



I Will Give You Rest

NALC 2024 CLERGY RETREAT
Program & Worship Book



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A WELCOME FROM BISHOP DAN SELBO

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” –Matthew 11:28

Dear Friends, Partners in Ministry,



It is a joy to welcome you to this year's gathering of our NALC clergy! As always, it is good for us to come together for encouragement, refreshment, and for renewing and developing relationships with others in our church body who share the same calling. As much as our callings are ones in which we walk individually with the Lord, we also walk collectively with each other. To be able to gather as we are is a gift not only from the Lord to us, but also from each of us to each other.

This year's gathering, in many ways, is no different than the ones we've experienced in years past. Our time includes opportunities for worship, renewal of our ordination vows, a chance to be encouraged and fed by our keynote speakers, a gathering of the Ministerium, as well as a chance to simply relax and enjoy fellowship with other clergy and spouses.

At the same time, this year's event takes on a new and, I believe, a much-needed focus. Under the theme, “I Will Give You Rest,” based upon our Lord's words in Matthew 11:28, our gathering this year is designed to encourage us to be more regular and intentional in the patterns and disciplines of our lives that enable us to “come to Him” and receive the rest only Jesus can give. If we are to be faithful in our calling to care for the spiritual needs of our congregations, we need to be just as faithful, if not more, in caring for our own spiritual wellbeing as clergy.

Our keynotes this year will be sharing ways in which our spiritual health, built upon regular time with the Lord, becomes the grounding for fruitful ministries in our congregations and communities, as well as in those times of joy and crisis that we all experience.

My prayer is that the time we share will help each of us to become more grounded in our ministries by renewing and recommitting ourselves to spending the time we need with Jesus.

I am glad you have chosen to attend this year's Clergy Retreat. May God use this time to strengthen our relationships with each other, to deepen our trust in Him, and to find the rest we need in the Lord.

In Christ Jesus,

Bishop Dan Selbo

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MAIN SPEAKERS



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PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Friday, January 12

7:30 p.m. Session I: Fostering Positive Relationships and Trust

Saturday, January 13

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer & Bible Study

9:00 a.m. Session II: Embracing Change and Building Consensus for Vision

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:30 p.m. Session III: Devotion & Comfort Zone Challenges

5:00 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. Session IV: Bible Study & The Pastor as a Mentor and Guide

Sunday, January 14

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. Session V: Advanced Preaching Techniques

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:30 p.m. Session V: Advanced Preaching Techniques

5:00 p.m. Dinner (on your own)

Free evening

Monday, January 15

8:30 a.m. Session VI: Bible Study & Building Stronger Congregational Ties

12:00 p.m. Closing Prayer

CLERGY SPOUSES' GATHERING & COUPLES' GATHERING

Monday, January 15

7:00 p.m. Clergy Spouses' Gathering

Scarlet Ballroom

7:00 p.m. Couples' Gathering

Scarlet Ballroom

CLERGY RETREAT & GATHERING OF *THE* MINISTERIUM

Tuesday, January 16

7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

**Scarlet Ballroom*

7:30 a.m. Breakfast (included)

9:00 a.m. Large Group Gathering | Spiritual Health as a Grounding for Ministry in the Church

10:30 a.m. Coffee Break

11:00 a.m. Solitude & Reflection

-On your own for a time of reflection

-Clergy confession or anointing for healing with pastor-confessors available during this time

12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer

12:30 p.m. Lunch (on your own)

2 p.m. Spiritual Practices (choose one)

-Prayer of Examen & Ignatian Spirituality—

The Rev. Dcn. Andrew Ames Fuller

-Spiritual Pilgrimage—The Rev. Carol Fryer

-Spiritual Direction—The Rev. Jody Becker

-Seeking Rest and Renewal in Christian History—

The Rev. Tom Jacobson

3:30 p.m. Break

4:00 p.m. Eucharist Service with Renewal of Ordination Vows

5:30 p.m. Free Evening

9:00 p.m. Compline

SPIRITUAL HEALTH AS A GROUNDING FOR MINISTRY IN THE CHURCH | THE REV. KEN HOHAG

Personal Survival *Guidelines for Sanity*

Actions

- | | |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Eat Well | Matthew 7:9–11 |
| 2. Sleep Well | Psalms 127:2 |
| 3. Exercise Well | Philippians 3:13–14 |
| 4. Pray Well | Psalms 45:10; Mark 1:35 |
| 5. Play | Matthew 6:25 |

Healthy Thoughts

1. *Small steps*

If you don't have time to do the whole thing, do part of it.

If a job is worth doing, it's worth doing _____.

not always well

maybe just partly now

2. *Life is maintenance*

Maintaining is not an inconvenience on the way to what's really life (free time, leisure, entertainment).

Life is maintaining: our relationships

our health

our home

Learn to enjoy maintenance rather than resenting it.

We are created to work, to be productive, and be creative Genesis 1, 2

3. *It really is all small stuff*

Philippians 4:4f

God is taking care of the big stuff Matthew 6:25f

We can trust His care

Classic Christian Growth

Read	(Lexio)	Information	Ps. 23:1-3	Acquaintance	"Fine"
Reflect	(Reflexio)	Mean to me?	Ps. 23:4	Friend	Honest
Respond	(Meditatio)	What to do?	Ps. 100	Good friend	Struggle
Rest	(Contemplatio)	Trust	Ps. 46, 131	Best friend	Silence

Prayer 101

*I have so much business,
I cannot get it done without spending an hour in prayer daily.*

—Martin Luther

*At first we think prayer is talking.
As we become more quiet, we realize that prayer is listening.*

—Søren Kierkegaard

Jesus at Prayer

- Luke 3:21 When Jesus had been baptized and was praying
4:1 Forty days in the wilderness (praying)
4:42 At daybreak he departed and went into a deserted place (to pray)
5:16 Crowds gathered to hear him and to be cured of their diseases, but he would withdraw to deserted places to pray
6:12 Now during those days he went out to the mountain to pray and he spent the night in prayer to God (before calling disciples).
9:18 Once when Jesus was praying alone with only the disciples near him, he asked them. “Who do the crowds say that I am?”
9:28 Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying (he was transfigured).
10:38 Mary & Martha
11:1 He was praying, in a certain place, and after he had finished one of his disciples said to him, “Lord teach us to pray...” (Lord’s Prayer) (All Jewish people knew how to pray prayers—what did they notice about the quality and quantity of Jesus’ praying?)

Pray!

Where?

- Pick a particular place to pray—a special room, chair etc.
- Find a place free from distractions and make it your consistent prayer place.
- Choose one free from distractions of phones, TV, kids, etc. (you can talk to God anywhere—in the car, at the sink, but a particular place is a reminder “now I am going to spend time with God”).

When?

Pick a time and make it consistent.

1. Make an appointment with God. (We can pray at any time—all the time—but this time is reserved for God.)
2. Jesus prayed at dawn.
 - a. Morning is an excellent time for prayer. Your mind and body are rested. You are more open and receptive. Your thoughts are not yet filled with details of the day.
 - b. Evening is also good. The day is spent. The darkness can embrace you. It’s a thoughtful, reflective time. Good for reviewing and committing the day to God.

How Long?

- 5–10 minutes is a reasonable goal for starters.
- Keep it reasonable so you can actually do it consistently.
- Work up over some weeks and months to 15–20 minutes.

Suggestions

1. Keep a notepad & pencil handy when you pray. Your thoughts will stray. Count on it. When they do, be gentle with yourself. Calmly write a word or phrase to remind you. Then let go of that thought and return to prayer.
2. Think of prayer as consciously connecting with God. You don’t have to have just the right words. Grow in your relationship with God so that sometimes you are simply enjoying being in his presence as you would feel with a trusted, best friend. Words are not always necessary.

3. Listen. It's the most important part of any relationship. Be attentive to what God wants to say to you, remind you of, or do in and with you. Listen with your heart, not your ears. What is God bringing to your attention? Someone in need? Something inside you in need of healing? Something you forgot? A word of scripture or part of a hymn? Be attentive to what it is God wants you to notice. (When you lay down to go to sleep, ask God to be doing whatever he wants in you—reminding you, motivating you, healing you.)

How do I know the thought is from God and not my own?

- I have a sense of peace about it.
 - It is consistent with the Bible's witness.
 - It is consistent with the counsel of Christian friends.
 - Also, like with anyone—the more time you spend with God the more you recognize His voice, presence, and thoughts.
4. Breathing—be conscious how you are breathing. Let it be relaxed, slow, and deep.
 5. Be honest with God. He knows what you are thinking and feeling. He loves and accepts you. So go ahead and tell him. You'd want your kids to be open with you—be honest with him.
 6. Stay present—like sitting with a good friend. It is here and now that we meet God. Yesterday is past. Tomorrow, not yet. God always meets us in the present.
 7. When (not if) you get distracted, gently return your attention to God. Don't berate yourself. He understands we are anxious about many things. Simply turn your attention back to him. "As gently as a feather falling on cotton" (Thomas Keating).
 8. Remember Mary & Martha (Luke 10:38). There will be plenty of time to do, or plan, or figure out whatever it is that concerns me. Right now—for these few minutes I'm turning my attention to the most important one of all. "Martha, Martha you are anxious and troubled about many things. Mary has chosen the better part. It shall not be taken from her" (Luke 10:41–42).
 9. Times of prayer will vary. Sometimes it will be great, others average. Accept yourself where you are today—as God accepts you.

Where to Look When...

Anxious

Romans 8:31–39
 Matthew 6:25–34
 Psalms 23/27/121
 Philippians 4:4–7, 11–13
 Isaiah 26:3–4
 John 1:4–5
 Romans 8:28
 1 Peter 5:6–7

Angry/Abandoned

Psalm 13/22/77
 2 Corinthians 12:8–10
 Ephesians 4:26

Confused

Psalm 69/18/42/86
 Mark 9:23–24
 John 14:1–7/16:33
 Romans 6:36

Priorities

Psalm 127
 Matthew 22:37–39
 Luke 10:38–42/22:42
 John 15:1–17/3:30
 Romans 12:1–2
 1 Corinthians 13
 Philippians 4:8–9

Who Am I?

1 Peter 2:9–10
 Isaiah 49:15–16
 Jeremiah 31:3
 Hosea 11:1–4, 8–9
 Romans 6:3–4
 1 Corinthians 6:19–20
 2 Corinthians 5:17
 Galatians 2:20
 Philippians 1:21

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Lonely

Joshua 1:9
 Isaiah 43
 Matthew 18:19–20/28:20
 John 14:18

Quiet

Psalm 131/139/42
 Isaiah 30:15

Tired/Depressed

Psalm 46/91/103/118
 Isaiah 35/40:11, 31
 Matthew 11:28–30
 2 Corinthians 12:9–10

Tempted

1 Corinthians 10:13
 Hebrews 2:18
 James 4:7, 8

Where to Look For...

Getting on Track

Colossians 3:12–17
 Galatians 5:22, 23
 Philippians 2:1–11, 13
 Micah 6:8
 Matthew 5:1–16

Thanks

Psalm 95–100; 144–150

God's Call

Matthew 16:24–26
 Mark 10:43–45
 Philippians 1:27
 Isaiah 61:1–3
 Galatians 4:1
 Amos 5:21–24
 Micah 6:8
 Exodus 4
 1 Samuel 3:1–18
 Jeremiah 1

Prayers for the Journey

*Lord, in obedience to your claim upon me,
I give myself to you anew this day.
All that I am, all that I have, completely for your using.
Take me and use me up, as you will, where you will,
when you will, with whom you will.*

–Unknown

*Lord, grant me
the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change what I can,
and the wisdom to know the difference.*

–Reinhold Niebuhr

*Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
O, divine master, grant that I may seek
not so much to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in the giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.*

–Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
fill me with Your light and life.*

–Unknown

*Full of trust we run to you, O Lord,
and put our lives in your hands.
You are our strength in times of trouble
and refuge along the way.
May you be our joy at the turning points of life
and our reward at its end.*

–Catholic Prayer Book

*Lord God, you have called your servants
to ventures of which we cannot see the ending,
by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown.
Give us faith to go out with good courage,
not knowing where we go,
but only that your hand is leading us
and your love supporting us.*

–Lutheran Book of Worship

SOLITUDE & REFLECTION

²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” –Matthew 11:28

1. How do you interpret the invitation in Matthew 11:28 for those who are laboring and burdened to come to Jesus?
2. Reflect on the concept of taking Jesus' yoke upon yourself and learning from Him. In what ways can this be a transformative practice in your life?
3. Reflect on the idea that Jesus' yoke is easy and His burden is light. How does this perspective challenge or align with your current understanding of faith and discipleship?
4. Reflect on your personal understanding of rest and consider what it looks like for you in the context of your spiritual journey. How can you enhance and refine your rhythms of rest to align more closely with the promise of finding rest for your soul in Matthew 11:29?

SOLITUDE & REFLECTION

CLERGY RETREAT & GATHERING OF *THE* MINISTERIUM

Wednesday, January 17

- 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Scarlet Ballroom
- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast (included)
- 9:00 a.m. Large Group Gathering | Spiritual Health as a Grounding for Ministry in Times of Joy
& Crisis
- 10:30 a.m. Coffee Break
- 10:45 a.m. Hahn Financial
- 11:00 a.m. Q&A
- 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch (on your own)
- 2:00 p.m. Spiritual Practices (choose one)
-*Prayer of Examen & Ignatian Spirituality*—
The Rev. Dcn. Andrew Ames Fuller
-*Spiritual Pilgrimage*—*The Rev. Carol Fryer*
-*Spiritual Direction*—*The Rev. Jody Becker*
-*Seeking Rest and Renewal in Christian History*—
The Rev. Tom Jacobson
- 3:30 p.m. Break
- 4:00 p.m. Small Group Gatherings
- 5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer
- 5:30 p.m. Free Evening
- 9:00 p.m. Compline

**SPIRITUAL HEALTH AS A GROUNDING FOR MINISTRY IN TIMES OF
JOY & CRISIS | THE REV. DAWN RISTER**

SMALL GROUP REFLECTION

1. How can we identify and overcome obstacles that hinder consistent engagement in spiritual practices? Engage in discussion with someone in the group to explore the barriers individuals may face.
2. In what ways can we address and dismantle barriers to effectively teaching others spiritual practices? Discuss with the group the challenges and strategies for overcoming them.
3. Reflect on your experience in the spiritual practice breakout sessions and share one key insight or lesson that resonated with you.

CLERGY RETREAT & GATHERING OF THE MINISTERIUM

Thursday, January 18

7:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer <i>Scarlet Ballroom</i>
7:30 a.m.	Breakfast (included)
9:00 a.m.	Large Group Gathering Spiritual Health as a Grounding for Ministry in the Community
10:30 a.m.	Coffee Break
11:00 a.m.	Closing Eucharist

SPIRITUAL HEALTH AS A GROUNDING FOR MINISTRY IN THE COMMUNITY | THE REV. BRAD HALES

Matthew 9:35

³⁵And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction.

Genesis 2:18–24

¹⁸Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” ¹⁹Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

1 Corinthians 3:6–9

⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. ⁹For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

Jeremiah 29:7

⁷But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find welfare.

Discussion Questions

1. How are you able to connect with the broader community in which the church is a part?
2. How would you describe the importance of relationships in your ministry? How do these relationships extend into the area in which you minister?
3. How have you been able to “plant the seeds” of the Gospel in the place where you live?

4. What are the roadblocks and frustrations of engaging in your local community?

LITURGIES

Tuesday, January 16



Morning Prayer
Matins

Stand

OPENING VERSICLES

L O Lord, open my lips, **C** and my mouth shall de - clare your praise.

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

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

C Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PSALMODY
Psalm 95

L Give glory to God, our light and our life. **C** Oh, come, let us wor - ship him.

C Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our sal -

va - tion. **I** Let us come be - fore his pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. **II** For the Lord is a great God

and a great king a-bove all gods. **I** In his hand are the caverns of the earth;

the heights of the hills are al - so his. **II** The sea is his, for he made it;

and his hands have mold-ed the dry land. **I** Oh, come, let us bow

down and bend the knee, and kneel be-fore the Lord, our mak-er. **II** For he

is our God, and we are the people of his pas-ture and the sheep of his hand.

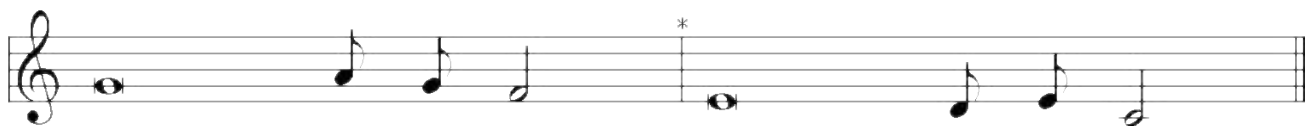
C Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir - it;

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

L Give glory to God, our light and our life. **C** Oh, come, let us wor-ship him.

