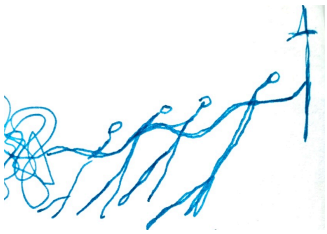
THE EMMAUS MANUAL *a simple life with this Good News*



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Three times a day: morning, afternoon, evening:
A liturgy I do always, a lectio when I can,
a litany when I get stuck, a lament to start again
This is my only goal, this is my master plan
A little way to be with Jesus any way I can
I mumble and I color, I walk and I wail,
I get myself back on the bread crumb trail

WHAT THE GOOD NEWS

What is the Gospel and how do we live as if it's true?
The *Good News,* as simply as I know it can be said, is this:

That Christ died and rose for us.
That His Dying and Rising
is the free gift of Himself
and the only thing that makes things right,
The things between God, ourselves, and each other.

That is what the Good News is.
And this Good News is not just information,
but the light that reveals Him
and the bread by which He gives Himself to us.
Good News reveals Jesus and gives Jesus to us,
Because of this, we can also say,
Good News is how He draws us to Himself,
To all the good things Christ Himself is,
And the small good things we offer in His Name

Because we often can't make things right
Or figure things out, life often feels impossible,
and the way is blocked except for our share in Christ's own life,
and we share in Christ's own life by this Good News.

Put another way,
The victory over sin, death, and the devil
Is in His Death and Resurrection.
Christ died and rose for us
and we die and rise with Him
when we hear this Good News.

Part of what this Good News is is where this Good News Comes from.
It is the Good News of what God has done in Christ.
It is a revelation of God the Father's own heart of Mercy
in the Death and Resurrection of the Son.
We have the love of God in the person of Christ.

His steadfast love, His involvement,
His power to make things right

WHAT THE GOOD NEWS MEANS FOR US

That is what the Good News *is*, and where it comes *from,*

but there is also *what this Good News means for us.*

The same Good News that reveals Jesus
And gives Jesus to us pours out the
The gifts we now have in His Name:
The power of His Forgiveness, through the work of His Spirit
And in the building of His Fellowship
The gifts by which we can say He is our God
And we are His people.

The forgiveness of sins by which we die with Him,
the gift of the Holy Spirit by which we rise with Him.
By the power of His Forgiveness, through the work ofHis Spirit,
We become a part of His Fellowship as we wait for His Return.

Victory over sin, death, and the devil
Is in His Death and Resurrection,
Christ died and rose for us, and we die and rise with Him
when we hear this Good News,
receiving the forgiveness of sin and the gift of the Holy Spirit.
Because, somehow,
To receive His Forgiveness is to die with Him,
to be led by His Spirit is to rise with Him,

The forgiveness of sins is not merely a transaction,
telling us we're no longer in trouble.
The forgiveness of sin is how He reveals Himself to us,
and gives Himself to us. It is who He is for us.
The forgiveness of sins is how we know Him
And how we are changed by Him most deeply.
By the forgiveness of sin we receive Christ
and are cleansed of pride and lies.
The forgiveness of sins is how we trust in Him most deeply.
The forgiveness of sins is the end of making things right:
Instead we trust in the one who makes things right.

To receive the Forgiveness of Sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit and to be restored to His Fellowship is another way of Talking about Our Salvation. And Our Salvation is another Way of talking about how to be okay.

WHAT GOOD NEWS DOES TO US

The question is not only what the Good News is,
what it *means for us (our salvation),*
but also what *Good News does to us.*
In short, Good News gives us a New Heart

Christ died and rose for us, and we die and rise with Him
when we hear this Good News,
receiving the forgiveness of sin and the gift of the Holy Spirit.
The forgiveness of sin by which we die with Him,
the gift of the Holy Spirit by which we rise with Him.

There is something in us that always wants to prove ourselves,
protect ourselves, to take things back and make things right
and get out of trouble. To get even and get out of trouble.
And the forgiveness of sins,
by which we know Him and are changed by Him
and by which we die with Him,
is the only thing that makes that thing let go of us.
The only thing that gives us this New Heart.
To be forgiven, and die with Him, then is to be rescued.
We are rescued by His Forgiveness.
And somehow His Forgiveness is the end
of trying to take things back and make things right.
Instead, we trust in the one who makes thing right.

