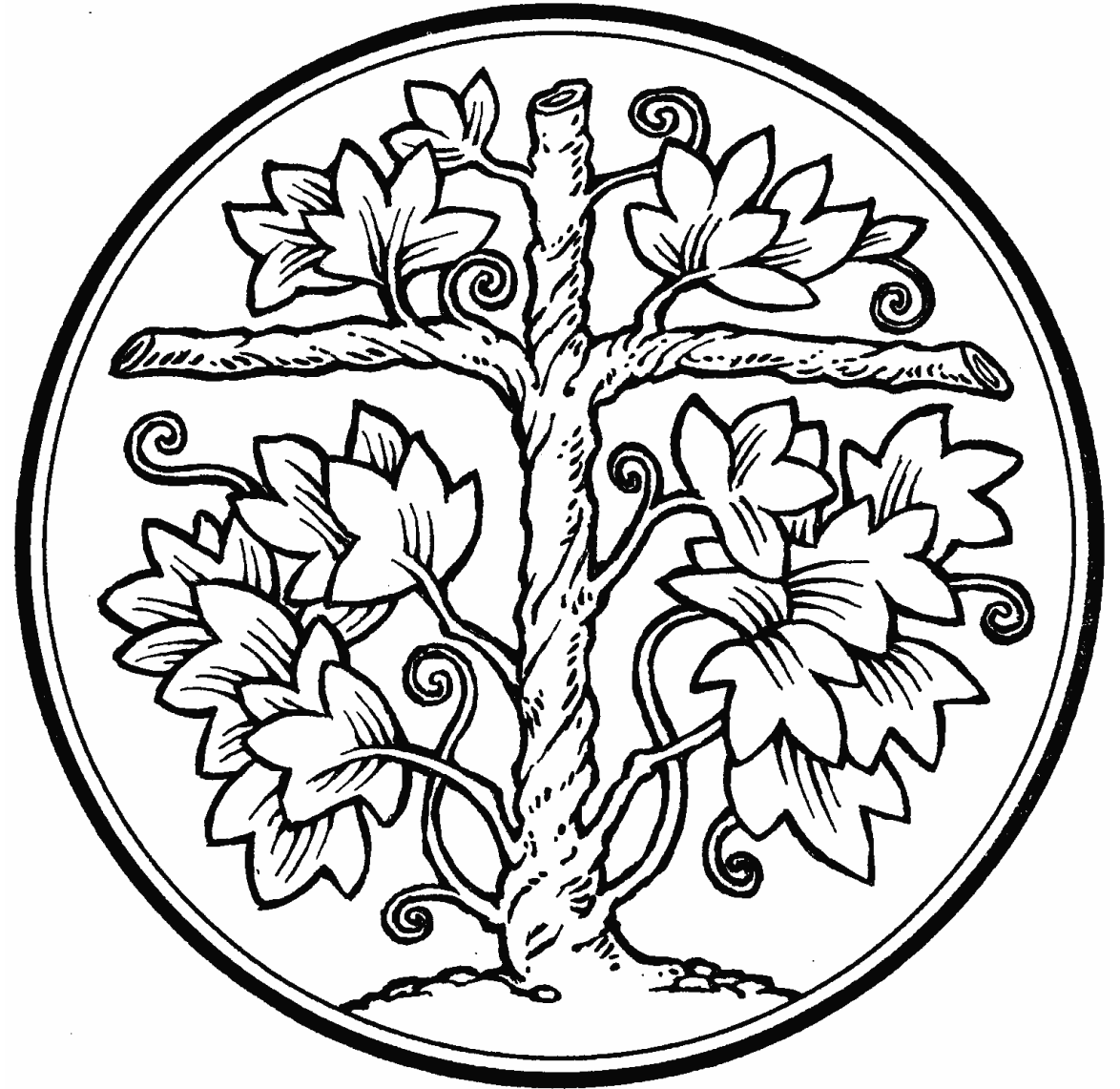


Welcome to Grace
Lutheran Church
April 28, 2024



When Morning Gilds the Skies | LSB 807



When Morning Gilds the Skies| LSB 807

1 When morning gilds the skies,
My heart, awaking, cries,
“May Jesus Christ be praised!”
When evening shadows fall,
This rings my curfew call:
“May Jesus Christ be praised!”

When Morning Gilds the Skies | LSB 807

2 When mirth for music longs,

This is my song of songs:

“May Jesus Christ be praised!”