Sit

Psalm 123



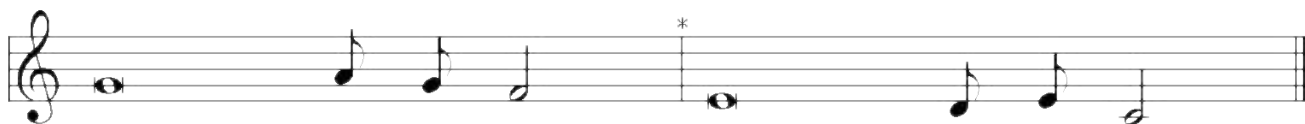
- ¹ To you I lift | up my eyes,*
to you enthroned | in the heavens.
- ² As the eyes of servants look to the hand | of their masters,*
and the eyes of a maid to the hand | of her mistress,
- ³ so our eyes look to the | LORD our God,*
until he show | us his mercy.
- ⁴ Have mercy upon us, O | LORD, have mercy,*
for we have had more than enough | of contempt,
- ⁵ too much of the scorn of the in- | dolent rich,*
and of the derision | of the proud.

Silence for meditation.

L Lord, our creator and redeemer, we look to you for all that we need. Look with favor on us, your servants, and give us your grace; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

Psalm 146



- ¹ Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, | O my soul!*
- I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.
- ² Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any | child of earth,*
for there is no | help in them.
- ³ When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,*
and in that day | their thoughts perish.
- ⁴ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,*
whose hope is in the | LORD their God;
- ⁵ who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;*
- who keeps his prom- | ise forever;
- ⁶ who gives justice to those who | are oppressed,*
and food to | those who hunger.
- ⁷ The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes | of the blind;*
- the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed down;

⁸ the LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares | for the stranger;*
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

⁹ The LORD shall | reign forever,*
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!

Silence for meditation.

L God of glory and power, happy indeed are those who have put their trust in you. Shine the brightness of your light upon us, that we may love you always with a pure heart and praise you forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

Stand

HYMN (LBW N° 265)

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies | RATISBON

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;

Sun of righ-teous-ness, a - rise, tri-umph o'er the shades of night;
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer-cy's beams I see,
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat-ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

LESSONS

First Lesson

L The first lesson is from the Book of Genesis, beginning in the ninth chapter.

God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. ²The fear and dread of you shall rest on every animal of the earth, and on every bird of the air, on everything that creeps on the ground, and on all the fish of the sea; into your hand they are delivered. ³Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you; and just as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. ⁴Only, you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. ⁵For your own lifeblood I will surely require a reckoning: from every animal I will require it and from human beings, each one for the blood of another, I will require a reckoning for human life.

⁶Whoever sheds the blood of a human,
by a human shall that person’s blood be shed;
for in his own image
God made humankind.

⁷And you, be fruitful and multiply, abound on the earth and multiply in it.”

⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

– Genesis 9:1–17 NRSV

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Silence for meditation.

Second Lesson

L The second lesson is from the Epistle to the Hebrews, beginning in the fifth chapter.

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

¹¹About this we have much to say that is hard to explain, since you have become dull in understanding. ¹²For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic elements of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food; ¹³for everyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is unskilled in the word of righteousness. ¹⁴But solid food is for the mature, for those whose faculties have been trained by practice to distinguish good from evil.

– Hebrews 5:7–14 NRSV

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Silence for meditation.

L In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets.

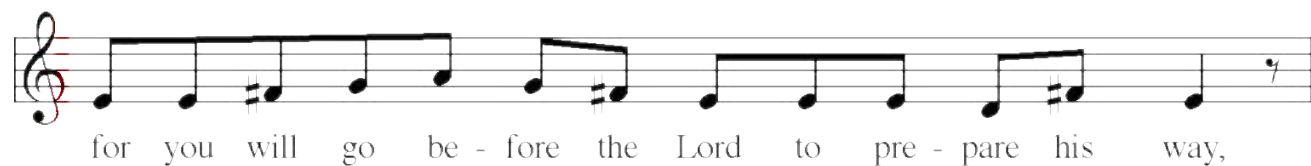
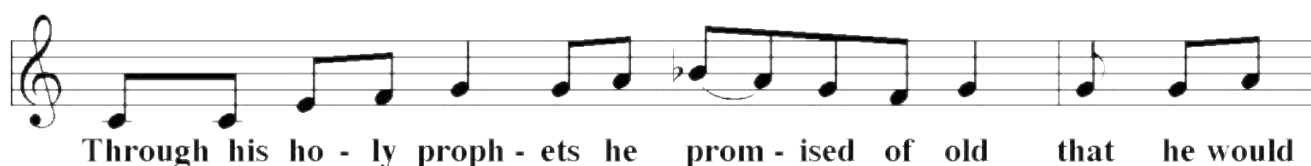
C But now in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.

Stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE



B Bless - ed be the Lord, the God of Is - ra - el; he has
come to his peo- ple and set them free. He has raised up for us a
might- y Sav - ior, born of the house of his ser- vant Da - vid.



to give his peo - ple knowl-edge of sal - va - tion by the for - give-ness
of their sins. In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God,
the dawn from on high shall break up - on us,
to shine on those who dwell in dark-ness and the shad - ow of death,
and to guide our feet in - to the way of peace.
G Glo - ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev - er. A - men

PRAYERS

L Let us pray. Lord God, you showed your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son. As he brought gladness and healing to his people, grant us these same gifts and lead us also to perfect faith in him, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

Other prayers may be said by the leader, the congregation responding, Amen.

Or, members of the congregation may be invited to offer petitions and thanksgivings.

The prayers conclude:

L O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us in safety to this new day; preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome in adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

L Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

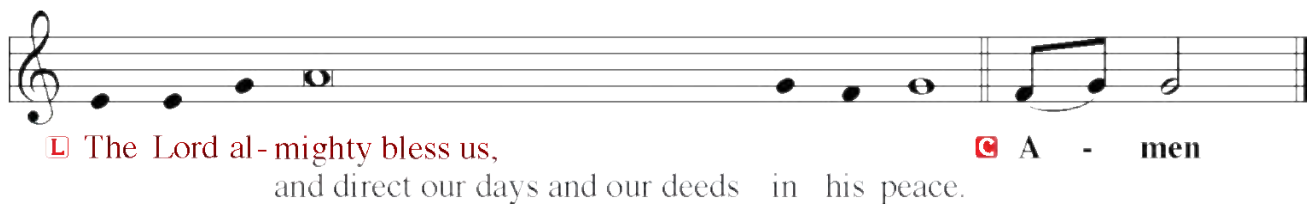
C Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

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



BENEDICTION





Noonday Prayer
Suffrages

Stand

OPENING VERSICLES

L Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C O Lord, make haste to help me.

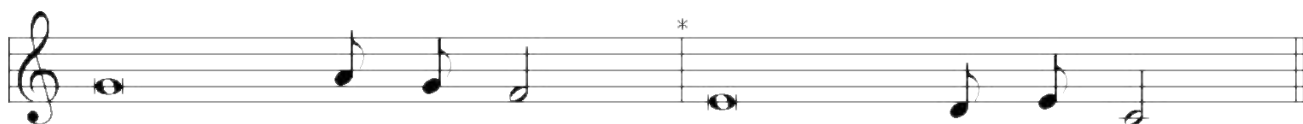
L Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

C As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

Sit

PSALMODY

Psalm 119:57–64



⁵⁷ You only are my por- | tion, O LORD;*

I have promised to | keep your words.

⁵⁸ I entreat you with | all my heart:*

Be merciful to me according | to your promise.

⁵⁹ I have consid- | ered my ways*

and turned my feet toward | your decrees.

⁶⁰ I hasten and | do not tarry*

to keep | your commandments.

⁶¹ Though the cords of the wicked en- | tangle me, *

I do not for- | get your law.

⁶² At midnight I will rise to | give you thanks, *

because of your | righteous judgments.

⁶³ I am a companion of | all who fear you*

and of those who keep | your commandments.

⁶⁴ The earth, O LORD, is full | of your love; *

instruct me | in your statutes.

Silence for meditation.

L Lord, you are just and your commandments are eternal. Teach us to love you with all our hearts and to love our neighbor as ourselves, for the sake of Jesus our Lord.

C Amen

Stand

HYMN

O God of Truth, O Lord of Might | ERHALT UNS, HERR

1 O God of truth, O Lord of might, Who ord'-ring time and change a - right,
2 Ex - ting-guish now each sin - ful fire; And ban - ish ev' - ry ill de - sire;
3 O Fa - ther, this we ask be done, Through Je - sus Christ, Thine on - ly Son;

Send us the ear - ly morn - ing ray, And light the glow of per - fect day.
And while you keep our bod - y whole, Pour heal - ing peace up - on our soul.
Who, with the Ho - ly Ghost and thee, Shall live and reign e - ter - nal - ly.

Sit

BRIEF LESSON

L The lesson is from the Epistle to the Hebrews.

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.

– Hebrews 5:7 ESV

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Silence for meditation.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

L Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
C have mercy and hear us.

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.
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

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the virgin Mary.
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended into hell.
 On the third day, he rose again.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen

L Show us your mercy, O Lord,
C and grant us your salvation.
L Clothe your ministers with righteousness.
C Let your people sing with joy.
L Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
C for only in you can we live in safety.
L Lord, keep this nation under your care,
C and guide us in the way of justice and truth.
L Let your way be known upon earth;
C your saving health among all nations.
L Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten,
C nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
L Create in us clean hearts, O God,
C and sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

L The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
L Let us pray. Lord God, you showed your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son. As he brought gladness and healing to his people, grant us these same gifts and lead us also to perfect faith in him, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C Amen

L Gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God, at this hour you bore our sins in your own body on the tree so that we, being dead to sin, might live unto righteousness. Have mercy upon us now and at the hour of our death, and grant to us, your servants, with all others who devoutly remember your blessed Passion, a holy and peaceful life in this world and, through your grace, eternal glory in the life to come; where, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, God forever.
C Amen

L Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.
L The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.
C Amen



Holy Communion *with*
Renewal of Ordination Vows

Stand

ENTRANCE HYMN (LBW N° 380)

O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True | O JESU CHRISTE, WAHRES LICHT

1 O Christ, our light, O Ra - diance true, Shine forth on those es - tranged from you,
2 Fill with the ra - diance of your grace The wan-d'ers lost in er - ror's maze.
3 Lord, o - pen all re - luc - tant ears And take a - way the child - ish fears
4 Lord, let your mer - cy's gen - tle ray Shinedown on oth - ers strayed a - way.
5 Make theirs with ours a sin - gle voice Up - lift - ed, ev - er to re - joice

And bring them to your home a - gain, Where their de - light shall nev - er end.
En - light - en those whose se - cret minds Some deep de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.
Of those who trem - ble to ex - press The faith their se - cret hearts con - fess.
To those in con - science wound - ed sore Show heav - en's wait - ing, o - pen door.
With wond'ring grat - i - tude and praise To you, O Lord, for bound - less grace.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

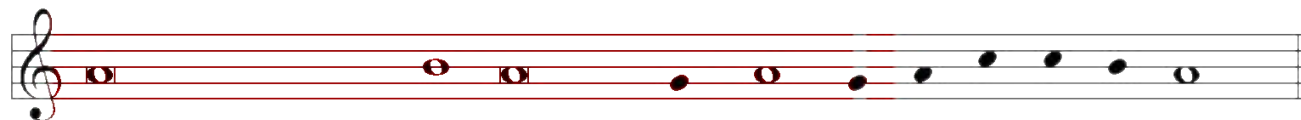
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



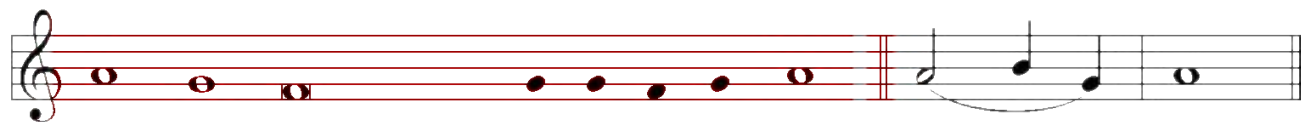
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **C** A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God



A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

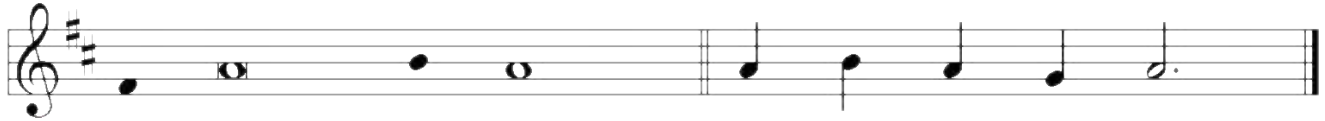


you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

PRAYER OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray. Lord God, you showed your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son. As he brought gladness and healing to his people, grant us these same gifts and lead us also to perfect faith in him, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

Sit

LESSONS

First Lesson

L The first lesson is from the third chapter of the Book of Jonah.

^{3:1}The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

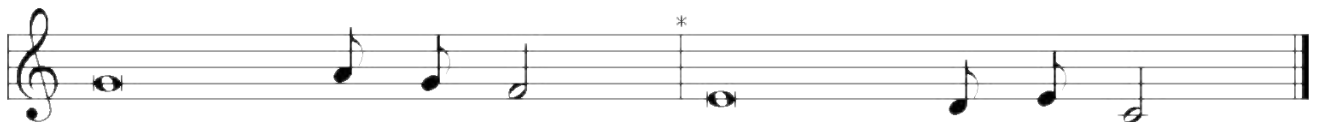
¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

– Jonah 3:1–5, 10 NRSV

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 62:5–12



⁵ They bless | with their lips,*
but in their | hearts they curse.

⁶ For God alone my soul in | silence waits;*
truly, my hope | is in him.

⁷ He alone is my rock and | my salvation,*
my stronghold, so that I shall | not be shaken.

- ⁸ In God is my safety | and my honor;*
 God is my strong rock | and my refuge.
- ⁹ Put your trust in him al- | ways, O people,*
 pour out your hearts before him, for God | is our refuge.
- ¹⁰ Those of high degree are but a | fleeting breath,*
 even those of low estate can- | not be trusted.
- ¹¹ On the scales they are lighter | than a breath,*
 all of | them together.
- ¹² Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no | empty pride;*
 though wealth increase, set not your | heart upon it.

Second Lesson

L The second lesson is from the seventh chapter of Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians.

^{7:29} I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰ and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹ and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

– 1 Corinthians 7:29–31 NRSV

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

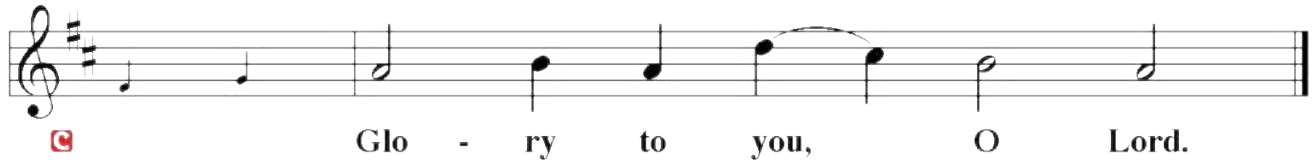
Gospel



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

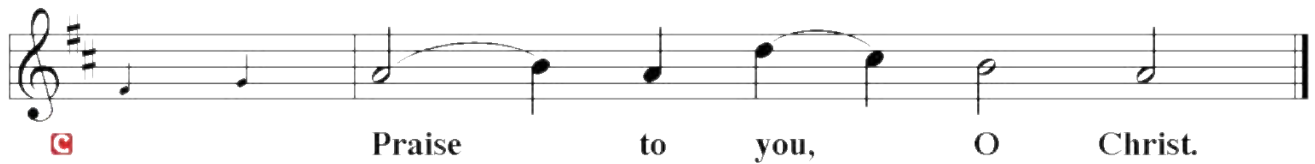


^{1:14} Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵ and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

¹⁶ As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

– Mark 1:14–20 NRSV

P The Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

SERMON

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Bishop, North American Lutheran Church*

Silence for meditation.

Stand

HYMN (LBW N° 284)

Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove | KOMM, GOTT SCHÖPFER

1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, De - scend up - on us from a - bove;
2 To you, the Com - fort - er, we cry; To you, the gift of God most high,
3 In you, with grac - es sev - en - fold, We God's al - might - y hand be - hold;
4 Your light to ev - 'ry sense im - part, And shed your love in ev - 'ry heart;
5 Keep far from us our cru - el foe, And peace from your own hand be - stow;
6 Oh, make to us the Fa - ther known; Teach us the eter - nal Son to own;
7 Praise we the Fa - ther and the Son And Ho - ly Spir - it, with them one;

With grac - es man - i - fold re - store Your crea - tures as they were be - fore.
True fount of life, the fire of love, The soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.
While you with tongues of fire pro - claim To all the world his ho - ly name.
Your own un - fail - ing might sup - ply To strength - en our in - fir - mi - ty.
Up - held by you, our strength and guide, No ev - il can our steps be - tide.
And you, whose name we ev - er bless, Of both the Spir - it, to con - fess.
And may the Son on us be - stow The gifts that from the Spir - it flow.

