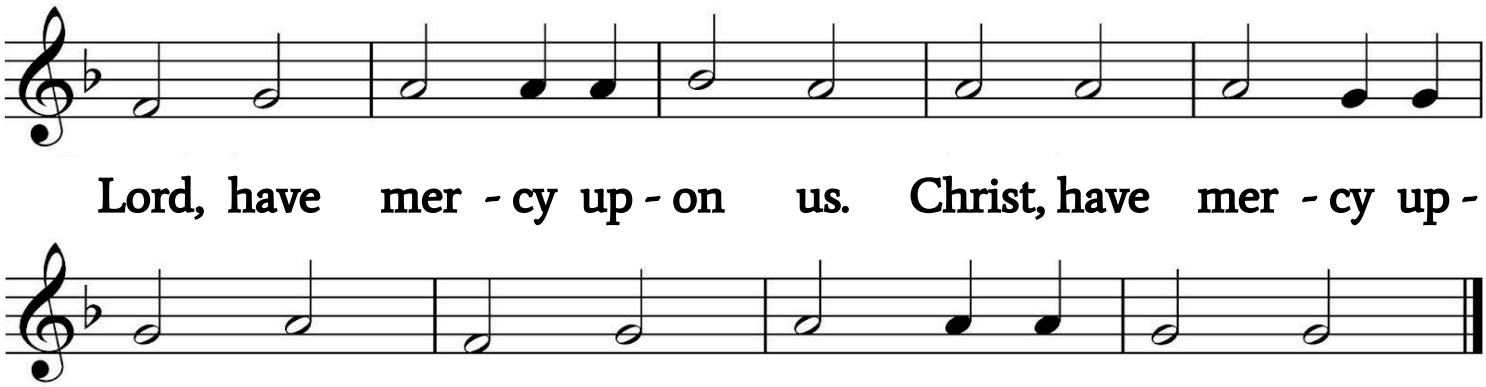
Kyrie Eleison



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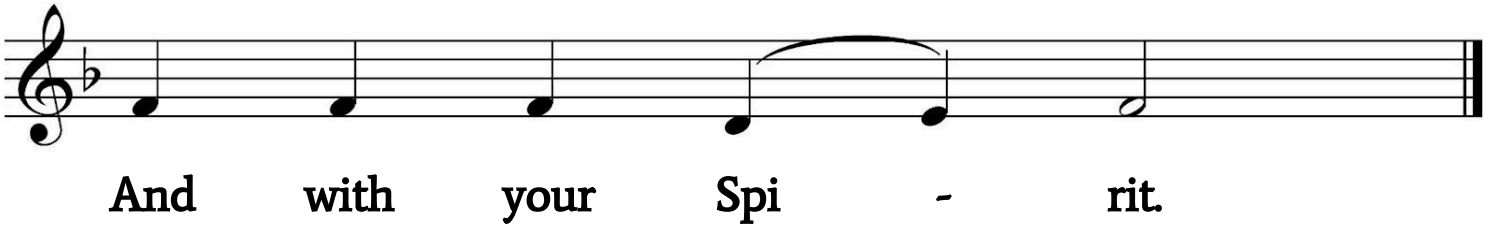
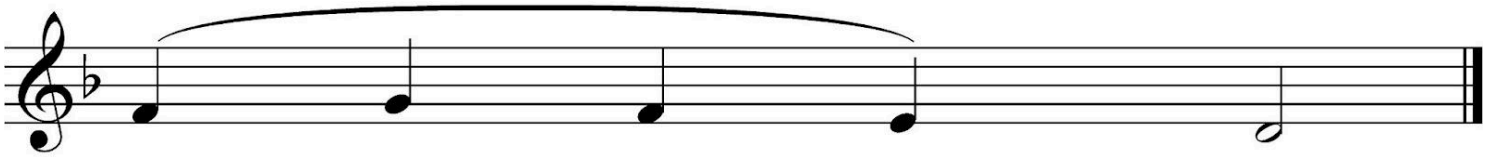
Salutation Prayer For The Day

The Lord be with you.



Prayer For The Day

Let us pray:
Stir up, we beseech You, Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins, and be saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father 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 - Jeremiah 23:5-8

Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."
Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when they shall no longer say, "As the Lord lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt," but "As the Lord lives who brought up and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them." Then they shall dwell in their own land."(ESV)

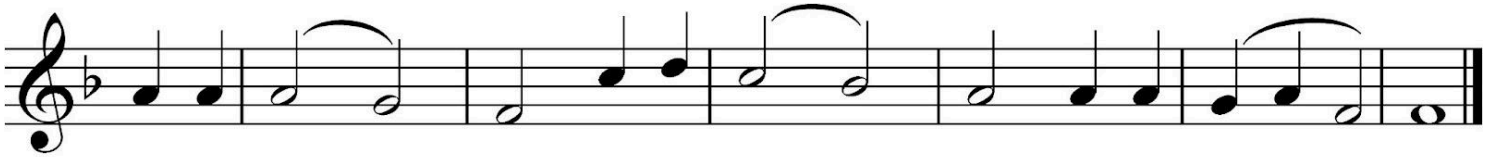
Choir Anthem - "Lift Up Your Heads, O Gates"