God’s holy house of prayer

Hath none that can compare

With “Jesus Christ be praised!”

When Morning Gilds the Skies | LSB 807

3 No lovelier antiphon

In all high heav'n is known

Than "Jesus Christ be praised!"

There to the eternal Word

The eternal psalm is heard:

"May Jesus Christ be praised!"

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4 Ye nations of mankind,

In this your concord find:

“May Jesus Christ be praised!”

Let all the earth around

Ring joyous with the sound:

“May Jesus Christ be praised!”

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5 Sing, suns and stars of space,
Sing, ye that see His face,
Sing, "Jesus Christ be praised!"
God's whole creation o'er,
Both now and evermore
Shall Jesus Christ be praised!

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DIVINE SERVICE

Setting One

The sign of the cross ✝ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

(Matthew 28: 19b; [18:20])

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P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(1 John 1:8-9)

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P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done

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and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have

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mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Confession and Absolution | page 151

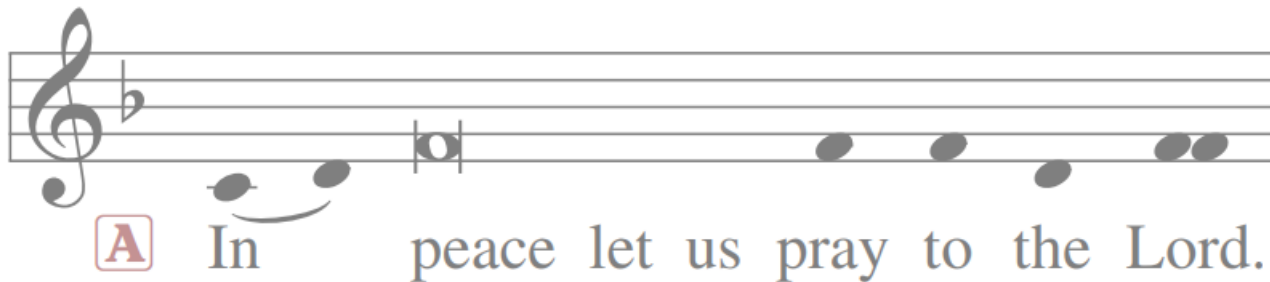
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. [John 20 19-23]

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INTROIT, PSALM, or ENTRANCE HYMN

KYRIE *≈ Lord, Have Mercy*

Mark 10:47

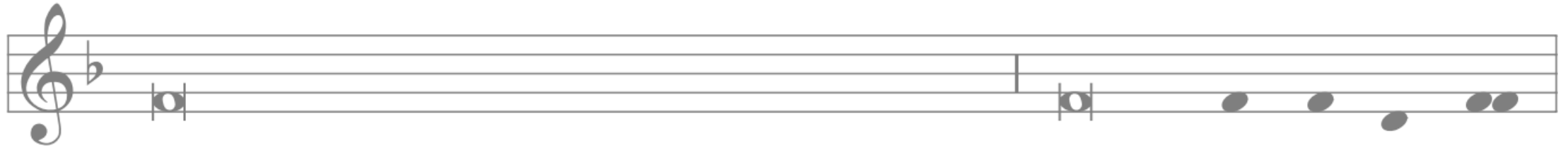


A musical staff in G major (one flat) with a treble clef. The melody consists of a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. A red letter 'A' in a square box is positioned to the left of the first note. Below the staff, the lyrics "In peace let us pray to the Lord." are written in a blue serif font.



A musical staff in G major (one flat) with a treble clef. The melody consists of a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note G4. A red triangle points to the left of the staff. A red letter 'C' in a square box is positioned to the left of the first note. Below the staff, the lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy." are written in a black serif font.

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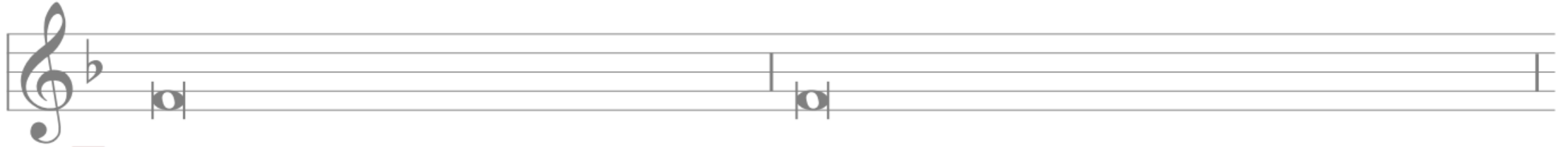