Sit

RENEWAL OF ORDINATION VOWS

The bishop addresses the clergy, saying:

B My brothers and sisters, at his Last Supper, our Lord Jesus Christ gave his disciples a new commandment, that they should love one another, and he prayed that they might be one. He gave them an everlasting sign of his own love in the sacrament of bread and wine. He consecrated himself to his Father's service, to be the High Priest of the New Covenant. I invite you now to dedicate yourselves afresh to his service, as stewards of the mysteries of God and ministers of his grace.

At your ordination you accepted the yoke of Christ for love of the Lord and his Church. Are you resolved to unite yourself more closely to Christ and to become more like him, joyfully sacrificing your own pleasures and ambitions to bring his peace and love to your brothers and sisters?

R By the help of God, I will.

B With the example of the Lord who washed his disciples' feet, will you be faithful in serving the needs of others and diligent in caring for those in need and trouble, in strengthening the faithful and in searching out the indifferent and the lost?

R By the help of God, I will.

B Will you fashion your life according to the pattern of Christ, that you may be true pastors and deacons, by word and example, to the people among whom you serve?

R By the help of God, I will.

B Will you work in partnership with all whom the Lord has given you, and encourage all the baptized to grow as the royal priesthood of the new covenant?

R By the help of God, I will.

B Will you be a faithful minister of the mysteries of God by leading the worship of his people with devotion and care and by teaching the Christian faith with conviction and joy?

R By the help of God, I will.

B Will you continue in the way of Christ, the head and shepherd of the Church of God, whose grace is sufficient to meet your need?

R By the help of God, I will.

A deacon or layperson addresses the bishop, saying:

W Dear Bishop, will you be faithful to the promise you made at your installation to uphold the truth of the gospel?

B By the help of God, I will.

W Will you promote unity, peace and love among all Christian people, especially in the North American Lutheran Church, and be diligent in prayer and the reading of the holy scriptures?

B By the help of God, I will.

W Will you strive to become more like our High Priest and Good Shepherd, the Teacher and Servant of all, and so be an authentic sign of Christ's loving presence among us?

B By the help of God, I will.

The bishop addresses the entire congregation, saying:

B My brothers and sisters, pray for your bishops, pastors, and deacons. Ask the Lord to bless us with the fullness of his love, that we may be faithful servants of Christ, our great High Priest, serving the Church with gifts that encourage and equip the people of God, and make Christ known in our generation.

C Lord Jesus Christ, hear us and answer our prayer.

B Almighty God, who has given us the will to undertake all these things, give us also the strength to perform them, that he may complete that work which he has begun in us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Sit

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN (LBW N° 494)

Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult | GALILEE

1 Je-sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult Of our life's wild, rest-less sea,
2 As of old St. An-drew heard it By the Gal - i - le - an lake,
3 Je-sus calls us from the wor - ship Of the vain world's gold-en store,
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, Days of toil and hours of ease,
5 Je-sus calls us! In your mer - cy, Sav - ior, make us hear your call,

Day by day his clear voice sound - ing, Say - ing, "Chris-tian, fol-low me."
Turned from home and toil and kin - dred, Leav-ing all for his dear sake.
From each i - dol that would keep us, Say - ing, "Chris-tian, love me more."
Still he calls, in cares and plea - sures, "Chris-tian, love me more than these."
Give our hearts to your o - be - dience, Serve and love you best of all.

After the gifts have been presented, this prayer is said.

A Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The ministers make ready the bread and wine.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Dialog

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

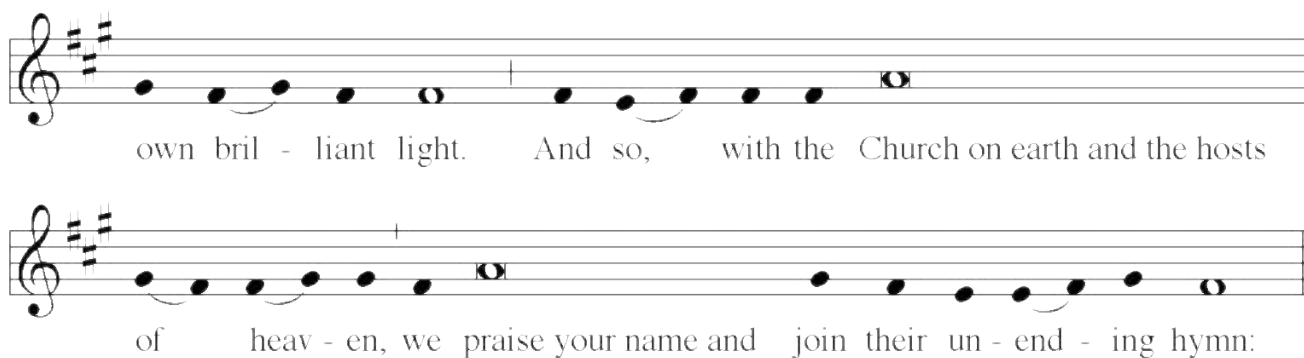
Preface

P It is indeed right and sal - u - tar - y that we should at all times and in

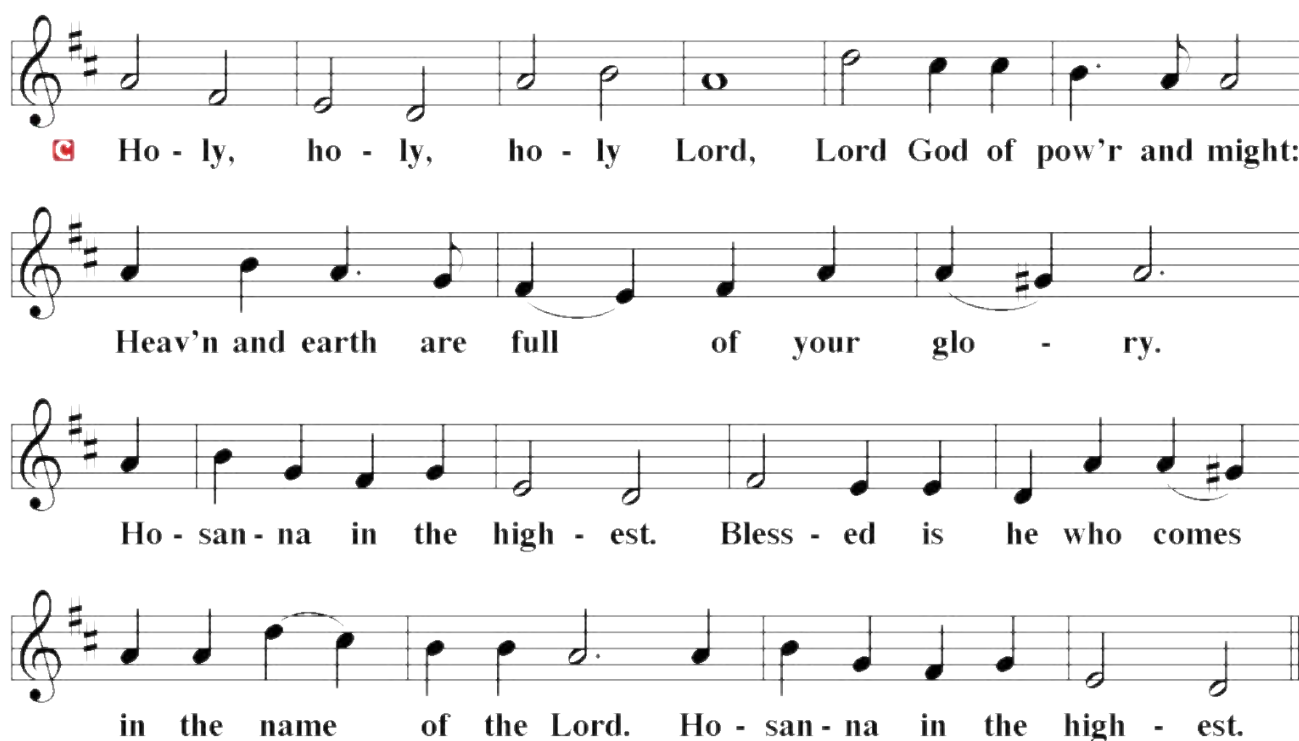
all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, ho - ly Fa - ther,

through Christ our Lord. Shar - ing our life, he lived among us to reveal

your glo-ry and love, that our darkness should give way to his



Holy, Holy, Holy Lord



P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death, until he comes.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him, in the u - ni - ty
of the Ho - ly Spir - it, all hon - or and glo - ry is
yours, al - might - y Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. A - men

The Lord's Prayer

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.
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

Lamb of God



C 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 world; have mer-cy on us.



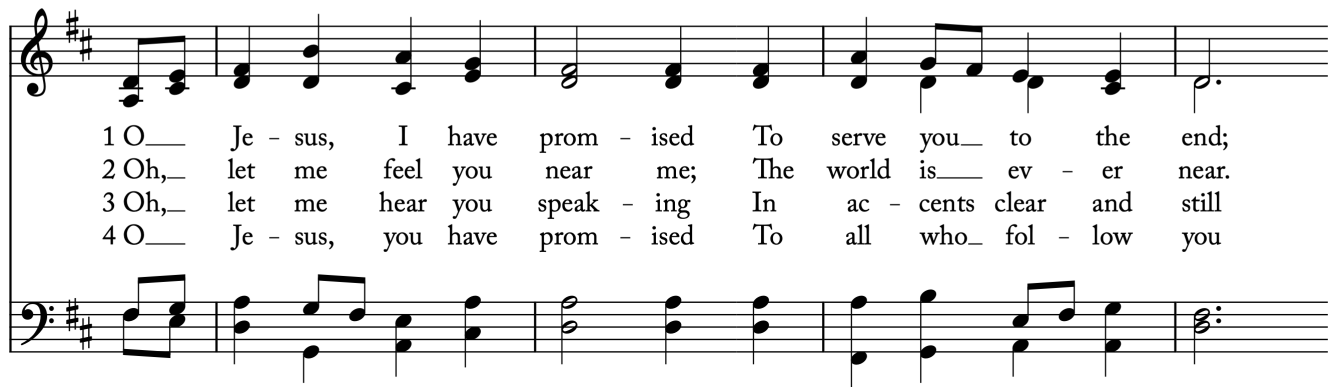
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN (LBW N° 503)

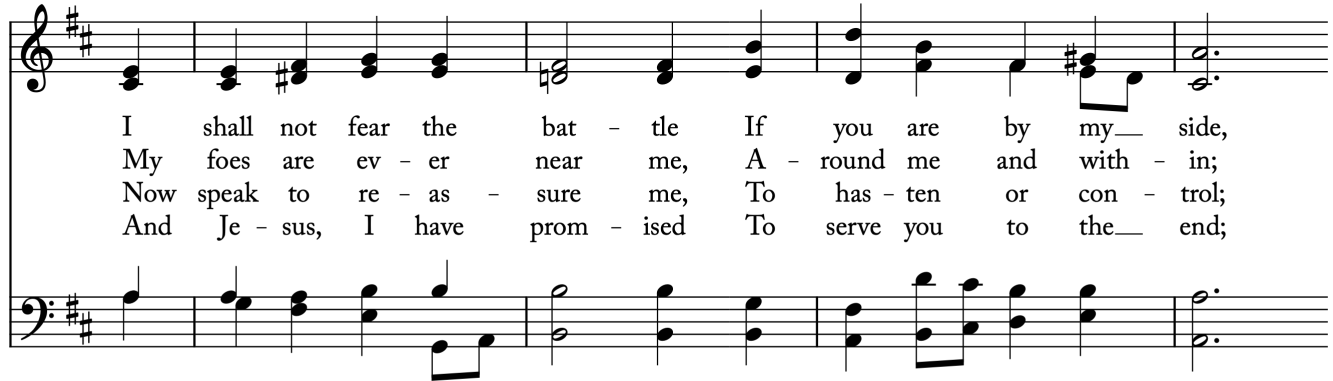
O Jesus, I Have Promised | MUNICH



1 O — Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve you to the end;
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; The world is ev - er near.
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing In ac - cents clear and still
 4 O — Je - sus, you have prom - ised To all who fol - low you



Re - main for - ev - er near me, My mas - ter and my friend.
 I see the sights that daz - zle, The tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 A - bove the storms of pas - sion, The mur - murs of self - will.
 That where you are in glo - ry Your ser - vant shall be too.



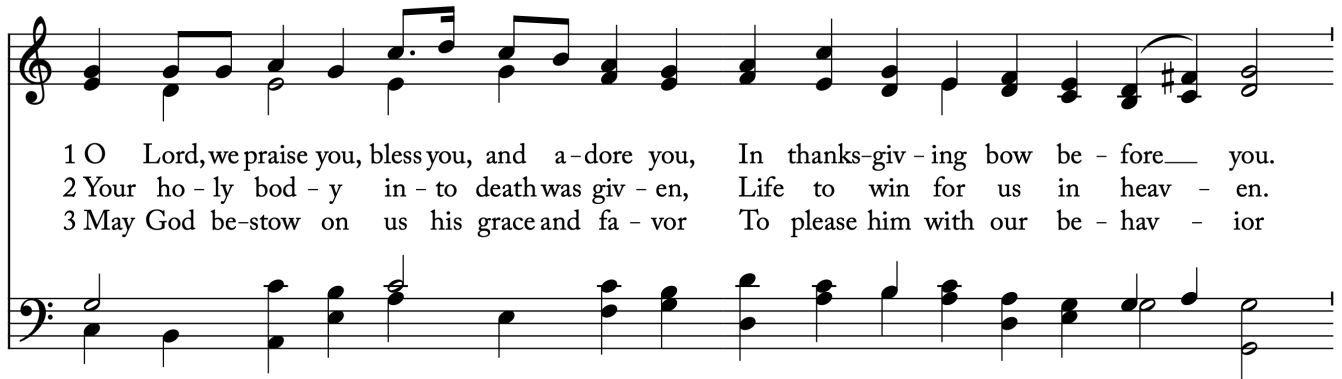
I shall not fear the bat - tle If you are by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, A - round me and with - in;
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, To has - ten or con - trol;
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve you to the end;



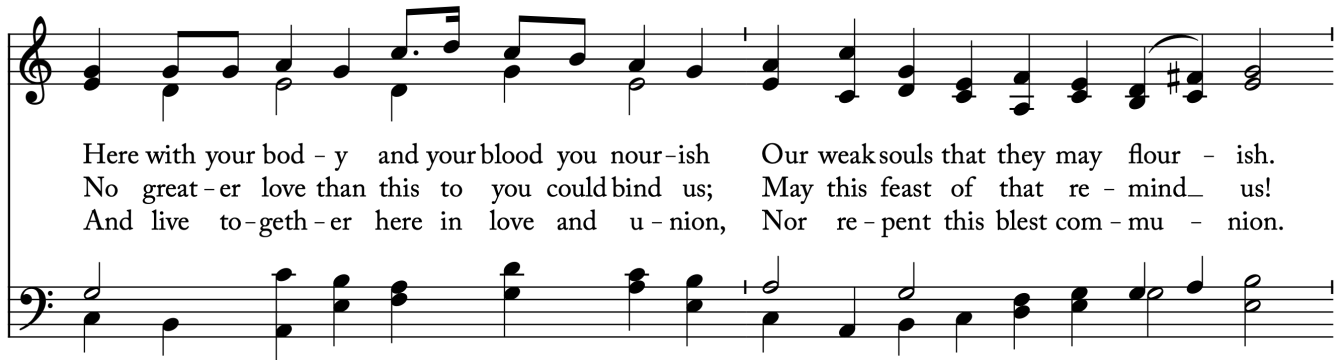
Nor wan - der from the path - way If you will be my guide.
 But, Je - sus, then draw near - er To shield my soul from sin.
 Now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
 Oh, give me grace to fol - low, My mas - ter and my friend.