Epistle - Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.
Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.(ESV)

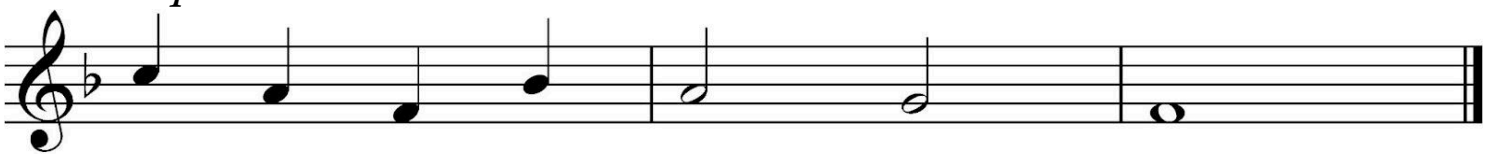
Verse & Alleluia

Alleluia! Alleluia! Show us ˈYour mercy, Lord,/ grant us Your salvation. ˈAlleluia!



HOLY GOSPEL - Matthew 21:1-9

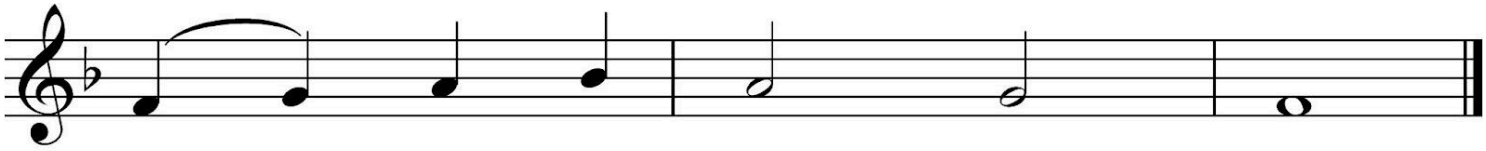
The Gospel is announced



Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.”

This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, “Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”(ESV)