Good News doesn't change but it continues to change us
Good News changes us, gives us a New Heart.
A New Heart called faith, hope, love
Where Faith is the trust He rescues
Hope in the attention He leads
Love is the gift of ourselves in His Name.

Over time, we will experience slow growth
In faith, hope, and love,
Where Good News changes what we trust,
And what we trust changes what we pay attention to
And what we pay attention to changes what we want.

Put simply, whatever else it means that we die and rise with Him when we hear this Good News, it means we can be rescued by His Forgiveness, led by His Spirit, and given in His Name.
Or, put another way:
To follow because we've been forgiven, and become a friend
In the land of the living.

WHERE GOOD NEWS IS TAKING US

Put passively, it is a New Heart called *rescued, led, given.*
But it not only gives a New Heart, but also gives
us a Way Forward called *daily worship.*
Good News is what makes the Christian life possible.
Because receiving Good News lets us stay with Good News
Lets us work with Good News

Each day,
We trust in Him by His Forgiveness,
Receiving this Good News, and this is called hearing
We trust Him with things through His Spirit,
Staying with this Good News, and this is called prayer
We entrust ourselves to others in His Name,
Working with this Good News,
And this is called offering.

Good News is what makes the Christian life possible
And this is the life that Good News makes possible:
The one where receiving Good News lets us stay
With Good News, let us work with Good News.
trusting in Him by His Forgiveness (hearing),
trusting Him with things through His Spirit (prayer)
Entrusting ourselves to others in His Name (offering)

If our old home was making things right.
Then our new home is to share in Christ's own life *by hearing,*
through prayer, and as an offering,
Because Good News is its own way forward,
Because receiving Good News lets us stay with Good News
Lets us work with Good News

Over time, and with this daily worship,
We can expect slow growth in faith, hope, and love
As Good News changes what we trust,
As what what trust changes what we pay attention to
And what we pay attention to changes what we want.
We learn that Good News is our shepherd,
The only thing that moves and changes us,
And leads us out of pride and lies,
Through trouble and loss,
Toward all the good things Christ Himself is,
And the small good things we offer in His Name.
The Emmaus Manual (a reimplementation of the Daily Office
from the 1979 Book of Common Prayer)
offers folks a simple life with this Good News,
A way for us to slowly learn that Good News only shepherd
and a simple life with this Good News is our new home.

MATINS *upon rising or before bed*

But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages
To put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.
Christ has obtained a ministry
That is much more excellent than the old
As the covenant he mediates is better,
Since it is enacted on better promises
This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant.
You have come to Mount Zion
And to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem
And to the innumerable angels in festal gathering
And to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant.
And to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word
Than the blood of Abel
Now May the God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep,
by the blood of the eternal covenant,
equip you with everything good that you may do his will,
working in you that which is pleasing in his sight;
through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.
Therefore let us then with confidence
Draw near to the throne of grace,
That we may receive mercy and find grace to help
In time of need.
Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfector of our faith
Who, for the joy that was set before him,
endured the cross, despising the shame,
And is seated at the right hand of the throne of God

OPENING PRAYER .

So faith comes from hearing,
and hearing through the word of Christ *Romans 10:17*
For there is one God,
and there is one mediator between God and men,
The man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all,
which is the testimony given at the proper time. *1 Timothy 2:5-6*
As for that in the good soil
They are those who, hearing the word,
Hold it fast with an honest and good heart
Bearing fruit with patience *Luke 8:15*

The Lord said, already you are clean
because of the word that I have spoken to you.
Abide in me, and I in you.
As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself,
unless it abides in the vine, neither can you,
unless you abide in me.
I am the vine; you are the branches.
Whoever abides in me and I in him,
he it is that bears much fruit,
for apart from me you can do nothing.
If you abide in me, and my words abide in you,
ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.
These things I have spoken to you,
that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

Have compassion on all who do not know you
as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ;
let your Gospel be preached with grace and power
to those who have not heard it;
turn the hearts of those who resist it;
and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray;
that there may be one flock under one Shepherd,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

PSALM 95

O come let us sing unto the Lord,
Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation
Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving
And raise a loud shout to Him with song
For the Lord is a great God
And a great king above all Gods
In his hand are all the depths of all the earth,
And the height of the hills are His also
The sea is His for He made it,
And His hands have molded the dry land,
O come let us bow down and bend the knee
And kneel before the Lord our maker
For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture
And the sheep of His hand,
O that today you would hearken to His voice.