COMMUNION HYMN (LBW N° 215)

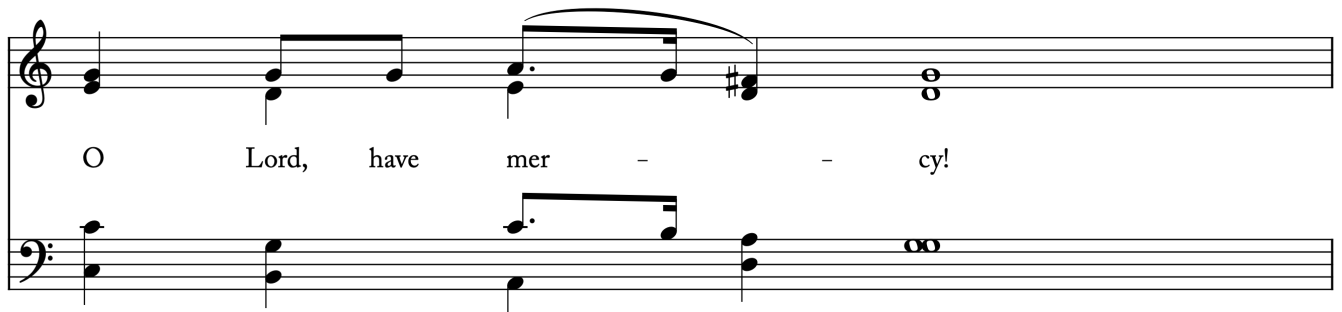
O Lord, We Praise You | GOTT SEI GELOBET UND GEBENEDEIET



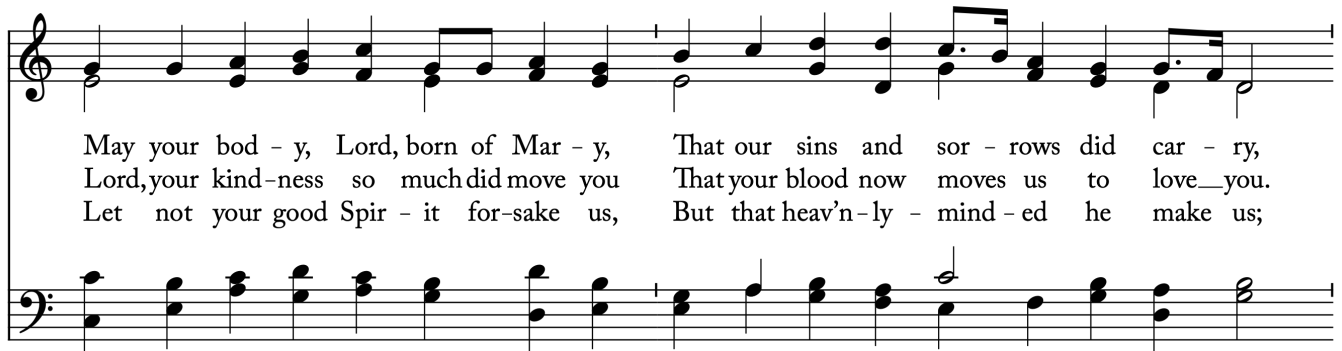
1 O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and a-dore you, In thanks-giv-ing bow be-fore— you.
 2 Your ho-ly bod-y in-to death was giv-en, Life to win for us in heav-en.
 3 May God be-stow on us his grace and fa-vor To please him with our be-hav-ior



Here with your bod-y and your blood you nour-ish Our weaksouls that they may flour-ish.
 No great-er love than this to you could bind us; May this feast of that re-mind— us!
 And live to-geth-er here in love and u-nion, Nor re-pent this blest com-mu-nion.



O Lord, have mer-cy!



May your bod-y, Lord, born of Mar-y, That our sins and sor-rows did car-ry,
 Lord, your kind-ness so much did move you That your blood now moves us to love—you.
 Let not your good Spir-it for-sake us, But that heav'n-ly-mind-ed he make us;

And your blood— for us plead In all tri - al, fear, and need:
 All our debt— you have paid; Peace with God once more is made.
 Give your Church, Lord, to see Days of peace and u - ni - ty.

O Lord, have mer - cy!

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

BENEDICTION

P Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son,
 and Holy Spirit, bless you now and for - ever.

C A - men

CLOSING HYMN (LBW N° 390)

I Love to Tell the Story | HANKEY

1 I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: How pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it best

Of Je - sus and his glo - ry, Of Je - sus and his love.
 What seems, each time I tell it, More won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, Be - cause I know it's true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, For some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

It sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else would do.
 The mes - sage of sal - va - tion From God's own ho - ly Word.
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; I'll sing this theme in glo - ry

And tell the old, — old sto - ry Of Je - sus and his love.

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in a key of three flats (B-flat major or D-flat minor). The Refrain consists of two lines of music. The first line has a treble staff with a melody and a bass staff with a harmonic accompaniment. The second line continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures. The score ends with a double bar line.

DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



Prayer at the Close of Day

Compline

Stand

OPENING VERSICLES



□ The Lord almighty grant us a qui - et night and peace at the last. □ A - men



□ It is good to give thanks to the Lord, □ to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

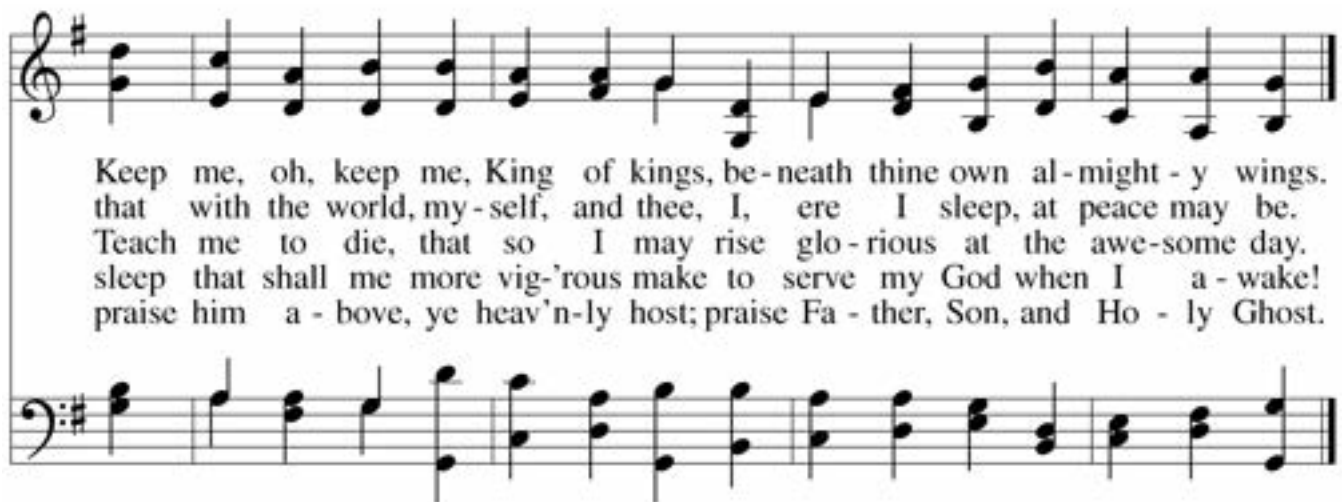


□ to herald your love in the morning, □ your truth at the close of the day.

NIGHT HYMN (LBW N° 278)

All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night | TALLIS' CANON

1 All praise to thee, my God, this night for all the bless-ings of the light.
2 For - give me, Lord, for thy dear Son, the ill that I this day have done;
3 Teach me to live, that I may dread the grave as lit - tle as my bed.
4 Oh, may my soul in thee re - pose, and may sweet sleep mine eye-lids close,
5 Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;



Kneel/Sit

CONFESSION

L Holy and gracious God,

C I confess that I have sinned against you this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me, that I may rest in peace.

L By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. We rest now in his peace and rise in the morning to serve him.

L I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen

C The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen

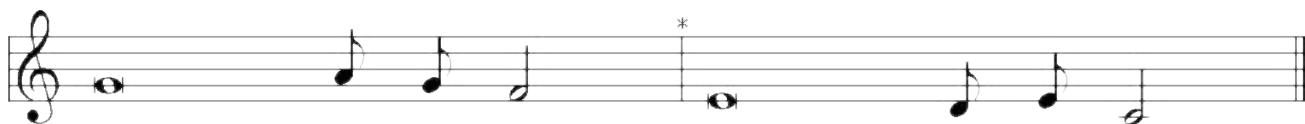
OR

C I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen

L The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen

PSALMODY

Psalm 4



- ¹ Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause;*
you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and | hear my prayer.
- ² “You mortals, how long will you dishon- | or my glory;*
how long will you worship dumb idols and run af- | ter false gods?”
- ³ Know that the LORD does wonders | for the faithful;*
when I call upon the LORD, | he will hear me.
- ⁴ Tremble, then, and | do not sin;*
speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed.
- ⁵ Offer the appointed | sacrifices,*
and put your trust | in the LORD.
- ⁶ Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see | better times!”*
Lift up the light of your countenance upon | us, O LORD.
- ⁷ You have put gladness | in my heart,*
more than when grain and wine and | oil increase.
- ⁸ I lie down in peace; at once I | fall asleep;*
for only you, LORD, make me | dwell in safety.

Silence for meditation.

L Lord, you consoled your Son in his anguish and released him from the darkness of the grave. Turn your face toward us, that we may sleep in your peace and rise in your light; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

BRIEF LESSON

One or more of the following are read.

You are in our midst, O LORD, and you have named us yours; do not forsake us, O LORD our God.

– Jeremiah 14:9

Come to me, all whose work is hard, whose load is heavy, and I will give you rest. Bend your necks to my yoke, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble-hearted; and you will find rest. For my yoke is good to bear, my load is light.

– Matthew 11:28–30

Peace is my parting gift to you, my own peace, such as the world cannot give. Set your troubled hearts at rest, and banish your fears.

– John 14:27

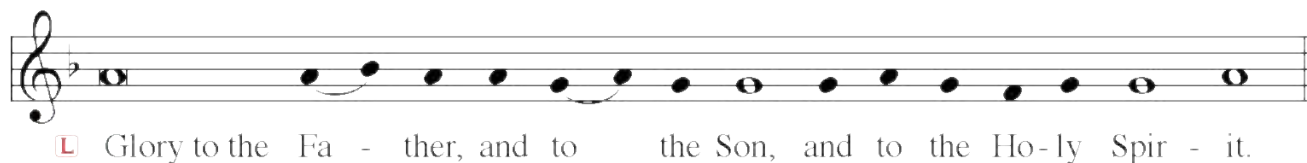
I am convinced that there is nothing in death or life, in the realm of spirits or superhuman powers, in the world as it is or the world as it shall be, in the forces of the universe, in heights or depths—nothing in all creation that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

– Romans 8:38–39

Humble yourselves under God's mighty hand and he will lift you up in due time. Cast all your cares on him, for you are his charge. Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith.

– 1 Peter 5:6–9a

RESPONSORY



HYMN (LBW N° 274)

The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Has Ended | ST. CLEMENT

1 The day you gave us, Lord, has end - ed;
 2 We thank you that your church, un - sleep - ing
 3 As to each con - ti - nent and is - land
 4 The sun, here hav - ing set, is wak - ing
 5 So be it, Lord; your realm shall nev - er,

the dark - ness falls at your be - hest.
 while earth rolls on - ward in - to light,
 the dawn leads on an - oth - er day,
 your chil - dren un - der west - ern skies,
 like earth's proud em - pires, pass a - way;

To you our morn - ing hymns as - cend - ed;
 through all the voice of prayer its watch is keep - ing,
 the hour stand by and hour, is nev - er si - lent,
 and but stand and grow and day rule for - ev - er,

your praise shall hal - low now our rest.
 and nev - er rests by day or night.
 nor dies the strain of praise a - way.
 fresh hymns of thank - ful praise a - rise.
 till all your crea - tures own your sway.

Kneel/Sit

PRAYERS

☐ Hear my prayer, O Lord;

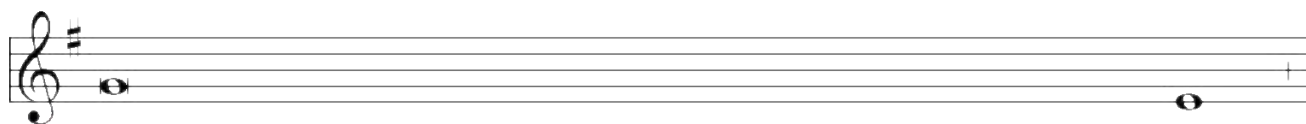
☑ listen to my cry.

☐ Keep me as the apple of your eye;

☑ hide me in the shadow of your wings.

☐ In righteousness I shall see you;

☑ when I awake,
 your presence will give me joy.



Be present, merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night,



so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of life



may find our rest in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **A - men**

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.
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

Stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE



Guide us wak - ing, O Lord, and guard us sleep - ing;



that a-wake we may watch with Christ and a-sleep we may rest in peace.



C 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 prepared



in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to reveal you

to the na - tions and the glory of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

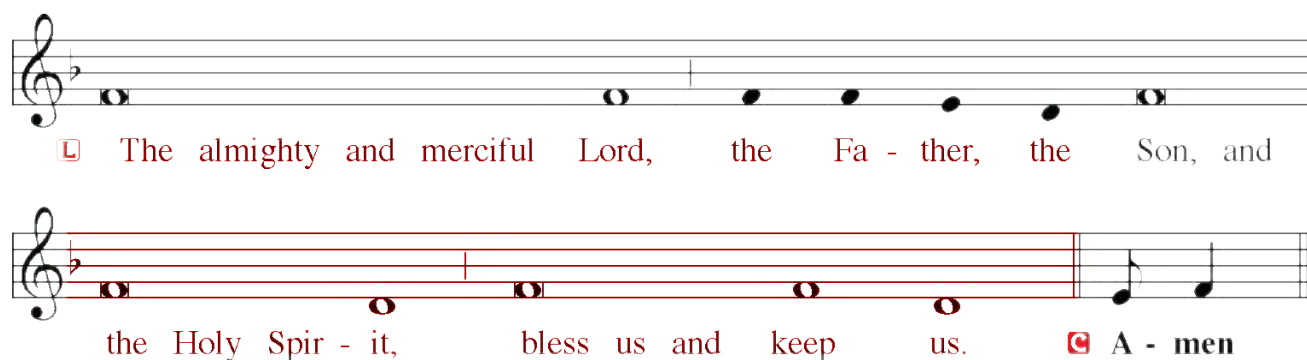
Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;

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

Guide us wak - ing, O Lord, and guard us sleep - ing;

that a-wake we may watch with Christ and a-sleep we may rest in peace.

BENEDICTION



☐ The almighty and merciful Lord, the Fa - ther, the Son, and

the Holy Spir - it, bless us and keep us. ☑ A - men

Wednesday, January 17



Morning Prayer
Matins

Stand

OPENING VERSICLES



L O Lord, open my lips, **C** and my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



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



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



C Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PSALMODY

Psalm 95



L Give glory to God, our light and our life. **C** Oh, come, let us wor - ship him.



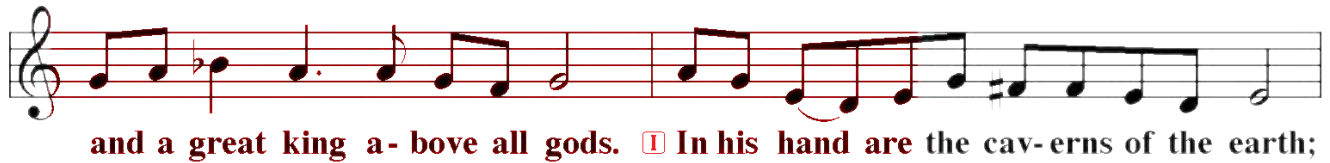
C Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our sal -



va - tion. **I** Let us come be - fore his pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing



and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. II For the Lord is a great God



and a great king a-bove all gods. I In his hand are the caverns of the earth;



the heights of the hills are al-so his. II The sea is his, for he made it;



and his hands have mold-ed the dry land. I Oh, come, let us bow



down and bend the knee, and kneel be-fore the Lord, our mak-er. II For he



is our God, and we are the peo-ple of his pas-ture and the sheep of his hand.



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

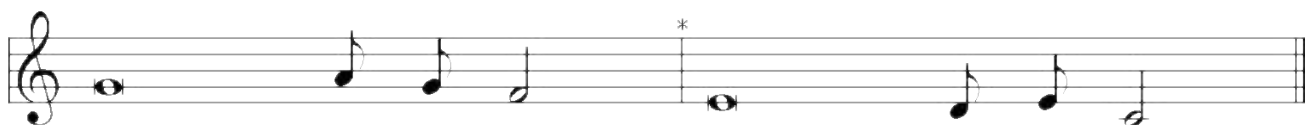


as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men



Give glory to God, our light and our life. Oh, come, let us wor-ship him.

Psalm 13



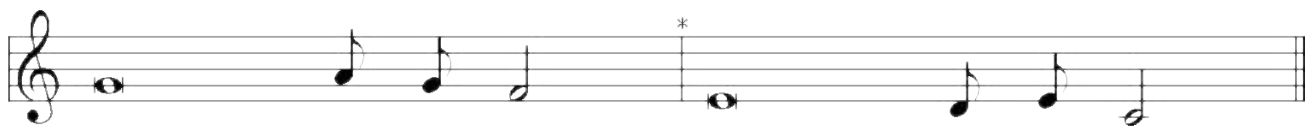
- ¹ How long, O LORD? Will you forget | me forever?*
- How long will you hide your | face from me?
- ² How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart, day | after day?*
- How long shall my enemy triumph | over me?
- ³ Look upon me and answer me, O | LORD my God;*
- give light to my eyes, lest I | sleep in death;
- ⁴ lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed | over him,"*
- and my foes rejoice that | I have fallen.
- ⁵ But I put my trust | in your mercy;*
- my heart is joyful because of your | saving help.
- ⁶ I will sing to the LORD, for he has dealt | with me richly;*
- I will praise the name of the | LORD Most High.

Silence for meditation.