A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

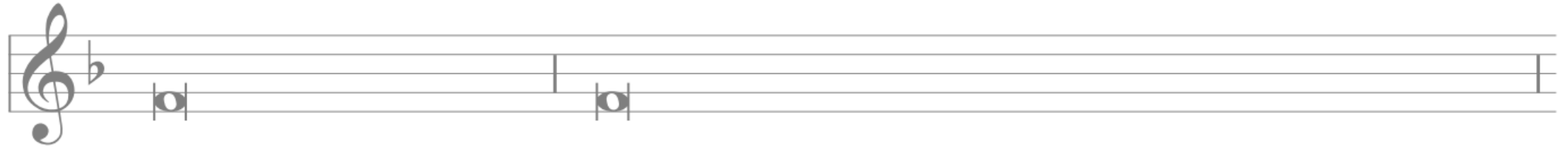


and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

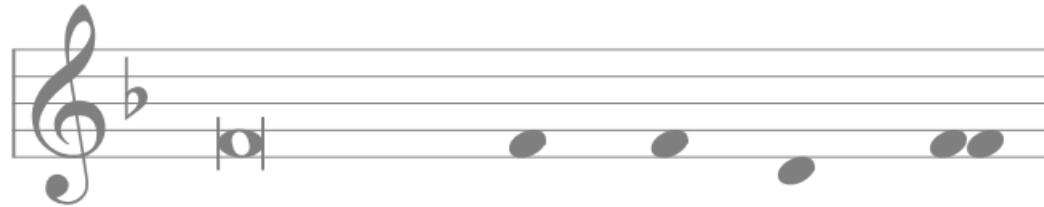


C Lord, have mer - cy.

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A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise

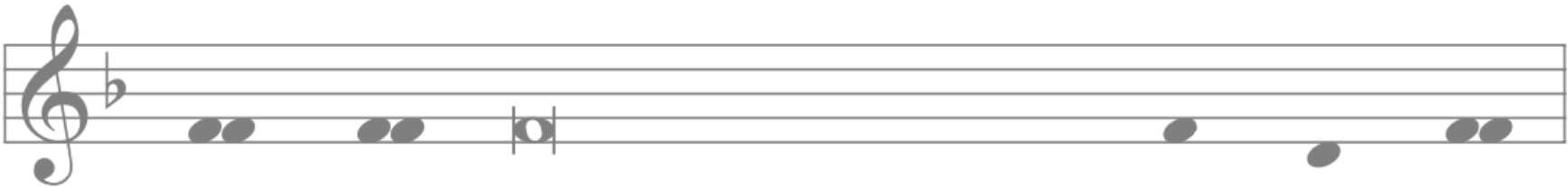


let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.



Kyrie Eleison
LORD, HAVE MERCY

This Is the Feast | page 155

C This is the feast of victory for our
God.
Alleluia,
alleluia,
alleluia.

This is the Feast| page 155

1) Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free
to be people of God.

This Is the Feast | page 155

C This is the feast of victory for our
God.
Alleluia,
alleluia,
alleluia.

This is the Feast| page 155

2) Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing,
and glory are His.

This Is the Feast | page 155

C This is the feast of victory for our
God.
Alleluia,
alleluia,
alleluia.

This is the Feast| page 155

- 3) Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

- 4) Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This Is the Feast | page 155

C This is the feast of victory for our
God.
Alleluia,
alleluia,
alleluia.

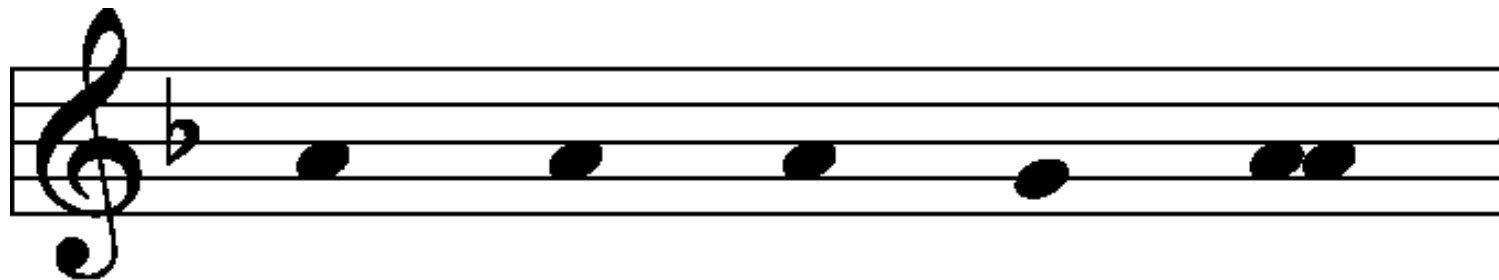
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5) For the Lamb who was slain has begun
His reign. Alleluia.