READINGS ON THIS GOOD NEWS

They said to him, "What must we be doing,
To do the works of God?"
Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God,
That you believe in Him whom he has sent"
Although the doors were locked,
Jesus came and stood among them and said,
"Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas,
"Put your finger here, and see my hands;
and put out your hand, and place it in my side.
Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered him,
"My Lord and my God!" The Lord said,
For this is the will of my Father,
That whoever looks on the Son and believes in Him
Shall have eternal life and I shall raise Him up
On the last day"

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners,
Christ died for us.
If while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the
death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled,
shall we be saved by his life.
More than that, we also rejoice in God
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Now I would remind you, brothers,
of the gospel I preached to you, which you received,
in which you stand, and by which you are being saved,
if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—
unless you believed in vain.
For I delivered to you as of first importance
what I also received: that Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures,
that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures,
and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.
Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers
at one time, most of whom are still alive,
though some have fallen asleep.
Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.
Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.
For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle,
because I persecuted the church of God.
But by the grace of God I am what I am,
and his grace toward me was not in vain.
On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them,
though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.
Whether then it was I or they
so we preach and so you believed.

Choose one or more

1

In the beginning was the Word,
And the Word was with God, and the Word was God *John 1:1*
And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory,
glory as of the only Son from the Father,
full of grace and truth.
For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.
For the law was given through Moses;
grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.
No one has ever seen God; God the only Son,
who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

2

That which was from the beginning
Which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes
Which we looked upon and have touched with our hands
Concerning the word of life–
The life was made manifest, and we have seen it,
And testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life
Which was with the Father and was made manifest to us–
That which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you,
So that you too may have fellowship with us;
And indeed our fellowship is with the Father
And with his Son Jesus Christ
And we are writing these things

so that our joy may be complete *1 John 1:1-4*
In this the love of God was made manifest among us,
That God sent his only Son into the world,
So that we might live through Him,
In this is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us,
And sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

3

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness,
so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.
The very works that I am doing
Bear witness to me that the Father has sent me
For I have come down from heaven,
not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.
And this is the will of him who sent me,
that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me,
but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father,
that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him
Should have eternal life,
and I will raise him up on the last day.

4

The Lord said "I told you that you would die in your sins,
for unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins.
When you have lifted up the Son of Man,
then you will know that I am he,

Now is the judgment of this world;
now will the ruler of this world be cast out.
And I, when I am lifted up from the earth,
will draw all people to myself."

5

The Lord said, I am the bread of life,
Whoever comes to me shall not hunger
And whoever believes in me shall never thirst.
I am the living bread that came down from heaven
If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever
And the bread that I will give for the life of the world
Is my flesh.

6

As they were talking about these things,
Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them,
"Peace to you!" But they were startled and frightened
and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them,
"Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?
See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself.
Touch me, and see.
For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.".
And when he had said this,
he showed them his hands and his feet.
The Lord said, "These are my words that I spoke to you
while I was still with you,"

that everything written about me in the Law of Moses
and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."
Then he opened their minds
to understand the Scriptures,
and said to them, "Thus it is written,
that the Christ should suffer and on the third day
rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins
should be proclaimed in his name to all nations,
beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.
And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you.
But stay in the city until you are clothed
with power from on high." *Luke 24:36-39*

7

" If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples,
and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."
If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.
But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed,
and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day
what has been entrusted to me.
Follow the pattern of the sound words that
you have heard from me,
in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.
By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us,
guard the good deposit entrusted to you. *2 Timothy 1:12-14*