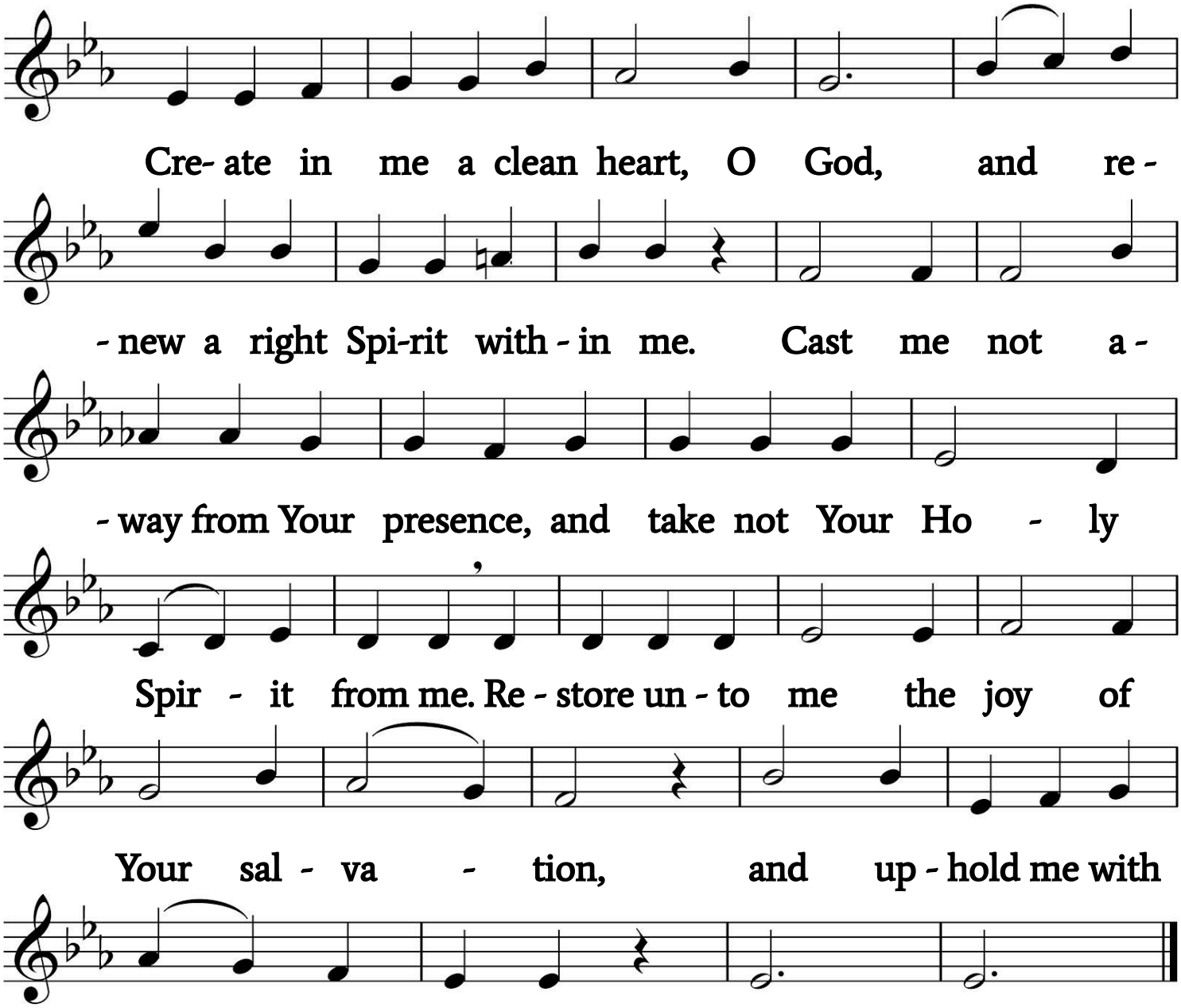
Nicene Creed

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 - 94, "O How Shall I Receive Thee," verses 1-6

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**."*

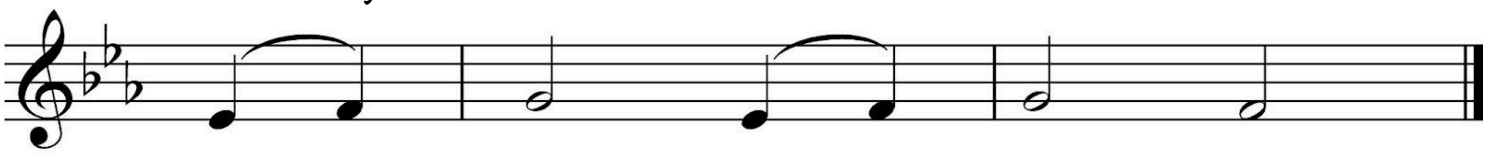


THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

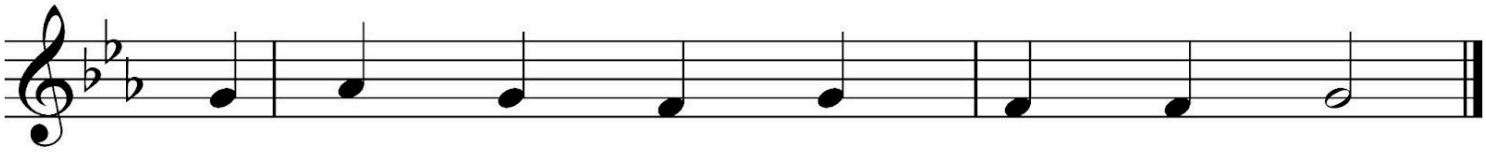
We now partake of the meal which God has given to His people, in which we are united with Christ our Savior, and with each other as fellow members of His body.

Preface & Proper Preface

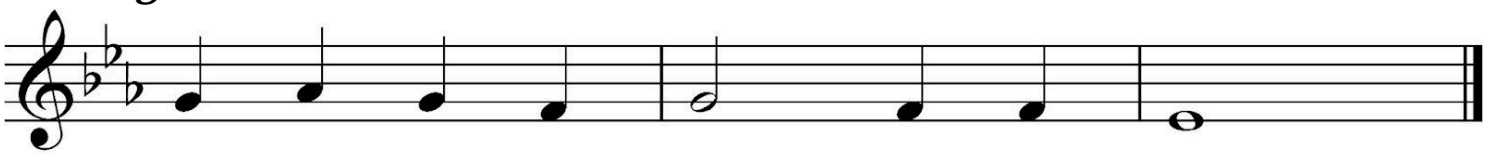
The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.