L Lord our God, by the light of the resurrection of your Son you have helped us see that we shall not sleep in death forever. Look upon the sufferings of your Church, so that our hearts may rejoice in your saving help and sing you songs of praise; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

Psalm 147:1–12



- ¹ Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises | to our God!*
- How pleasant it is to honor | him with praise!
- ² The LORD re- | builds Jerusalem;*
- he gathers the ex- | iles of Israel.
- ³ He heals the | brokenhearted*
- and binds | up their wounds.
- ⁴ He counts the number | of the stars*
- and calls them all | by their names.
- ⁵ Great is our Lord and might- | y in power;*
- there is no limit | to his wisdom.
- ⁶ The LORD lifts | up the lowly,*
- but casts the wicked | to the ground.
- ⁷ Sing to the LORD | with thanksgiving;*
- make music to our God up- | on the harp.

- ⁸ He covers the heav- | ens with clouds*
and prepares rain | for the earth;
⁹ he makes grass to grow up- | on the mountains*
and green plants to | serve mankind.
¹⁰ He provides food for | flocks and herds*
and for the young ravens | when they cry.
¹¹ He is not impressed by the might | of a horse,*
he has no pleasure in the strength | of a man;
¹² but the LORD has pleasure in | those who fear him,*
in those who await his | gracious favor.

Silence for meditation.


L God our Father, great builder of the heavenly Jerusalem, you know the number of the stars and call each of them by name. Heal hearts that are broken, gather those who have been scattered, and enrich us all from the plenitude of your eternal wisdom, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

Stand

HYMN

Lord of All Being, Throned Afar | TRURO



1 Lord, of all be-ing throned a - far, Thy glo - ry flames from_ sun and star;
2 Sun of our life, Thy quick-'ning ray Sheds on our path_ the_ glow of day;
3 Our mid-night is Thy smile with-drawn; Our noon-tide is_ Thy_ gra - cious dawn;
4 Lord of all life, be - low, a - bove, Whose light is truth, whose warmth is love,
5 Grant us Thy truth to make us free, And kin-dling hearts that_ burn for Thee,

Cen-ter and soul of ev - 'ry_ sphere, Yet to each lov - ing heart how near.
Star of our hope, Thy sof - tened light Cheers the long watch-es_ of the night.
Our rain-bow arch, Thy mer - cy's_ sign; All save the clouds of_ sin, are Thine.
Be - fore Thy ev - er - blaz-ing_ throne We ask no lus - tre_ of our own.
Till all Thy liv - ing al - tars_ claim One ho - ly light, one heav'n - ly flame.

LESSONS

First Lesson

L The first lesson is from the Book of Genesis, beginning in the ninth chapter.

¹⁸The sons of Noah who went out of the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Ham was the father of Canaan. ¹⁹These three were the sons of Noah; and from these the whole earth was peopled.

²⁰Noah, a man of the soil, was the first to plant a vineyard. ²¹He drank some of the wine and became drunk, and he lay uncovered in his tent. ²²And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside. ²³Then Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and walked backward and covered the nakedness of their father; their faces were turned away, and they did not see their father's nakedness. ²⁴When Noah awoke from his wine and knew what his youngest son had done to him, ²⁵he said,

“Cursed be Canaan;
lowest of slaves shall he be to his brothers.”

²⁶He also said,

“Blessed by the LORD my God be Shem;
and let Canaan be his slave.

²⁷May God make space for Japheth,
and let him live in the tents of Shem;
and let Canaan be his slave.”

²⁸After the flood Noah lived three hundred fifty years. ²⁹All the days of Noah were nine hundred fifty years; and he died.

– Genesis 9:18–29 NRSV

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Silence for meditation.

Second Lesson

L The second lesson is from the Epistle to the Hebrews, beginning in the sixth chapter.

¹Therefore let us go on toward perfection, leaving behind the basic teaching about Christ, and not laying again the foundation: repentance from dead works and faith toward God, ²instruction about baptisms, laying on of hands, resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. ³And we will do this, if God

permits. ⁴For it is impossible to restore again to repentance those who have once been enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit, ⁵and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, ⁶and then have fallen away, since on their own they are crucifying again the Son of God and are holding him up to contempt. ⁷Ground that drinks up the rain falling on it repeatedly, and that produces a crop useful to those for whom it is cultivated, receives a blessing from God. ⁸But if it produces thorns and thistles, it is worthless and on the verge of being cursed; its end is to be burned over.

⁹Even though we speak in this way, beloved, we are confident of better things in your case, things that belong to salvation. ¹⁰For God is not unjust; he will not overlook your work and the love that you showed for his sake in serving the saints, as you still do. ¹¹And we want each one of you to show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope to the very end, ¹²so that you may not become sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

– Hebrews 6:1–12 NRSV

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Silence for meditation.

RESPONSORY

L All of you, clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another.

C Learn from me, says the Lord, for I am gentle and humble in heart.

L For God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

C Learn from me, says the Lord, for I am gentle and humble in heart.

L In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets.

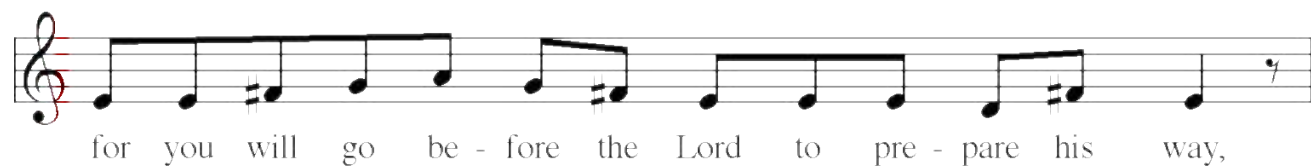
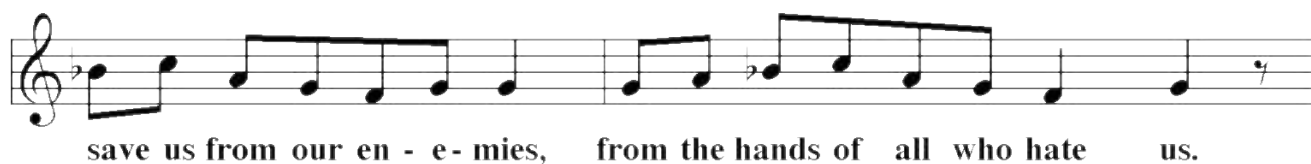
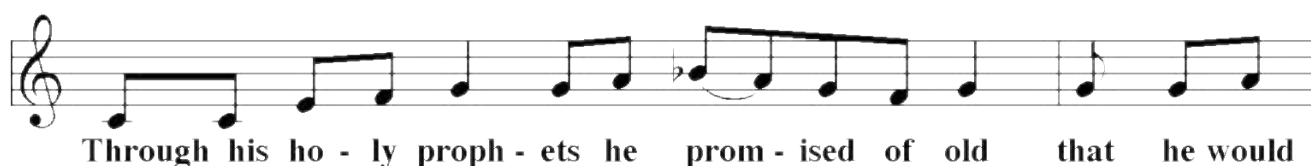
C But now in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.

Stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE



C Bless - ed be the Lord, the God of Is - ra - el; he has
 come to his peo- ple and set them free. He has raised up for us a
 might-y Sav - ior, born of the house of his ser- vant Da - vid.



to give his peo - ple knowl-edge of sal - va - tion by the for - give-ness
of their sins. In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God,
the dawn from on high shall break up - on us,
to shine on those who dwell in dark-ness and the shad - ow of death,
and to guide our feet in - to the way of peace.
G Glo - ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev - er. A - men

PRAYERS

L Let us pray. Grant us, O Lord, to pass this day in gladness and peace, without stumbling and without stain, that reaching the eventide victorious over all temptation through Your ever-present aid, we may praise You, the eternal God, Governor of all things and blessed for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

L Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

L Almighty God, we praise you for the men and women you have sent to call the church to its tasks and renew its life, such as your servants Anthony of Egypt and Pachomius. Raise up in our day teachers and prophets inspired by your Spirit, whose voices will give strength to your Church and proclaim the reality of your kingdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

Other prayers may be said by the leader, the congregation responding, Amen.

Or, members of the congregation may be invited to offer petitions and thanksgivings.

The prayers conclude:

L O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us in safety to this new day; preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome in adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

L Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

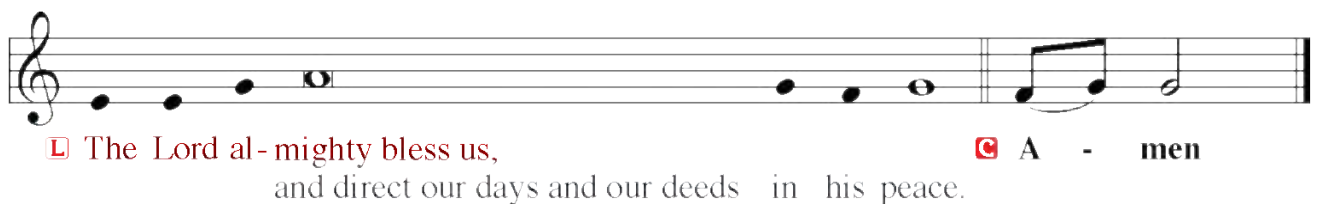
C Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

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



BENEDICTION





Noonday Prayer
Suffrages

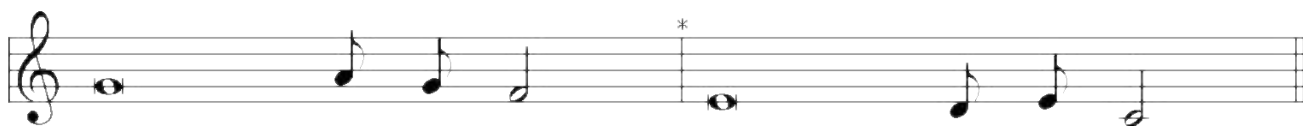
Stand

OPENING VERSICLES

- L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me.
C O Lord, make haste to help me.
L Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
C As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

Sit

PSALMODY
Psalm 119:89–96



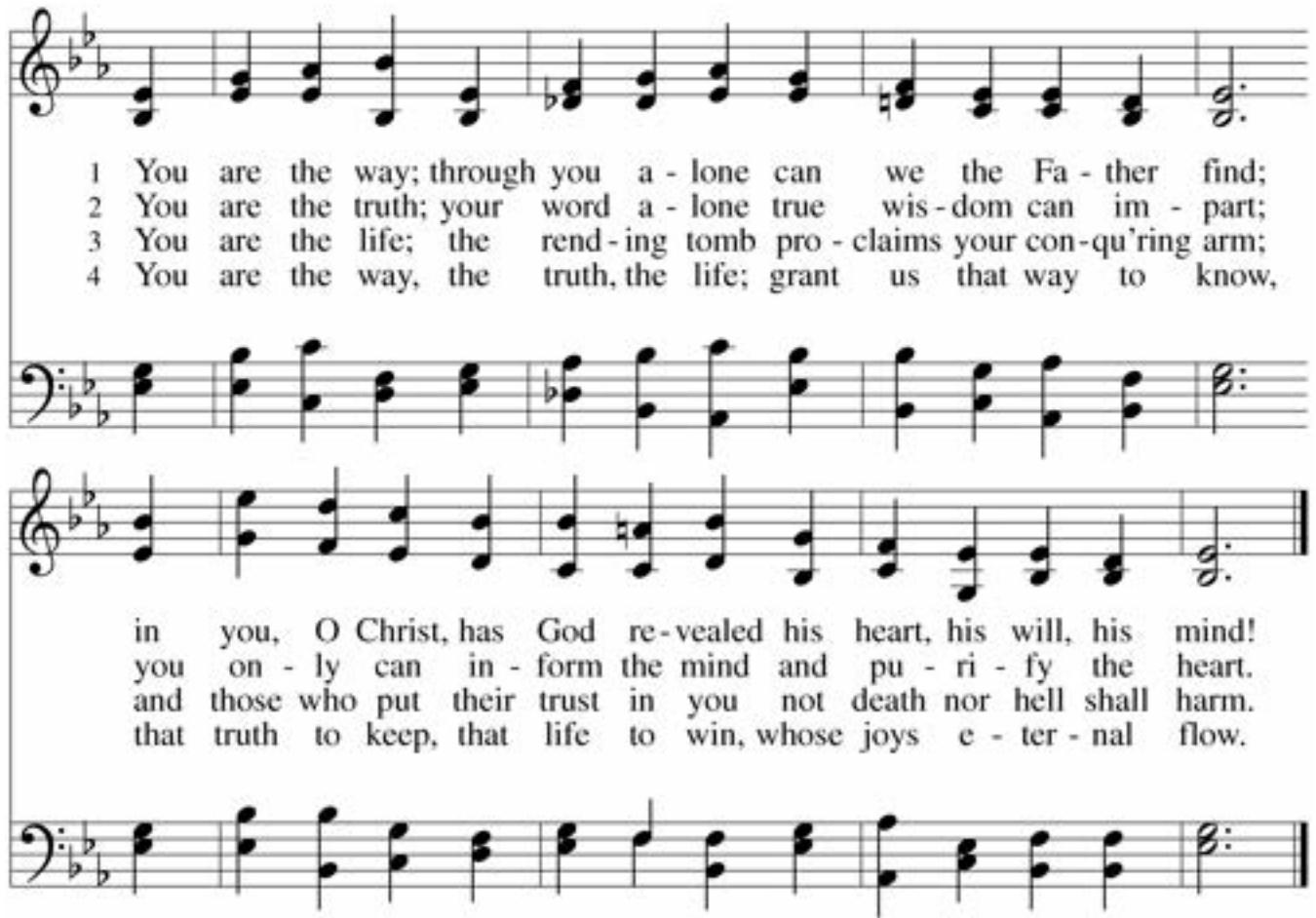
- ⁸⁹ O LORD, your word is | everlasting;*
it stands firm | in the heavens.
- ⁹⁰ Your faithfulness remains from one generation | to another;*
you established the earth, and | it abides.
- ⁹¹ By your decree these continue | to this day,*
for all things | are your servants.
- ⁹² If my delight had not been | in your law,*
I should have perished in | my affliction.
- ⁹³ I will never forget | your commandments,*
because by them you | give me life.
- ⁹⁴ I am yours—oh, that | you would save me!—*
for I study | your commandments.
- ⁹⁵ Though the wicked lie in wait for me | to destroy me,*
I will apply my mind to | your decrees.
- ⁹⁶ I see that all things come | to an end,*
but your commandment | has no bounds.

Silence for meditation.

- L** Lord, you are just and your commandments are eternal. Teach us to love you with all our hearts and to love our neighbor as ourselves, for the sake of Jesus our Lord.
C Amen

Stand

HYMN
You Are the Way | DUNDEE



1 You are the way; through you a - lone can we the Fa - ther find;
2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;
3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,

in you, O Christ, has God re - vealed his heart, his will, his mind!
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

Sit

BRIEF LESSON

L The lesson is from the Book of Isaiah.

³Those of steadfast mind you keep in peace—
in peace because they trust in you.

⁴Trust in the LORD forever,
for in the LORD God
you have an everlasting rock.

– Isaiah 26:3–4 ESV

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Silence for meditation.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

L Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
C have mercy and hear us.

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.
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

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the virgin Mary.
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended into hell.
 On the third day, he rose again.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen

L Show us your mercy, O Lord,
C and grant us your salvation.
L Clothe your ministers with righteousness.
C Let your people sing with joy.
L Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
C for only in you can we live in safety.
L Lord, keep this nation under your care,
C and guide us in the way of justice and truth.
L Let your way be known upon earth;
C your saving health among all nations.
L Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten,
C nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
L Create in us clean hearts, O God,
C and sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

L The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
L Let us pray. Lord God, you showed your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son. As he brought gladness and healing to his people, grant us these same gifts and lead us also to perfect faith in him, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C Amen

L Gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God, at this hour you bore our sins in your own body on the tree so that we, being dead to sin, might live unto righteousness. Have mercy upon us now and at the hour of our death, and grant to us, your servants, with all others who devoutly remember your blessed Passion, a holy and peaceful life in this world and, through your grace, eternal glory in the life to come; where, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, God forever.
C Amen

L Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.
L The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.
C Amen



Evening Prayer

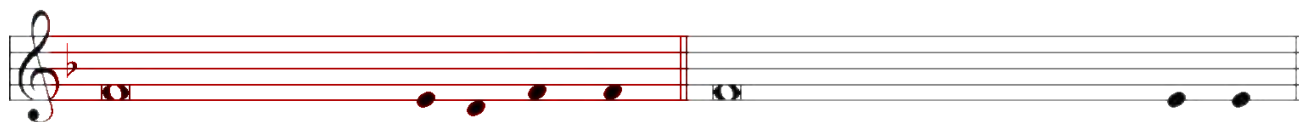
Vespers

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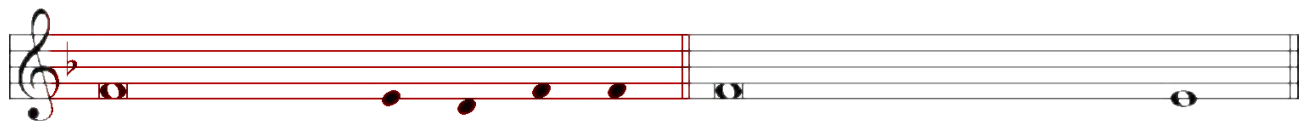
SERVICE OF LIGHT



Jesus Christ is the Light of the world, the light no darkness can over- come.



Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve-ning, and the day is almost o- ver.



Let your light scat- ter the dark-ness, and illumine your Church.



Joy-ous light of glo - ry: of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther;



heav - en - ly, ho - ly, bless - ed Je - sus Christ.



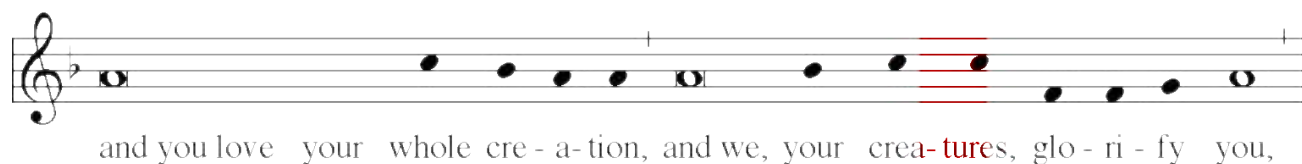
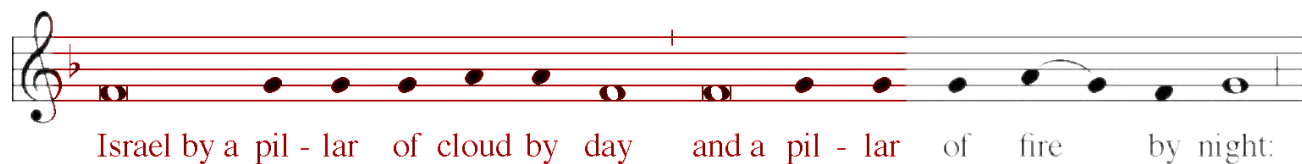
We have come to the set- ting of the sun, and we look to the eve- ning light.



We sing to God, the Fa- ther, Son, and Ho- ly Spir - it: You are wor- thy of



be - ing praised with pure voic - es for - ev - er. O Son of God,



PSALMODY



I Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;



the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac - ri - fice.



I O Lord, I call to you; come to me quick-ly; hear my voice when I cry to you.



II Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;



the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac - ri - fice.



I Set a watch be-fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.



II Let not my heart in-cline to an - y e - vil thing; let me not be oc - cu -



pied in wick-ed-ness with e - vil - do - ers. **I** But my eyes are



turned to you, Lord God; in you I take ref- uge. Strip me not of my life.



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



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



C Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

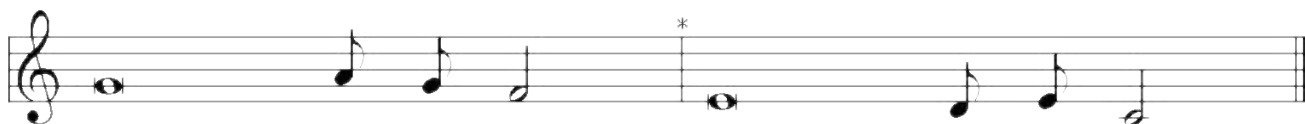
Silence for meditation.

L Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before you, O Lord, and let your lovingkindness descend upon us, that with purified minds we may sing your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host, and may glorify you forever and ever.

C Amen

Sit

Psalm 48



¹ Great is the LORD, and highly | to be praised;*

in the city of our God is his | holy hill.

² Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the | hill of Zion,*

the very center of the world and the city of | the great king.

³ God is in her citadels;*

he is known to be | her sure refuge.

⁴ Behold, the kings of the | earth assembled*

and marched for- | ward together.

⁵ They looked and | were astounded;*

they retreated and | fled in terror.

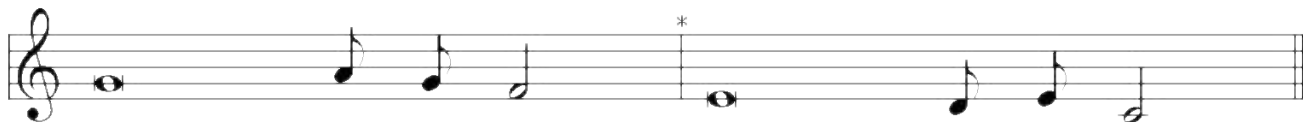
- ⁶ Trembling | seized them there;*
- they writhed like a woman in childbirth, like ships of the sea when the | east wind shatters them.
- ⁷ As we have heard, so have we seen, in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city | of our God;*
- God has established | her forever.
- ⁸ We have waited in silence on your lovingkind- | ness, O God, *
- in the midst | of your temple.
- ⁹ Your praise, like your name, O God, reaches | to the world's end;*
- your right hand is | full of justice.
- ¹⁰ Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities of Ju- | dah rejoice, *
- because | of your judgments.
- ¹¹ Make the circuit of Zion; walk | round about her;*
- count the number | of her towers.
- ¹² Consider well her bulwarks; exam- | ine her strongholds;*
- that you may tell those | who come after.
- ¹³ This God is our God forev- | er and ever;*
- he shall be our guide for- | evermore.

Silence for meditation.

L Father, the body of your risen Son is the temple not made by human hands and the bulwark of the new Jerusalem. Make this holy city, built of living stones, so shine with spiritual radiance that it may show your greatness in the sight of all nations; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

Psalm 4



- ¹ Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause;*
- you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and | hear my prayer.
- ² “You mortals, how long will you dishon- | or my glory;*
- how long will you worship dumb idols and run af- | ter false gods?”
- ³ Know that the LORD does wonders | for the faithful;*
- when I call upon the LORD, | he will hear me.
- ⁴ Tremble, then, and | do not sin;*
- speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed.
- ⁵ Offer the appointed | sacrifices, *
- and put your trust | in the LORD.
- ⁶ Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see | better times!”*
- Lift up the light of your countenance upon | us, O LORD.
- ⁷ You have put gladness | in my heart, *
- more than when grain and wine and | oil increase.

⁸ I lie down in peace; at once I | fall asleep;^{*}
for only you, LORD, make me | dwell in safety.

Silence for meditation.

L Lord, you consoled your Son in his anguish and released him from the darkness of the grave. Turn your face toward us, that we may sleep in your peace and rise in your light; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

Stand

HYMN

O Christ, You Are the Light and Day | CHRISTE, DER DU BIST TAG UND LICHT



1 O Christ, you are the light and day; you drive the gloom of
2 A - rise, O God, our shield, re - pel the darts and sub - tle -
3 All ho - ly Lord, in hum - ble prayer we ask to - night your
4 To God the Fa - ther and the Son and Ho - ly Spir - it,

night a - way; grant, Light of light, your word to
ties of hell; let your right hand, out - stretched a -
watch - ful care and pray that our re - pose may
Three in One, be glo - ry in the high - est

show the light of heav'n to us be - low.
bove, guard those who serve the Lord they love.
be a qui - et night, from per - ils free.
giv'n by all on earth and all in heav'n!

Sit

LESSON

L The lesson is from the Gospel of John, beginning in the third chapter.

²²After this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he spent some time there with them and baptized. ²³John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim because water was abundant there; and people kept coming and were being baptized ²⁴—John, of course, had not yet been thrown into prison.

²⁵Now a discussion about purification arose between John's disciples and a Jew. ²⁶They came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, the one who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you testified, here he is baptizing, and all are going to him." ²⁷John answered, "No one can receive anything except what has been given from heaven. ²⁸You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, 'I am not the Messiah, but I have been sent ahead of him.' ²⁹He who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. For this reason my joy has been fulfilled. ³⁰He must increase, but I must decrease."

³¹The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks about earthly things. The one who comes from heaven is above all. ³²He testifies to what he has seen and heard, yet no one accepts his testimony. ³³Whoever has accepted his testimony has certified this, that God is true. ³⁴He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. ³⁵The Father loves the Son and has placed all things in his hands. ³⁶Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever disobeys the Son will not see life, but must endure God's wrath.

— John 3:22–36 NRSV

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Silence for meditation.

L In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets.

C But now in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.

Stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE



C My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord; my spir- it re- joic- es in



God my Sav-ior, for he has looked with fa- vor on his low- ly ser- vant.



From this day all gen- er - a - tions will call me bless - ed.



The Al- might- y has done great things for me, and ho- ly is his name.

He has mer-cy on those who fear him in ev - 'ry gen - er - a - tion.

He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scat - tered the

proud in their con- ceit. He has cast down the might - y from their thrones,

and has lift - ed up the low - ly. He has filled the

hun - gry with good things, and the rich he has sent a - way emp - ty.

He has come to the help of his ser - vant Is - ra - el,

for he has re - mem - bered his prom - ise of mer - cy, the prom - ise he

made to our fa - thers, to A - bra - ham and his chil - dren for - ev - er.

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

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

PRAYERS

L In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

L 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 mercy.

L For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

L For names, for our bishops, pastors, and deacons in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

L For our public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

L For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

L For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

L For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

L For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the faithful who have gone before us and are at rest, let us give thanks to the Lord.

C Alleluia.

L Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Silence for meditation.

L Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord.

C To you, O Lord.

L O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever.

C Amen

L Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

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.

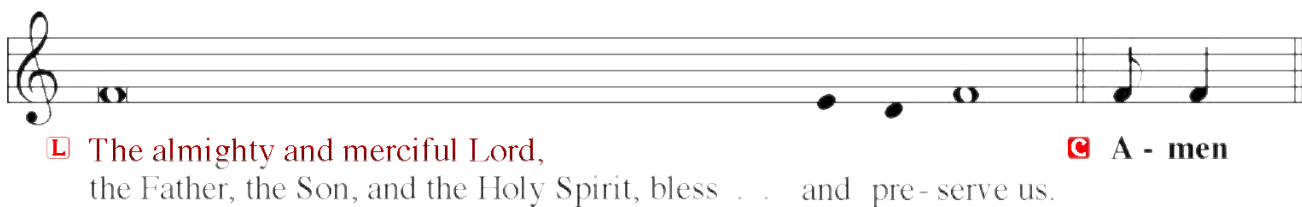
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen

Stand



BENEDICTION





Prayer at the Close of Day

Compline

Stand

OPENING VERSICLES



□ The Lord almighty grant us a qui-et night and peace at the last. ❏ A - men



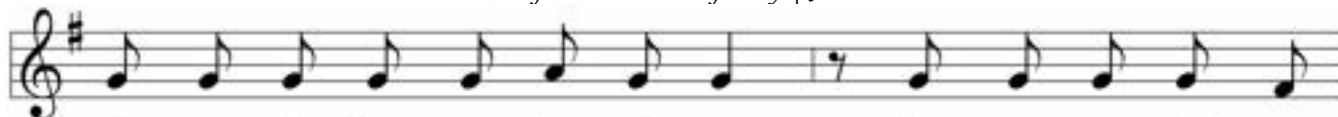
□ It is good to give thanks to the Lord, ❏ to sing praise to your name, O Most High;



□ to herald your love in the morning, ❏ your truth at the close of the day.

NIGHT HYMN (LBW N° 277)

To You, Before the Close of Day | JAM LUCIS



1 To you, be - fore the close of day, Cre - a - tor of the
2 From e - vil dreams de - fend our sight, from all the ter - rors
3 O Fa - ther, this we ask be done through Je - sus Christ, your



world, we pray! Your grace and peace to us al - low
of the night, from all de - lud - ing thoughts that creep
on - ly Son, who with the Ho - ly Ghost and you



and be our guard and keep - er now.
on heed - less minds dis - armed by sleep.
shall live and reign all a - ges through. A - men

CONFESSION

L Holy and gracious God,

C I confess that I have sinned against you this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me, that I may rest in peace.

L By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. We rest now in his peace and rise in the morning to serve him.

L I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen

C The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen

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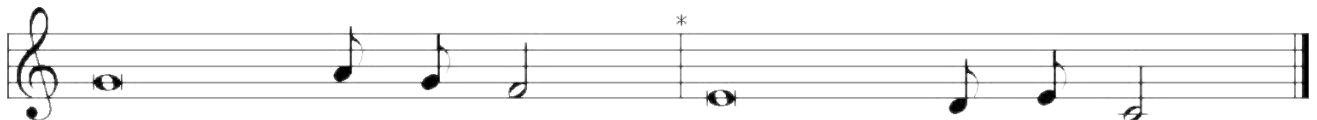
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L The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen

Sit

PSALMODY

Psalm 91



¹ He who dwells in the shelter of | the Most High,*
abides under the shadow of | the Almighty.

² He shall say to the LORD, "You are my refuge | and my stronghold,*
my God in whom I | put my trust."

- ³ He shall deliver you from the snare | of the hunter*
and from the | deadly pestilence.
- ⁴ He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge un- | der his wings;*
his faithfulness shall be a | shield and buckler.
- ⁵ You shall not be afraid of any ter- | ror by night,*
nor of the arrow that | flies by day;
- ⁶ of the plague that stalks | in the darkness,*
nor of the sickness that lays | waste at midday.
- ⁷ A thousand shall fall at your side and ten thousand at | your right hand,*
but it shall | not come near you.
- ⁸ Your eyes have only | to behold*
to see the reward | of the wicked.
- ⁹ Because you have made the | Lord your refuge,*
and the Most High your | habitation,
- ¹⁰ there shall no evil hap- | pen to you,*
neither shall any plague come | near your dwelling.
- ¹¹ For he shall give his angels charge | over you,*
to keep you in | all your ways.
- ¹² They shall bear you | in their hands,*
lest you dash your foot a- | gainst a stone.
- ¹³ You shall tread upon the li- | on and the adder,*
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent un- | der your feet.
- ¹⁴ Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I de- | liver him;*
I will protect him, because he | knows my name.
- ¹⁵ He shall call upon me, and I will | answer him;*
I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring | him to honor.
- ¹⁶ With long life will I sat- | isfy him,*
and show him | my salvation.

Silence for meditation.

L Lord Jesus Christ, when tempted by the devil, you remained true to your Father, who commanded his angels to watch over you. Guard your Church from the plague of sin, so that we may remain faithful to you until the day when we enjoy the fullness of your salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen

BRIEF LESSON

One or more of the following are read.

You are in our midst, O LORD, and you have named us yours; do not forsake us, O LORD our God.

– Jeremiah 14:9

Come to me, all whose work is hard, whose load is heavy, and I will give you rest. Bend your necks to my yoke, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble-hearted; and you will find rest. For my yoke is good to bear, my load is light.

– Matthew 11:28–30

Peace is my parting gift to you, my own peace, such as the world cannot give. Set your troubled hearts at rest, and banish your fears.

– John 14:27

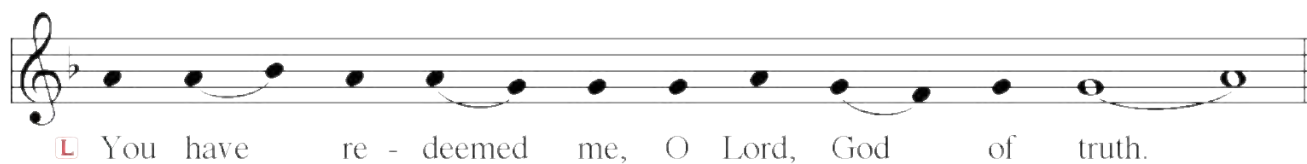
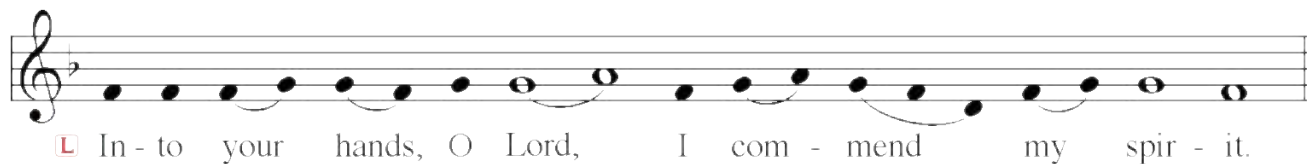
I am convinced that there is nothing in death or life, in the realm of spirits or superhuman powers, in the world as it is or the world as it shall be, in the forces of the universe, in heights or depths—nothing in all creation that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

– Romans 8:38–39

Humble yourselves under God's mighty hand and he will lift you up in due time. Cast all your cares on him, for you are his charge. Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith.