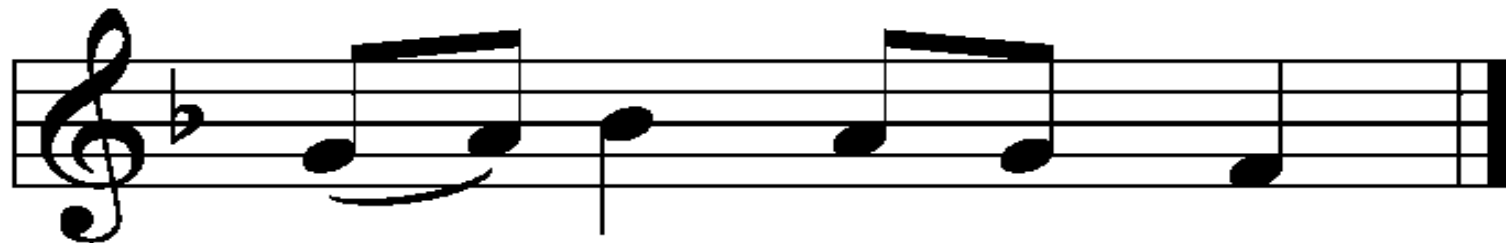
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C This is the feast of victory for our
God.
Alleluia,
alleluia,
alleluia.

Prayer of the Day | page 156



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

Salutation and Collect of the Day | page 156

P Let us pray.

P O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts

Salutation and Collect of the Day | page 156

may be fixed where true joys are found;
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A scroll of parchment is unrolled, showing the text "FIRST READING" in a red, serif font. The scroll is held by four wooden pegs at the corners. The parchment is aged and yellowed, and the background is a light blue surface.

FIRST
READING

Acts 8: 26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians,

Acts 8: 26-40

who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." So Philip ran to him and heard him

Acts 8: 26-40

reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

Acts 8: 26-40

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

Acts 8: 26-40

And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. And as they were going along the

Acts 8: 26-40

road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. And when

Acts 8: 26-40

they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Acts 8: 26-40

This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



A scroll of aged parchment with a textured, fibrous surface and irregular, torn edges. The parchment is a warm, golden-brown color. The word "Psalms" is written in a large, white, bold, serif font, centered on the scroll. The scroll is partially unrolled, showing the cylindrical shape of the ends.

Psalms

Psalm 150

1 Praise the LORD!

Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty heavens!

2 Praise him for his mighty deeds;

praise him according to his excellent

greatness!

Psalm 150

**3 Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!**

**4 Praise him with tambourine and
dance; praise him with strings and pipe!**

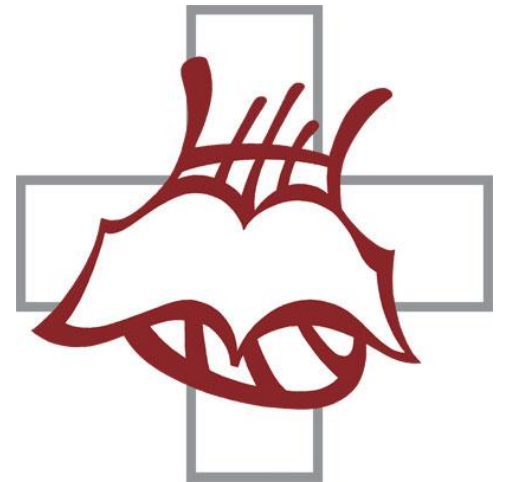
Psalm 150

5 Praise him with sounding cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

6 Let everything that has breath praise
the LORD! Praise the LORD!

Psalm 150

Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.



The Epistle



1 John 4: 1-11

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from

1 John 4: 1-11

God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is

1 John 4: 1-11

greater than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the

1 John 4: 1-11

Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made

1 John 4: 1-11

manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

1 John 4: 1-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL



John 15: 1-8

Stand



C

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

John 15: 1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John,
the fifteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.