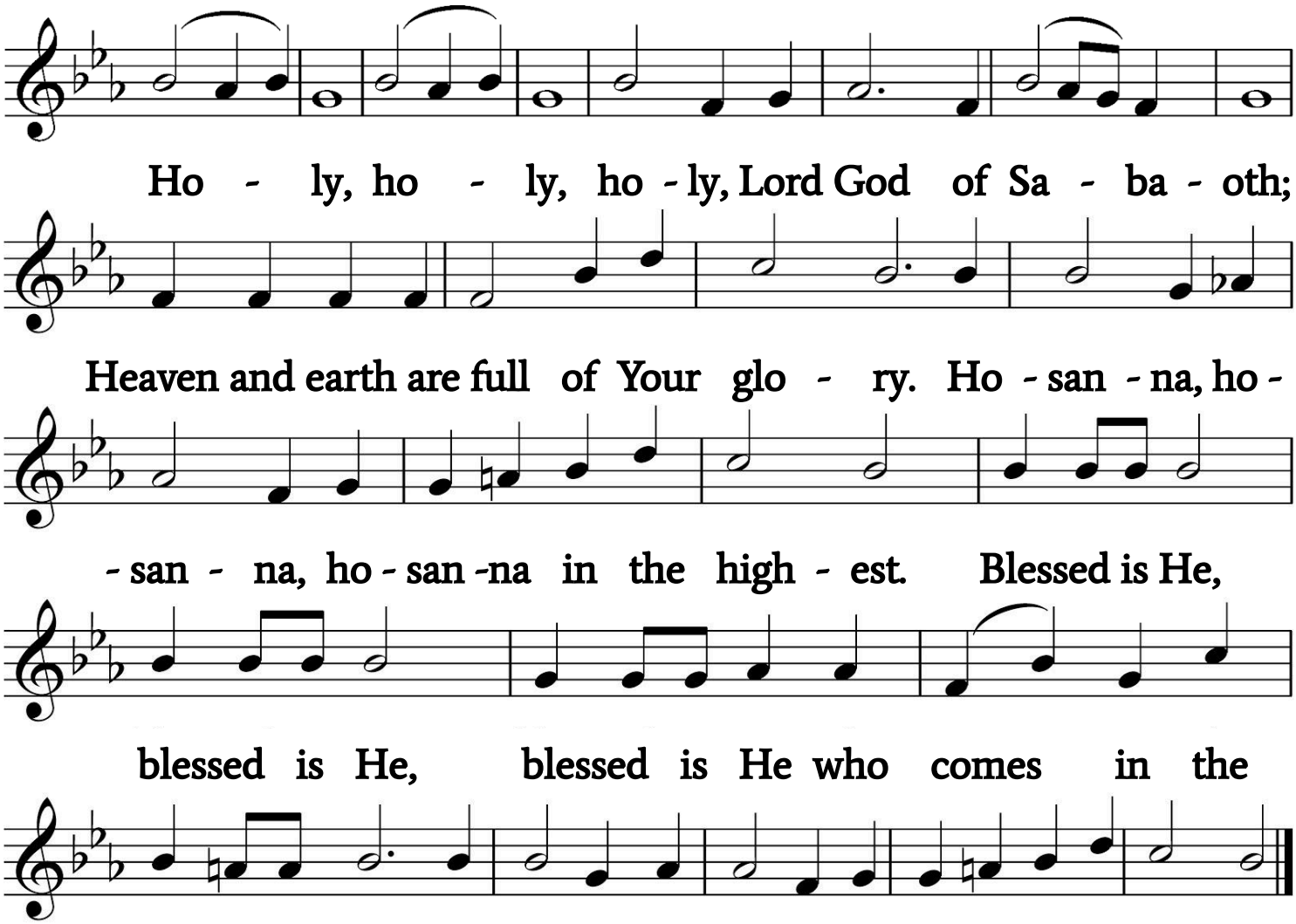


Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

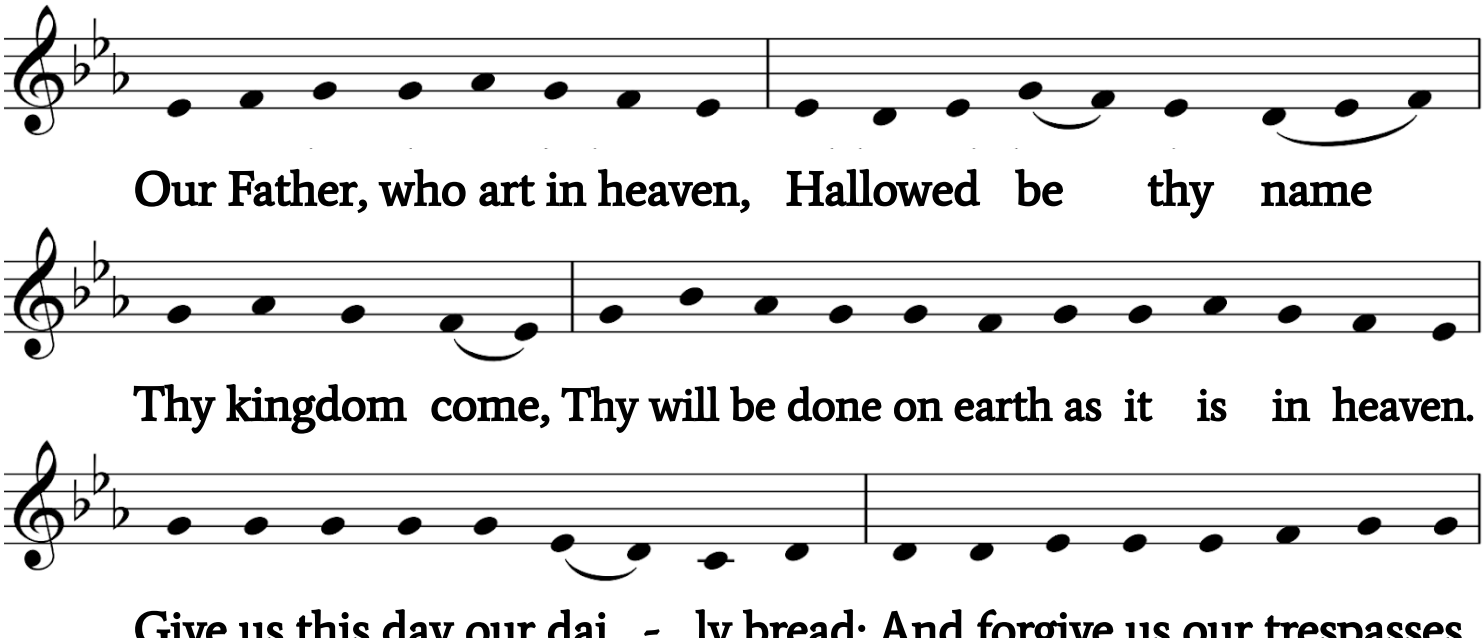


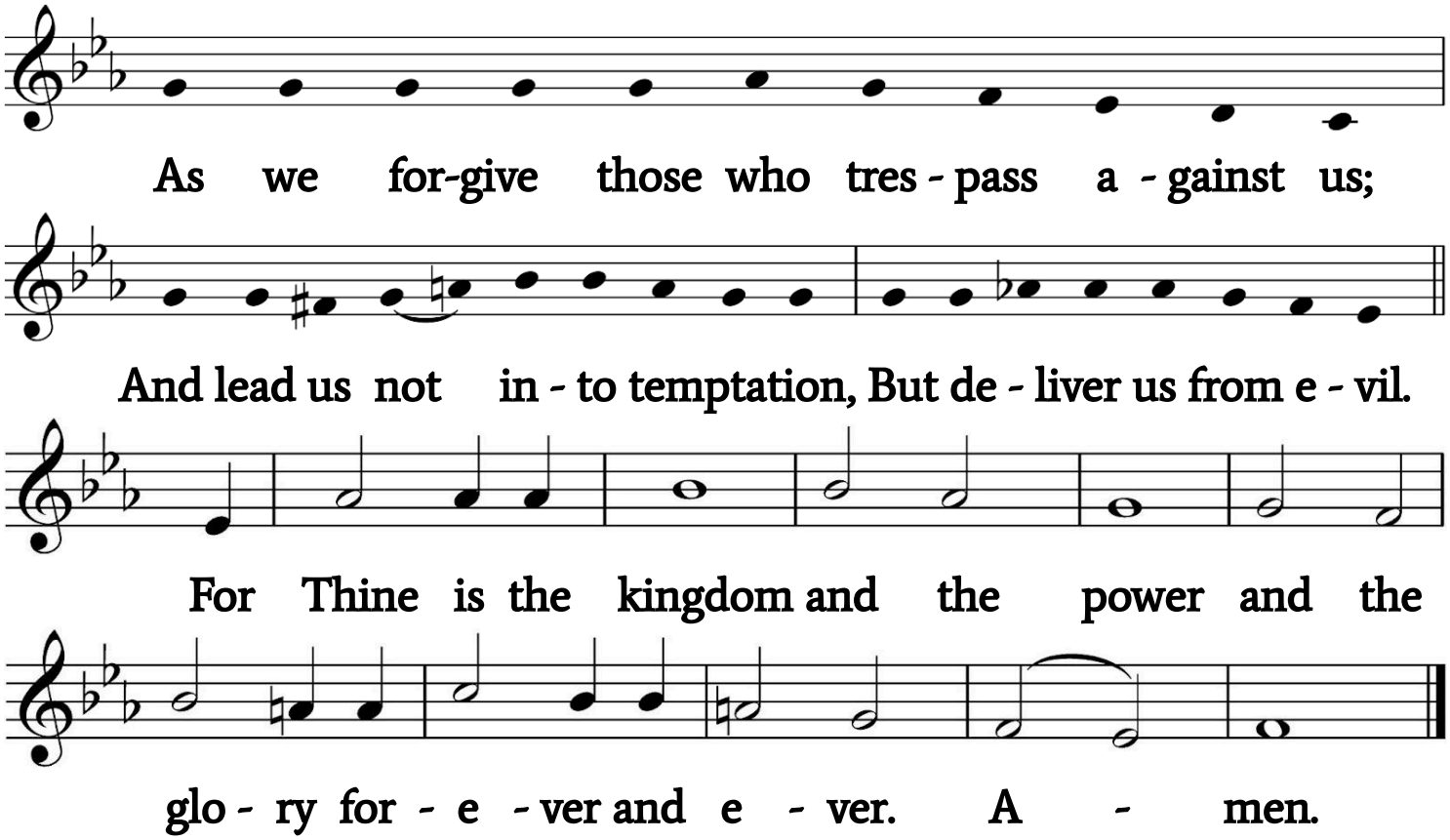
The pastor chants the proper preface