– 1 Peter 5:6–9a

RESPONSORY





Glory to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

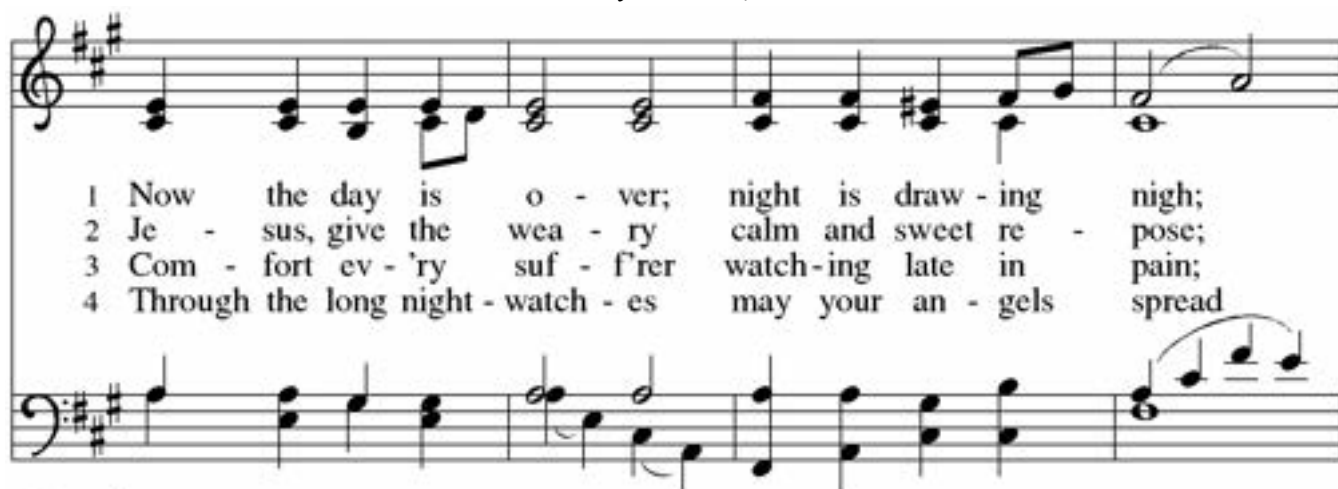


In - to your hands I com - mend my spir - it.

Stand

HYMN (LBW N° 280)

Now the Day Is Over | MERRIAL



1 Now the day is o - ver; night is draw - ing nigh;
 2 Je - sus, give the wea - ry calm and sweet re - pose;
 3 Com - fort ev - 'ry suf - f'rer watch - ing late in pain;
 4 Through the long night - watch - es may your an - gels spread



shad - ows of the eve - ning steal a - cross the sky.
 with your ten - d'rest bless - ing may our eye - lids close.
 those who plan some e - vil, from their sin re - strain.
 their bright wings a - bove me, watch - ing round my bed.

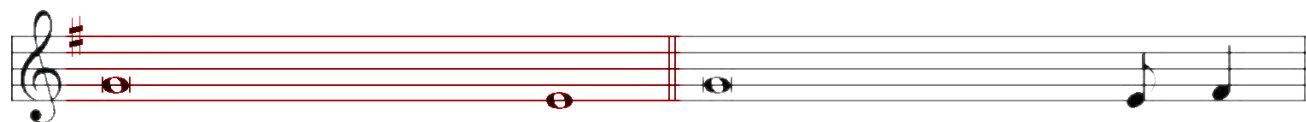
5 When the morning wakens,
 then may I arise
 pure and fresh and sinless
 in your holy eyes.

6 Glory to the Father,
 glory to the Son,
 and to you, blest Spirit,
 while the ages run.

PRAYERS



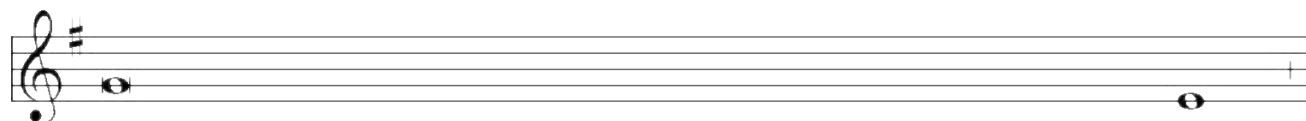
□ Hear my prayer, O Lord; ◻ listen to my cry.



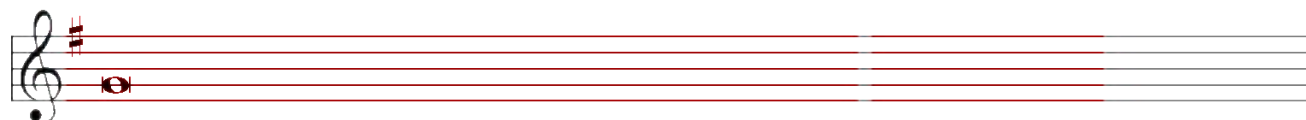
□ Keep me as the apple of your eye; ◻ hide me in the shadow of your wings.



□ In righteousness I shall see you; ◻ when I awake,
your presence will give me joy.



□ Be present, merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night,



so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of life



may find our rest in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ◻ A - men

- ◻ 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

Stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE



Guide us wak - ing, O Lord, and guard us sleep - ing;



that a-wake we may watch with Christ and a-sleep we may rest in peace.



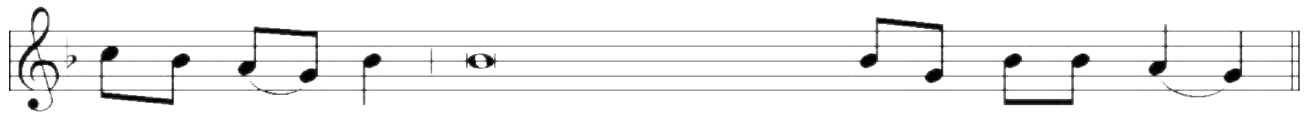
Lord, now you let your ser-vant go in peace; your word has been ful - filled.



My own eyes have seen the sal-va - tion which you have prepared



in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to reveal you



to the na - tions and the glory of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.



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



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



Guide us wak - ing, O Lord, and guard us sleep - ing;



that a-wake we may watch with Christ and a-sleep we may rest in peace.

BENEDICTION

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□ The almighty and merciful Lord, the Fa - ther, the Son, and

the Holy Spir - it, bless us and keep us. □ A - men

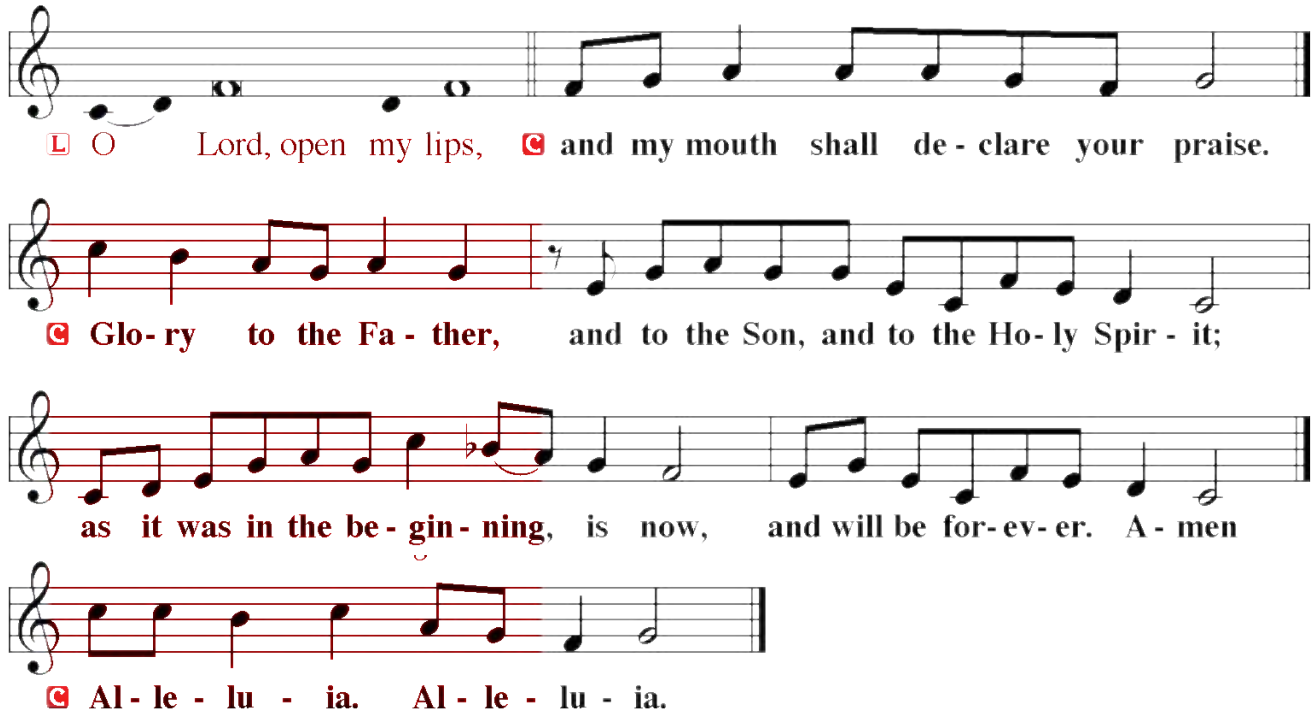
Thursday, January 18
THE CONFESSION OF ST. PETER



Morning Prayer
Matins

Stand

OPENING VERSICLES



L O Lord, open my lips, **C** and my mouth shall de - clare your praise.

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

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

C Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PSALMODY
Psalm 95



L Give glory to God, our light and our life. **C** Oh, come, let us wor - ship him.

C Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our sal -

va - tion. **I** Let us come be - fore his pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. **II** For the Lord is a great God

and a great king a-bove all gods. **I** In his hand are the caverns of the earth;

the heights of the hills are al - so his. **II** The sea is his, for he made it;

and his hands have mold-ed the dry land. **I** Oh, come, let us bow

down and bend the knee, and kneel be-fore the Lord, our mak-er. **II** For he

is our God, and we are the people of his pas-ture and the sheep of his hand.

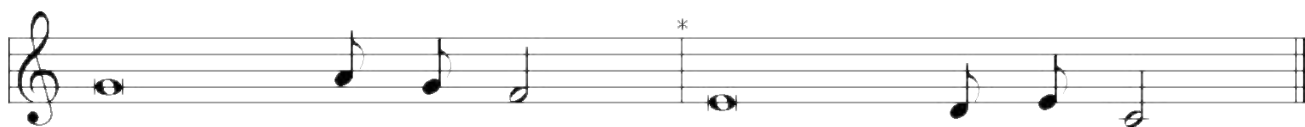
G Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir - it;

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

L Give glory to God, our light and our life. **G** Oh, come, let us wor-ship him.

Sit

Psalm 36



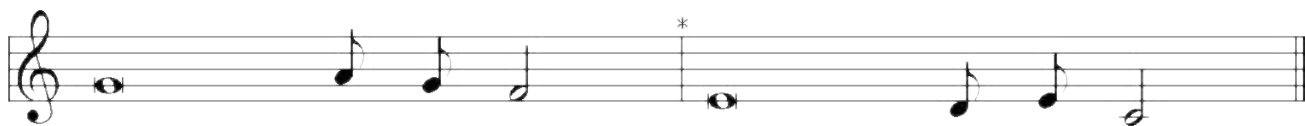
- ¹ There is a voice of rebellion deep in the heart | of the wicked;*
there is no fear of God be- | fore his eyes.
- ² He flatters himself in | his own eyes*
that his hateful sin will not | be found out.
- ³ The words of his mouth are wicked | and deceitful;*
he has left off acting wisely and | doing good.
- ⁴ He thinks up wickedness upon his bed and has set himself in | no good way;*
he does not abhor that | which is evil.
- ⁵ Your love, O LORD, reaches | to the heavens,*
and your faithfulness | to the clouds.
- ⁶ Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like | the great deep;*
you save both man and | beast, O LORD.
- ⁷ How priceless is your | love, O God!*
Your people take refuge under the shadow | of your wings.
- ⁸ They feast upon the abundance | of your house;*
you give them drink from the river of | your delights.
- ⁹ For with you is the | well of life,*
and in your light | we see light.
- ¹⁰ Continue your lovingkindness to | those who know you,*
and your favor to those who are | true of heart.
- ¹¹ Let not the foot of the | proud come near me,*
nor the hand of the wicked push | me aside.
- ¹² See how they are fallen, those | who work wickedness!*
They are cast down and shall not be a- | ble to rise.

Silence for meditation.

L Lord God, source of light and life, by the light of your truth let the virtuous know your goodness and sinners feel your mercy, so that together they may drink from your river of delight and rejoice now and ever in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

Psalm 147:13–21



- ¹³ Worship the LORD, | O Jerusalem;*
praise your | God, O Zion;

- ¹⁴ for he has strengthened the bars | of your gates; *
 he has blessed your chil- | dren within you.
- ¹⁵ He has established peace | on your borders; *
 he satisfies you with the | finest wheat.
- ¹⁶ He sends out his command | to the earth, *
 and his word runs | very swiftly.
- ¹⁷ He gives | snow like wool; *
 he scatters hoar- | frost like ashes.
- ¹⁸ He scatters his | hail like bread crumbs. *
 Who can stand a- | gainst his cold?
- ¹⁹ He sends forth his | word and melts them; *
 he blows with his wind, and the | waters flow.
- ²⁰ He declares his | word to Jacob, *
 his statutes and his judg- | ments to Israel.
- ²¹ He has not done so to any | other nation; *
 to them he has not revealed his judgments. | Hallelujah!

Silence for meditation.

L God our Father, great builder of the heavenly Jerusalem, you know the number of the stars and call each of them by name. Heal hearts that are broken, gather those who have been scattered, and enrich us all from the plenitude of your eternal wisdom, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

Stand

HYMN

O Splendor of the Father's Light | SPLENDOR PATERNÆ



1 O Splen - dor of the Fa - ther's light that makes our day - light lu - cid,
 2 O Fa - ther, fash - ion love in us; drive en - vy from the en - vi -
 3 True Sun, break out on earth and shine in ra - diance with your light di -
 4 The Fa - ther sends his Son, our Lord, to be his bright and shin - ing



bright;
 ous;
 vine;
 Word;
 O Light of light and sun of day,
 and may you pros - per all our days
 by daz - zling of your Spir - it's might,
 come, Lord, ride out your gleam - ing course



Sit

LESSONS

First Lesson

L The first lesson is from the Book of Ezekiel, beginning in the thirty-fourth chapter.

¹¹For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

– Ezekiel 34:11–16 NRSV

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Silence for meditation.

Second Lesson

L The second lesson is from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles, beginning in the tenth chapter.

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to

testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word.

– Acts 10:34–44 NRSV

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Silence for meditation.

RESPONSORY

L This is the message that we have heard from the beginning:

C That we should love one another.

L Christ is our peace, who has made us one:

C He has broken down the barriers which divided us.

L In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets.

C But now in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.

Stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE



B Bless - ed be the Lord, the God of Is - ra - el; he has
come to his peo- ple and set them free. He has raised up for us a
might- y Sav - ior, born of the house of his ser- vant Da - vid.
Through his ho - ly proph - ets he prom - ised of old that he would
save us from our en - e - mies, from the hands of all who hate us.

He prom-ised to show mer-cy to our fa - thers and to re -

mem-ber his ho - ly cov - e - nant. This was the oath he swore to our

fa - ther A - bra-ham: to set us free from the hands of our

en - e - mies, free to wor - ship him with - out fear,

ho - ly and righ-teous in his sight all the days of our life.

L You, my child, shall be called the proph - et of the Most High,

for you will go be - fore the Lord to pre - pare his way,

to give his peo - ple knowl-edge of sal - va - tion by the for - give-ness

of their sins. In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God,

the dawn from on high shall break up - on us,
to shine on those who dwell in dark-ness and the shad - ow of death,
and to guide our feet in - to the way of peace.
C Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men

PRAYERS

L Let us pray.

L Almighty God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ did give thine Apostle Saint Peter many excellent gifts, and commanded him to earnestly feed thy flock: Grant that thy Church may be ordered by faithful and true pastors, and obediently walk according to thy will; first among the apostles, to confess Jesus as Messiah and Son of the living God: through the same Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

OR

L Almighty God, who inspired Simon Peter, first among the apostles, to confess Jesus as Messiah and Son of the living God: Keep your Church steadfast upon the rock of this faith, so that in unity and peace we may proclaim one truth and follow the one Lord, our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Other prayers may be said by the leader, the congregation responding, Amen.

Or, members of the congregation may be invited to offer petitions and thanksgivings.

The prayers conclude:

L O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us in safety to this new day; preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome in adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

L Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

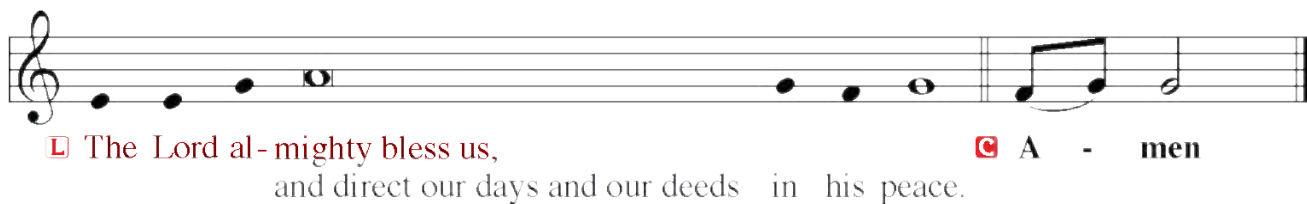
C Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

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



BENEDICTION





Closing Service of Holy Communion
with the Blessing of Oils

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Stand

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

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have 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

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

OR

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

Stand

ENTRANCE HYMN (LBW N° 400)
God, Whose Almighty Word | ITALIAN HYMN



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
2 Lord, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
wis - dom, love, might! Bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in




gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray,
in - ly blind: oh, now to hu - man - kind let there be light!
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide,

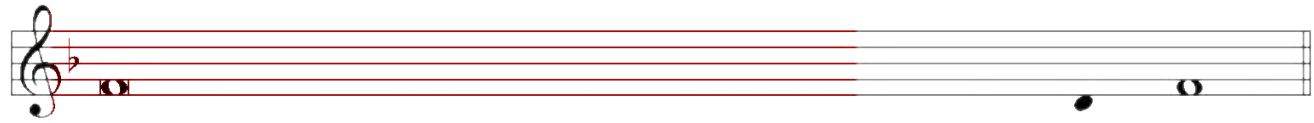
APOSTOLIC GREETING

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C And also with you.