John 15: 1-8

[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean

John 15: 1-8

because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches.

John 15: 1-8

Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire,

John 15: 1-8

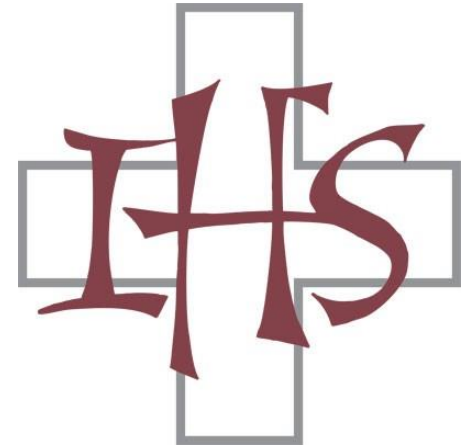
and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

John 15: 1-8

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.



Nicene Creed | page 158



Nicene Creed | page 158

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,

Nicene Creed | page 158

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

Nicene Creed | page 158

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 sits at the

Nicene Creed | page 158

right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the

Nicene Creed | page 158

Father and Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one

Nicene Creed | page 158

Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the
dead and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing | LSB 633



At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing | LSB 633

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from His pierced side.
Alleluia!

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing | LSB 633

2 Praise we Him, whose love divine
Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast—
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
Alleluia!

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing | LSB 633

3 Where the paschal blood is poured,
Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Alleluia!

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing | LSB 633

4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat we manna from above.
Alleluia!

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing | LSB 633

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing | LSB 633

6 Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise.
Alleluia!

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing | LSB 633

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing | LSB 633

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!

SERMON



Offering
GIVING TO GOD



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

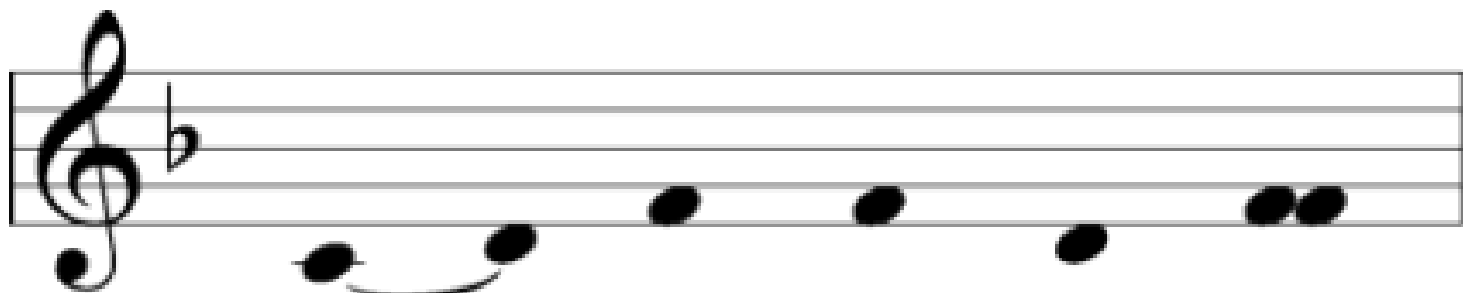
Prayer of the Church

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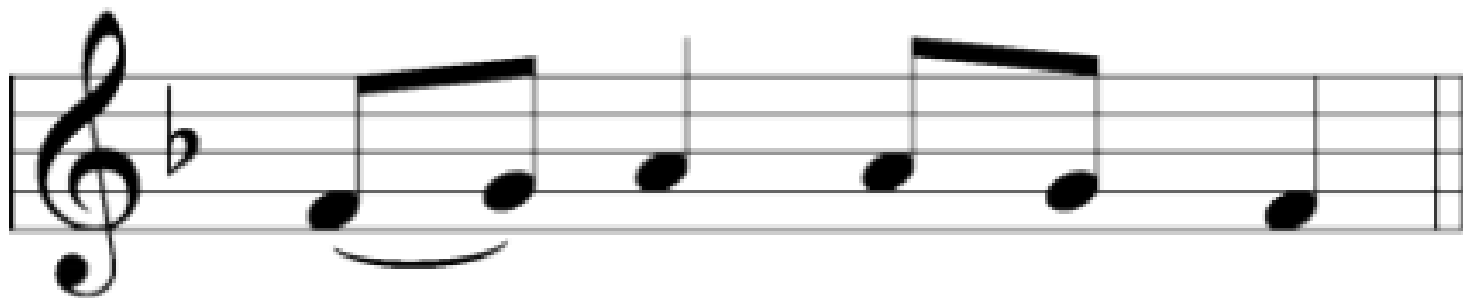
P ..Lord in Your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