Sanctus



Lord's Prayer *Sung by all*



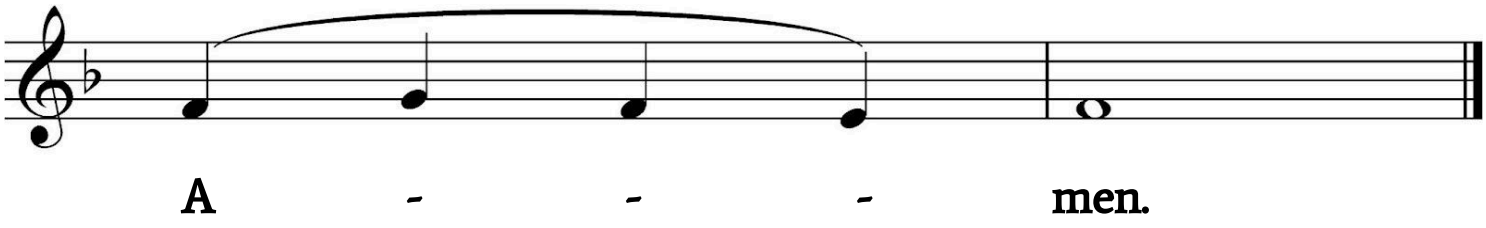


Words Of Institution

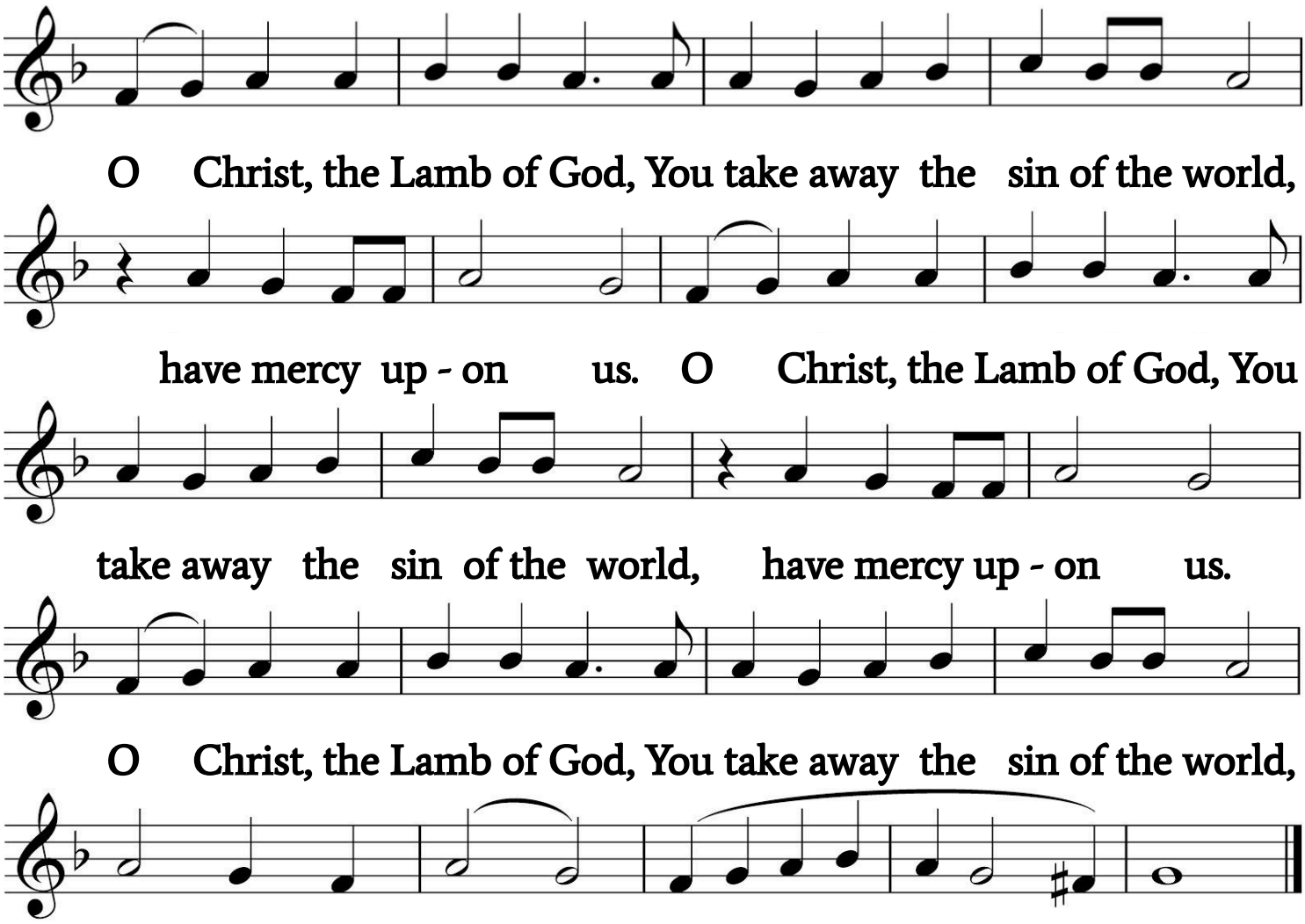
Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night on which He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, “Take, eat, this is My body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, 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