8

Jesus unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,
"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."
And he rolled up the scroll
and gave it back to the attendant and sat down.
And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.
And he began to say to them,
"Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

9

And he came and preached peace
To those we we far off and to those who were near
For through him we both have access in one Spirit
To the Father,
So then you are no longer strangers and aliens,
But you are fellow citizens with the saints
And members of the household of God,
Built on the same foundation of the apostles and prophets,
Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone,
In whom the whole structure, being joined together,
Grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

In him you are also being built
into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

10
For the grace of God has appeared,
bringing salvation for all people,
training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions,
and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives
in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope,
the appearing of the glory
of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,
who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness
and to purify for himself a people for his own possession
who are zealous for good works.

11
That very day two of them were going
to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem,
and they were talking with each other
about all these things that had happened.
While they were talking and discussing together,
Jesus himself drew near and went with them.
But their eyes were kept from recognizing him.
And he said to them, "What is this conversation
that you are holding with each other as you walk?"
And they stood still, looking sad.
Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him,

"Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem
who does not know the things
that have happened there in these days?"
And he said to them, "What things?"
And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth,
a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word
before God and all the people,
and how our chief priests and rulers
delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him.
But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.
Yes, and besides all this,
it is now the third day since these things happened.
Moreover, some women of our company amazed us.
They were at the tomb early in the morning,
and when they did not find his body,
they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels,
who said that he was alive.
Some of those who were with us went to the tomb
and found it just as the women had said,
but him they did not see."
And he said to them, "O foolish ones,
and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!
Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things
and enter into his glory?"
And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets,
he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures
the things concerning himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going.
He acted as if he were going farther,
but they urged him strongly, saying,
"Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent."
So he went in to stay with them.
When he was at table with them,
he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them.
And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.
And he vanished from their sight.
They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us
while he talked to us on the road,
while he opened to us the Scriptures?"
And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem.
And they found the eleven and those who were with them
gathered together, saying, "The Lord has risen indeed,
and has appeared to Simon!"
Then they told what had happened on the road,
and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

12
And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem,
and Jesus was walking ahead of them.
And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid.
And taking the twelve again,
he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying,
"See, we are going up to Jerusalem,
and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests

and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death
and deliver him over to the Gentiles.
And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him.
And after three days he will rise."

And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him
and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us
whatever we ask of you."
And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?"
And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and
one at your left, in your glory."
Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking.
Are you able to drink the cup that I drink,
or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?"
And they said to him, "We are able."
And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink,
and with the baptism with which I am baptized,
you will be baptized,
but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant,
but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."
And when the ten heard it,
they began to be indignant at James and John.
And Jesus called them to him and said to them,
"You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles
lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.
But it shall not be so among you.
But whoever would be great among you must be your servant,

and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.
For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

READINGS ON THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ
was publicly portrayed as crucified.
Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit
by works of the law or by hearing with faith?
Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit,
are you now being perfected by the flesh?
Did you suffer so many things in vain—
if indeed it was in vain?
Does he who supplies the Spirit to you
and works miracles among you do so by works of the law,
or by hearing with faith—just as Abraham "believed God,
and it was counted to him as righteousness"?

On the last day of the feast, the great day,
Jesus stood up and cried out,
"If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.
Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said,
'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"
Now this he said about the Spirit,
whom those who believed in him were to receive,
for as yet the Spirit had not been given,
because Jesus was not yet glorified.

The Lord said, "When the Spirit of truth comes,
he will guide you into all the truth,
for he will not speak on his own authority,
but whatever he hears he will speak,
and he will declare to you the things that are to come.
He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine
and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine;
therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you
Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you.
If what you heard from the beginning abides in you.
Then you too will abide in the Son
And in the Father also. *1 John 2:24-2*

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,
that according to the riches of his glory
he may grant you to be strengthened with power
through his Spirit in your inner being,
so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—
that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
may have strength to comprehend with all the saints
what is the breadth and length and height and depth,
and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,
that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

CLOSING PRAYERS

O God, because without you we are not able to please you,
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit

may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

So then, brothers, we are debtors,
not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.
For if you live according to the flesh you will die,
but if by the Spirit
you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.
For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.
The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,
peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.
And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh
with its passions and desires.
If we live by the Spirit,
let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

Give all your people increase of grace,
To hear your Word with humility,
To receive it with pure affection,
And to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit. Amen.