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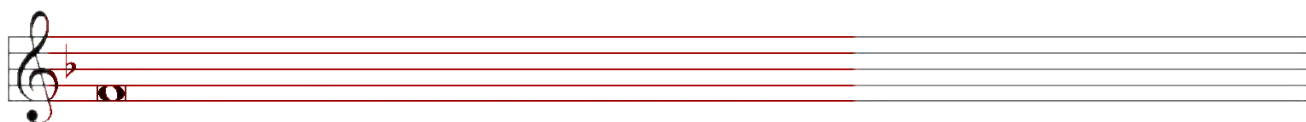
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



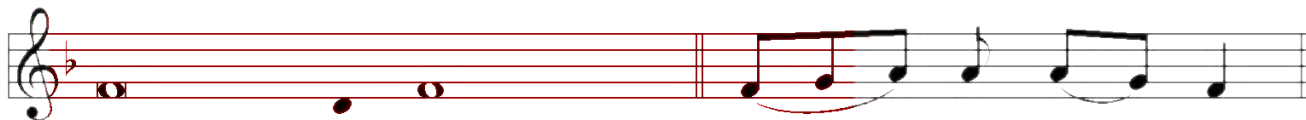
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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.



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

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, who inspired Simon Peter, first among the apostles, to confess Jesus as Messiah and Son of the living God: Keep your Church steadfast upon the rock of this faith, so that in unity and peace we may proclaim one truth and follow the one Lord, our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

LESSONS

First Lesson

L The first lesson is from the fourth chapter of the Book of the Acts of the Apostles.

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.’

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

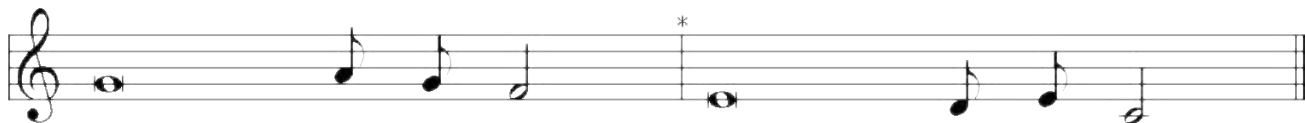
¹³Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognized them as companions of Jesus.

– Acts 4:8–13 NRSV

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 18:1–7, 17–20



¹ I love you, O | LORD my strength,*

O LORD my stronghold, my crag, | and my haven.

² My God, my rock in whom I | put my trust,*

my shield, the horn of my salvation, and my refuge: You are worth- | y of praise.

³ I will call up- | on the LORD,*

and so shall I be saved | from my enemies.

⁴ The breakers of death rolled | over me,*

and the torrents of oblivion made | me afraid.

⁵ The cords of hell en- | tangled me,*

and the snares of death were | set for me.

⁶ I called upon the LORD in | my distress*

and cried out to my | God for help.

- ⁷ He heard my voice from his heav- | enly dwelling; *
 my cry of anguish came | to his ears.
- ¹⁷ He reached down from on | high and grasped me; *
 he drew me out | of great waters.
- ¹⁸ He delivered me from my strong enemies and from those who | hated me, *
 for they were too might- | y for me.
- ¹⁹ They confronted me in the day of | my disaster; *
 but the LORD was | my support.
- ²⁰ He brought me out into an | open place; *
 he rescued me because he delight- | ed in me.

Second Lesson

L The second lesson is from the tenth chapter of Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians.

¹I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

– 1 Corinthians 10:1–5 NRSV

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel

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.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.



¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

– Matthew 16:13–19 NRSV

P The Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

SERMON

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Silence for meditation.

HYMN (LBW N° 345)

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds | ST. PETER



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in
 2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole and
 3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, my
 4 By thee my prayers ac - cep - tance gain al -



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
 calms the heart's un - rest; 'tis man - na to the
 shield and hid - ing place; my nev - er - fail - ing
 though with sin de - filed. The dev - il charg - es



heals our wounds, and drives a - way all fear.
 hun - gry soul and to the wea - ry, rest.
 trea - sury, filled with bound - less stores of grace.
 me in vain, and I am owned a child.

5 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,
 my prophet, priest, and king,
 my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
 accept the praise I bring.

6 How weak the effort of my heart,
 how cold my warmest thought;
 but when I see thee as thou art,
 I'll praise thee as I ought.

7 Till then I would thy love proclaim
 with every fleeting breath;
 and may the music of thy name
 refresh my soul in death!

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day, he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.
C And also with you.

After each portion of the prayers:

A Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Sit

BLESSING OF THE OILS
Oil for Chrism & Oil for Healing

B Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
C who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.

A The oil for the anointing of the sick and dying.

B Blessed are you, sovereign God, gentle and merciful, creator of heaven and earth. Your Word brought light out of darkness, and daily your Spirit renews the face of the earth. Your anointed Son brought healing to those in weakness and distress. He broke the power of evil and set us free from sin and death that we might praise you name forever. By the power of your Spirit may your blessing rest on those who are anointed with this oil in your name; may they be made whole in body, mind, and spirit, restored in your image, renewed in your love, and serve you as sons and daughters in your kingdom.

C Blessed be God for ever.

A The oil for the signing with the cross at baptism.

B Blessed are you, sovereign God, the protector of all who believe in you. Your anointed Son overcame the powers of evil when he was lifted high upon the cross. By the power of your Spirit may your blessing rest on those who are anointed with this oil in your name; as they come to the waters of baptism, may it be for them a sign of your defense in their fight against sin, the world, and the devil, and bring them to share Christ's victory.

C Blessed be God for ever.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Blessed are you,

C O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The ministers make ready the bread and wine.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Dialog

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Give us this day our daily bread;


and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

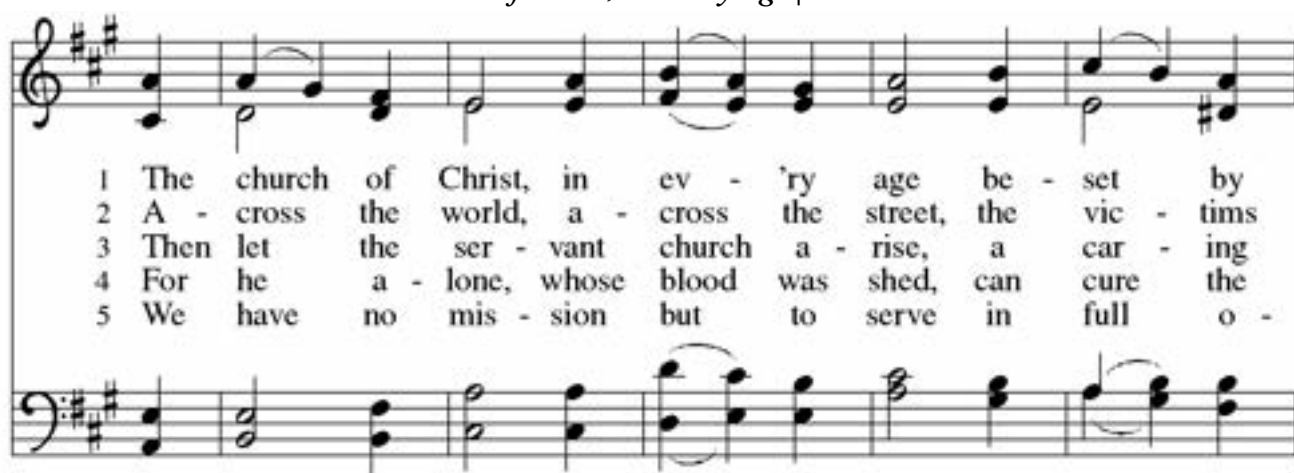
and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen

Lamb of God

 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
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN (LBW N° 433)
The Church of Christ, In Every Age | WAREHAM



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
 4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
 be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

COMMUNION HYMN (LBW N° 370)

Blest Be the Tie That Binds | DENNIS



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A We give you thanks, Almighty God, you almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING HYMN (LBW N° 369)
The Church's One Foundation | AURELIA

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

RECOGNITIONS—ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

65 Years

The Rev. Theodore C. Ager
The Rev. N. Dean Haferman
The Rev. Edwin D. Peterman
The Rev. Brooke J. Walker

55 Years

The Rev. David H. Andreae
The Rev. Gerhardt A. Gosnell
The Rev. Harvey S. Mozolak
The Rev. Thomas A. Nibbe

50 Years

The Rev. Steven L. Dornbusch
The Rev. David Michael McGettigan
The Rev. Gerald A. Miller
The Rev. Douglas Gregg Moffat
The Rev. James E. Reiff

45 Years

The Rev. James C. Bangsund
The Rev. Rolf Olson Bjornstad
The Rev. Erik E. Johnson
The Rev. Paul L. Larson
The Rev. James T. Lehmann
The Rev. Thomas John Lurvey
The Rev. Duane P. Marburger
The Rev. Dennis H. Meyer
The Rev. Daniel M. Powell
The Rev. Jan R. Putnam
The Rev. Carl L. M. Rasmussen
The Rev. Jerry L. Rhea
The Rev. Mark E. Sabin
The Rev. Karl A. Schoch
The Rev. Brian F. Shirey
The Rev. R. Dawson Tornes

40 Years

The Rev. Alan L. Baglien
The Rev. Richard Barnes

The Rev. Mark D. Booster
The Rev. B. A. Christ
The Rev. Stephen P. Cowen
The Rev. Mark J. Daniels
The Rev. Peter DeBartolo Sr.
The Rev. Randall Eisenbeisz
The Rev. Nathan J. Hanson
The Rev. Roger A. Herrig
The Rev. Brian H. Hughes
The Rev. Keith G. Less
The Rev. David M. Phillips
The Rev. Pedro Portillo
The Rev. Amy C. Schiffrin
The Rev. William Schmidt
The Rev. David B. Tholstrup

35 Years

The Rev. Gary H. Aicken
The Rev. Paul E. Austin
The Rev. David J. Baer
The Rev. Thomas A. Curry
The Rev. Teshome Tesfaye Deingede
The Rev. Arlyn Howard Eisenbrandt
The Rev. Zeleke Yimer Gesesse
The Rev. Amy Jacqueline Godshall-Miller
The Rev. Jeffray S. Greene
The Rev. Patrick L. Hall
The Rev. Sang-geun Kim
The Rev. Michael M. Knauff
The Rev. Jeffrey A. Morlock
The Rev. Dawn Lee Nelson
The Rev. James Pearson
The Rev. Steven J. Qualben
The Rev. Mary Ann Schave
The Rev. Allen W. Schoonover
The Rev. Michael R. Struck
The Rev. David M. Taylor
The Rev. Barbara M. Wills

30 Years

The Rev. David A. Charlton

The Rev. Norman E. Dew
The Rev. Bradley Joseph Hales
The Rev. Charles C. Jackson
The Rev. Andrew W. Jones
The Rev. Herbert Gene Kitzman
The Rev. Sally M. Meyer
The Rev. Karen Tamorria

25 Years

The Rev. Philip J. Hohulin
The Rev. Kent William Hollis
The Rev. William E. Maki
The Rev. Christian B. Meier
The Rev. Elden Simonson
The Rev. Jeanette M. Thorp
The Rev. Gregory George Wallace

20 Years

The Rev. Judith Ann Bangsund
The Rev. Jason D. Cooper
The Rev. Paul David Hansen
The Rev. Brett I. Jenkins
The Rev. Janice M. Kelly
The Rev. G. William Lundgren
The Rev. Blaine A. MacNeil
The Rev. Lenae C. Rasmussen
The Rev. Richard Tomlinson
The Rev. Stephan Turnbull

RECOGNITIONS—CONGREGATIONAL ANNIVERSARIES

250 Years

1774 Union Lutheran Church, Salisbury, NC

200 Years

1824 St. Mark Lutheran Church, Adrian, PA

1824 St. John's Lutheran Church, Kittanning, PA

1824 St. Mark's Ev. Lutheran Church, Middleburgh, NY

175 Years

1849 St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Grove City, OH

1849 Dunmyer Lutheran Church, Johnstown, PA

1849 Zion Lutheran Church, Saint Marys, OH

150 Years

1874 Ascension Lutheran Church, Shiocton, WI

1874 Immanuel Lutheran Church, Thomasboro, IL

1874 St. Paul's Lutheran Church, West Falls, NY

1874 Salem Ev. Lutheran Church, Axtell, KS

1874 St. John's Lutheran Church, Danforth, IL

1874 St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Hooversville, PA

125 Years

1899 Faith Ev. Lutheran Church, Faith, NC

1899 Samhold Lutheran Church, Gonvick, MN

1899 Mayer Memorial Lutheran Church, Newberry, SC

1899 First Ev. Lutheran Church, Floresville, TX

1899 Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Gastonia, NC

100 Years

1924 Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Troutman, NC

1924 St. Luke Lutheran Church, Bloomsburg, PA



WE BELONG
"I KNOW MY OWN AND MY OWN KNOW ME"

July 1-4, 2024 | Boerne, TX

WHAT IS THE NALC CONTINENTAL YOUTH GATHERING (CYG)? The CYG is a four-day event that will provide opportunities for Lutheran youth to not only grow in their faith, but to be encouraged by connecting with other believers throughout North America! This is the first year we are hosting the CYG, and we are excited for all that's in store. Throughout the event, youth, leaders, and volunteers will join in corporate worship, study God's Word, engage in large and small group sessions, reach out to the community through mission events, and engage in fellowship and fun.

WHY IS THE GATHERING CALLED "WE BELONG"? As Christians, we belong to Christ, we belong to the Church, we belong to the Community, and we belong to each other.

WHO CAN ATTEND THE GATHERING? Youth ages 12-18 as of June 2024 are welcome to attend the gathering as participants. Adults (ages 25+) are able to attend the gathering as Home Team leaders. Young adult volunteers (ages 19-24) are able to serve as Leaders in Training (LITs). **LITs need to apply by February 1st, 2024.**

HOW MUCH WILL THE CYG COST? Youth and team leaders pay a subsidized rate of \$250.00 per person, which includes the program costs, supplies, t-shirts, drawstring bags, excursions, missions, most food, and transportation during the CYG. Transportation costs and accommodation expenses are not included.

HOW CAN WE REDUCE THE COST FOR OUR CHURCHES?

- Fundraise through events like car washes, bake sales, etc.
- Check out the Free Host Homes that are still available thanks to the kind people at St. John Lutheran Church in Boerne, TX.
- Talk to your Mission District. Some Mission Districts are helping with the cost of transportation. Others are getting together to rent a bus. Talk to your dean, find out what is happening in your area.

- Thrivent Cards. Every Thrivent member in your congregation is eligible to apply for two \$250 grants from Thrivent per year. One can be used for events like this. Ask people to apply for a grant for your team's food or lodging expenses. Check out Thrivent's website for application deadlines.
www.thrivent.com

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WHAT IS THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE? You must have your whole Home Team registered online no later than **April 15, 2024**.

STILL GOT QUESTIONS? Join Pastor Teresa Peters and Melanie Corn for a Zoom information session on February 12th at either 11:00 am or 7:00 pm CT, or visit thenalc.org/cyg for more information. Email tpeters@thenalc.org for the Zoom link.

NALS JUNE INTERTERM 2024

JUNE 10-14, 2024

WORD AND SACRAMENT MISSION

IN A POST-CHRISTIAN WORLD



What does it mean for the church to engage in effective mission within the context of a world that is rapidly secularizing, and increasingly post-Christian? How can we reach out more intentionally to the communities God has called us to serve without compromising our Gospel commitment to the centrality of Word and Sacrament ministry?

Join us this summer in Ambridge for an engaging classroom experience as we meditate upon what it means for the NALC to be "mission driven" at such a time as this. Our professor for this course is the Rev. Canon Dr. Dan Alger, a seasoned pastor, an experienced church planter, and celebrated author of the recent book *Word and Sacrament: Ancient Traditions for Modern Church Planting*. The final day of course content and discussion groups throughout the week will be facilitated by pastors from the NALC with a passion for mission within our contemporary context. Auditors and pastors seeking continuing education opportunities are most welcome!

SAVE THE DATE! REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 25TH

www.thenals.org/interterm