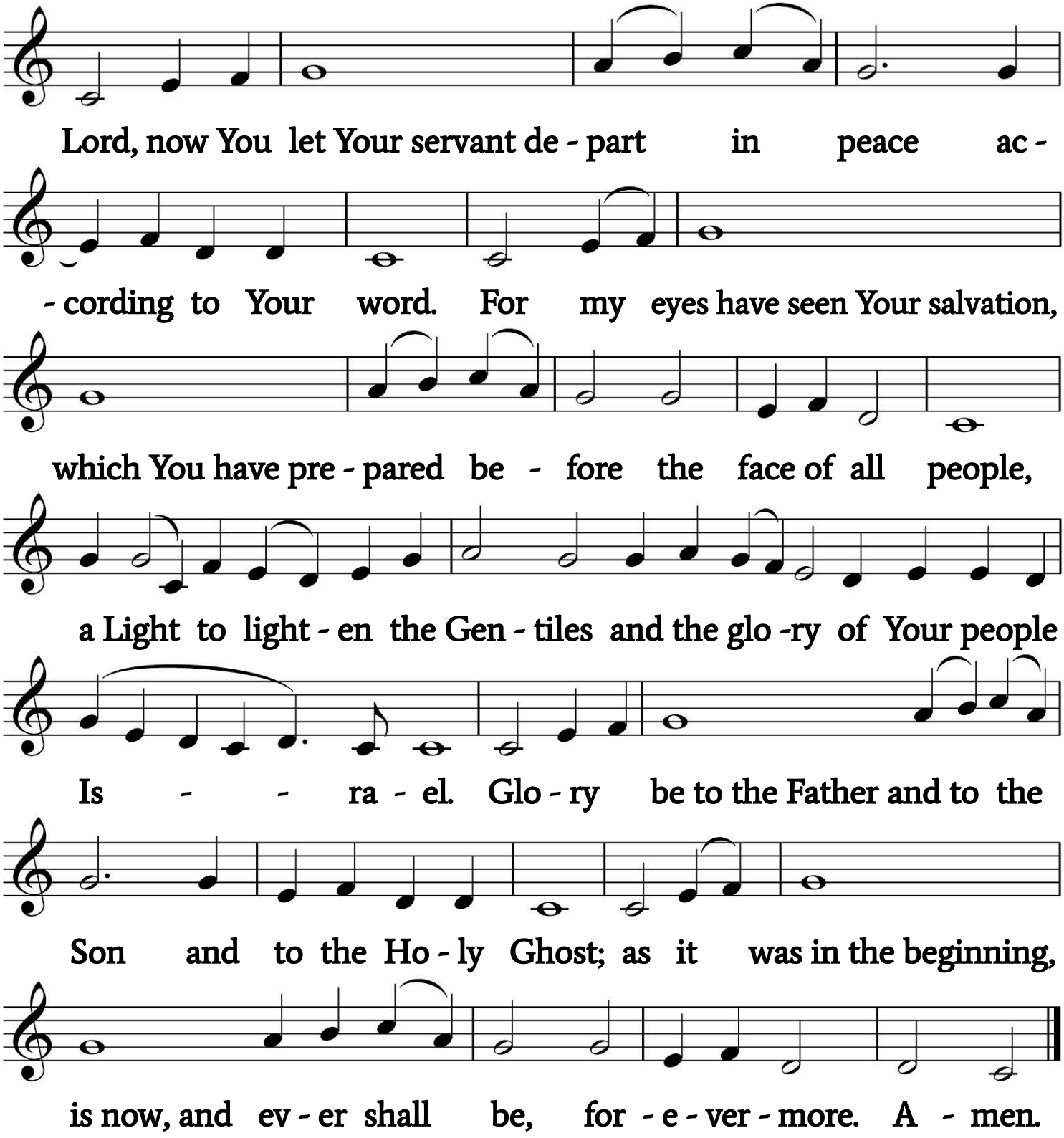


Distribution

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.