Communion Preface | page 160



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

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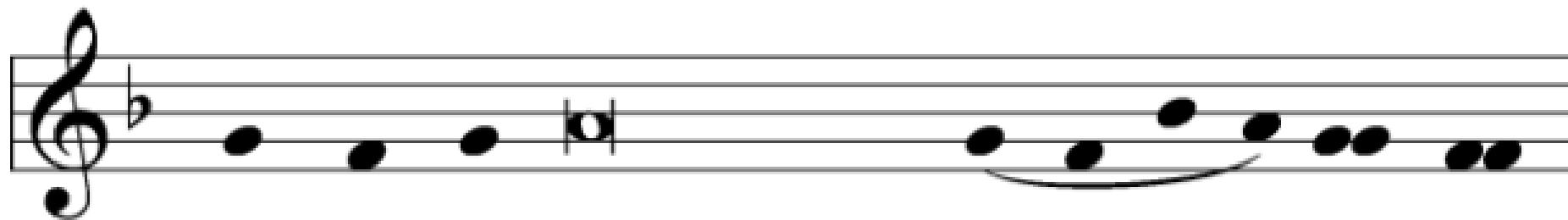


P Lift up your hearts.

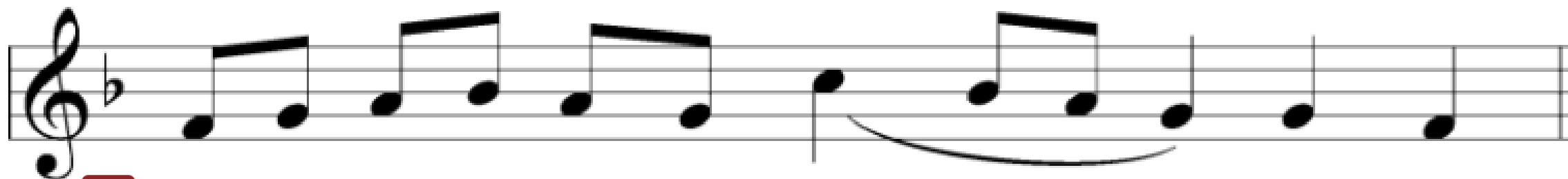


C We lift them to the Lord.

Communion Preface | page 160



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.


Communion Preface | page 160

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that ... evermore praising You and saying:


Sanctus | page 161



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving | page 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior.

Prayer of Thanksgiving | page 161

P With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with

Prayer of Thanksgiving | page 161

P Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament.

Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His

Prayer of Thanksgiving | page 161

P kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Words of Institution | page 162

P Our Lord Jesus Christ on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to his disciples and said, “Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do this in remembrance of Me.”

The sign of the cross ✝ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Words of Institution | page 162

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He 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 for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as

The sign of the cross ✝ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Words of Institution | page 162

P often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Proclamation of Christ | page 162

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to

Proclamation of Christ | page 162

drink, You lead us to remember and confess
Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death,
Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from
the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your
coming for the final judgment. So remember us
in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer | page 162

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom
come, thy will be done on earth as it is
in heaven.

Lord's Prayer | page 162

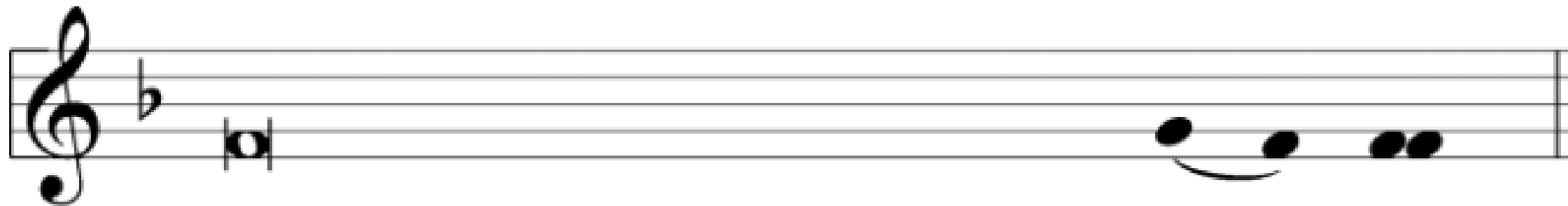
C Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass
against us; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Lord's Prayer | page 162

C For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

-Matthew 6: 9-13

Pax Domini | page 163



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei | page 163



☐ Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the

Agnus Dei | page 163



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

O Jesus, Blessed Lord to Thee | LSB 632



O Jesus, Blessed Lord to Thee| LSB 632

1 O Jesus, blessèd Lord, to Thee
My heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed
On me Thy body and Thy blood.

O Jesus, Blessed Lord to Thee| LSB 632

2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:
What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart:
How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

Chief of Sinners Though I Be | LSB 611



Chief of Sinners Though I Be | LSB 611

1 Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high,

Chief of Sinners Though I Be | LSB 611

1 Lives that I might never die.

As the branch is to the vine,

I am His, and He is mine.

Chief of Sinners Though I Be | LSB 611

2 Oh, the height of Jesus' love,
Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea,

Chief of Sinners Though I Be | LSB 611

2 Lasting as eternity!

Love that found me—wondrous
thought!

Found me when I sought Him not.

Chief of Sinners Though I Be | LSB 611

3 Only Jesus can impart

Balm to heal the wounded heart,

Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,

Chief of Sinners Though I Be| LSB 611

3 Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
Faith and hope to walk with God
In the way that Enoch trod.

Chief of Sinners Though I Be | LSB 611

4 Chief of sinners though I be,
Christ is all in all to me;
All my wants to Him are known,

Chief of Sinners Though I Be| LSB 611

4 All my sorrows are His own.

He sustains the hidden life

Safe with Him from earthly strife.

Chief of Sinners Though I Be | LSB 611

5 O my Savior, help afford

By Your Spirit and Your Word!

When my wayward heart would stray,

Chief of Sinners Though I Be| LSB 611

5 Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die.

Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray | LSB 623



Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray| LSB 623

1 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray
That we may feast on You today;
Beneath these forms of bread and wine
Enrich us with Your grace divine.

Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray| LSB 623

2 Give us, who share this wondrous food,
Your body broken and Your blood,
The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n,
The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.

Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray| LSB 623

3 By faith Your Word has made us bold
To seize the gift of love retold;
All that You are we here receive,
And all we are to You we give.

Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray| LSB 623

4 One bread, one cup, one body, we,
Rejoicing in our unity,
Proclaim Your love until You come
To bring Your scattered loved ones home.