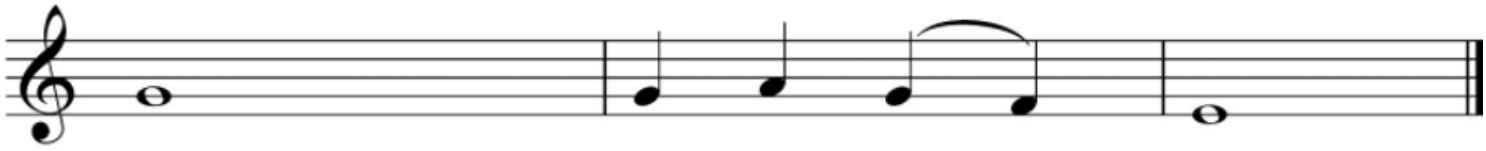
Distribution Hymns - 88, "Come, Thou Precious Ransom"
90, "Savior of the Nations" *Stand for final verse*

Nunc Dimittis

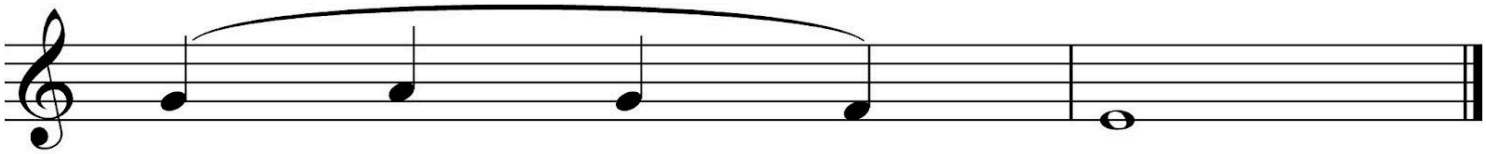


Prayer Of Thanksgiving

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

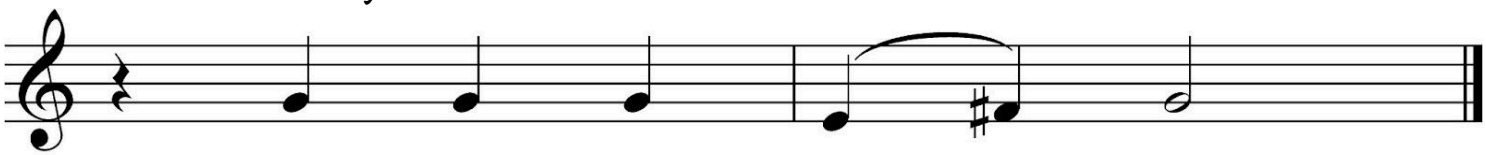


Let us pray:
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through these salutary gifts, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through them in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns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



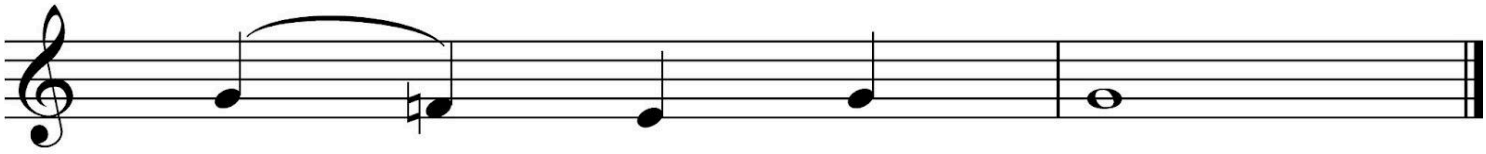
Salutation

The Lord be with you.



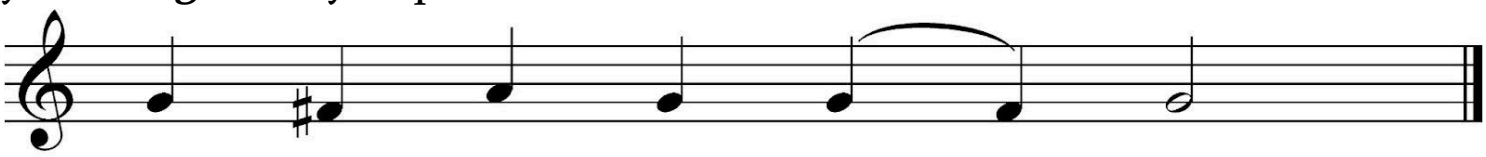
Benedicamus

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.



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Hymn - 89, "Jesus Came, The Heavens Adoring"

✠ ✠ ✠ **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 - Micah 4:1-7
Epistle - Romans 15:4-13
Holy Gospel - Luke 21:25-36