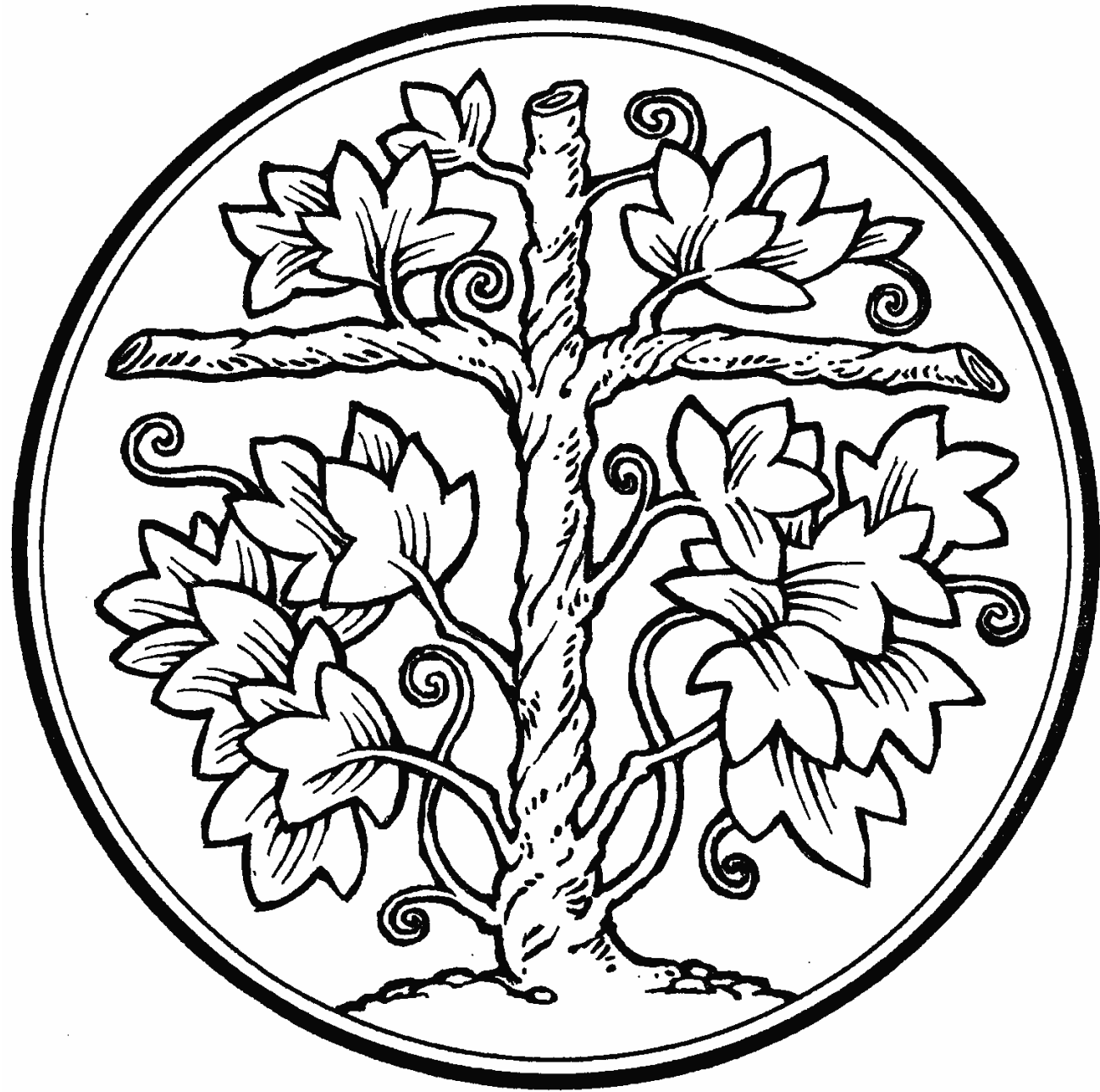
Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray| LSB 623

5 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray:


O keep us steadfast till that day

When each will be Your welcomed guest


In heaven's high and holy feast.



Nunc Dimitis | page 165




Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -

Nunc Dimitis | page 165



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -


The first line of musical notation is on a single staff with a treble clef. It contains eight measures of music. The notes are: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics are: "pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -".



veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.


The second line of musical notation is on a single staff with a treble clef. It contains eight measures of music. The notes are: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics are: "veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el." The piece ends with a double bar line.

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Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;

The first line of musical notation is on a single staff with a treble clef. It begins with a quarter note on G4, followed by quarter notes on A4, B4, and C5. A bar line follows. The second measure starts with a quarter rest, then a quarter note on B4, followed by quarter notes on A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, and C4. The line ends with a half note on C4.



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

The second line of musical notation is on a single staff with a treble clef. It begins with quarter notes on G4, A4, B4, and C5. A bar line follows. The second measure starts with a quarter note on B4, followed by a half note on A4 with a slur underneath, then a quarter note on G4 and a half note on F4. A bar line follows. The third measure starts with a quarter note on E4, followed by quarter notes on D4, C4, B3, A3, and G3. The line ends with a half note on G3.

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P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love

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P toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor ✝ and give you peace.

C Amen.

The sign of the cross ✝ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Join us following the service.

Abide, O Dearest Jesus | LSB 919



Abide, O Dearest Jesus | LSB 919

1 Abide, O dearest Jesus,
Among us with Your grace
That Satan may not harm us
Nor we to sin give place.

Abide, O Dearest Jesus | LSB 919

2 Abide, O dear Redeemer,
Among us with Your Word,
And thus now and hereafter
True peace and joy afford.

Abide, O Dearest Jesus | LSB 919

3 Abide with heav'nly brightness
Among us, precious Light;
Your truth direct and keep us
From error's gloomy night.

Abide, O Dearest Jesus | LSB 919

4 Abide with richest blessings
Among us, bounteous Lord;
Let us in grace and wisdom
Grow daily through Your Word.

Abide, O Dearest Jesus | LSB 919

5 Abide with Your protection
Among us, Lord, our strength,
Lest world and Satan fell us
And overcome at length.

Abide, O Dearest Jesus | LSB 919

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,
Among us with Your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us
To reach our home above.

*Go in God's grace,
as God's grace!*



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