LAUDS *morning*

Christ has entered, not into a sanctuary made with hands,
A copy of the true one,
But into heaven itself,
Now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf
Since then we have a great high priest
who has passed through the heavens,
Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.
For we do not have a high priest
who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,
but one who in every respect
has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. *Hebrews 4:14-15*

Let us then with confidence draw near
to the throne of grace,
that we may receive mercy and find grace to help
in time of need. *Hebrews 4:16*

Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfector of our faith
Who, for the joy set before him, endured the cross,
Despising the shame,
And is seated at the right hand of the throne of God

I. CONFESSION *our return to this Good News*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

I waited patiently for the LORD;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
He drew me up from the pit of destruction,
out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.
He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.
Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust. *PSALM 40:1-11*

Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.
He is like a tree planted by water,
that sends out its roots by the stream,
and does not fear when heat comes,
for its leaves remain green,
and is not anxious in the year of drought,
for it does not cease to bear fruit." ***Jeremiah 17:8***

OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless until they rest in you:
Look with compassion
upon the heartfelt desires of your servants,
and purify our disordered affections,

that we may behold your eternal glory
in the face of Christ Jesus;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Lord, have Mercy
Christ, have Mercy
Lord, have Mercy

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from you 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. Amen.

Most merciful God,
we confess that 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.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us,
That we may delight in your will
And walk in your ways, to the glory of your name.

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"And now, Israel,
what does the LORD your God require of you,
but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways,
to love him, to serve the LORD your God
with all your heart and with all your soul,
Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart,
and be no longer stubborn. *Deuteronomy 10:12-13*

From all blindness and hardness of heart;
from pride, vanity, and hypocrisy;
from envy, hatred, malice and cruelty ;
and from all lack of charity,
Good Lord, deliver us.

Almighty God have mercy on us,
Forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
Confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
And by the power of the Holy Spirit,
Raise us up to serve you in newness of life. **Amen.**

Create in me, a clean heart, O God.
And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence
And take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the Word of God
to all who truly turn to Him:
"If we say we have no sin,
we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins,
He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." *1 John 1:8-9*
"But that you may know the Son of Man has authority
On earth to forgive sins–he said to the paralytic
Rise, take up your bed and go home.

For this is the covenant
that I will make with the house of Israel
after those days, declares the Lord:
I will put my laws into their minds,
and write them on their hearts,
and I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.
And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor
and each one his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,'
for they shall all know me,

from the least of them to the greatest.
For I will be merciful toward their iniquities,
and I will remember their sins no more."
My dwelling place shall be with them,
and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

And Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks,
he broke it and gave it to them, saying,
"This is my body, which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.
And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying,
"This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant
in my blood."

NEWNESS OF LIFE *optional*

In him you also were circumcised with a circumcision
Made without hands, by putting off the body of flesh,
By the circumcision of Christ,
Having been buried with him in baptism,
In which you were also raised with him through faith,
In the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
According to his great mercy,
he has caused us to be born again to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?
By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?
Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized
Into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?
We were buried therefore with him by baptism
Into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from
The dead by the glory of the Father,
We too might walk in newness of life.
And you, who were dead in your trespasses
And the uncircumcision of your flesh,
God made alive together with him.
As you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk with Him,
Rooted and built up in Him, established in the faith.
For the death he died he died to sin, once for all,
but the life he lives he lives to God.
So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin
and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

II. SCRIPTURE *receiving this Good News*

The sheep hear his voice,
and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.
When he has brought out all his own,
he goes before them, and the sheep follow him,
for they know his voice.
The Lord said,
"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word
and believes him who sent me has eternal life.
He does not come into judgment,
but has passed from death to life." *John 5:24'*

The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord
This is eternal life: that they know you the only true God
And Jesus Christ whom you have sent.
These are written
so that you may believe Jesus is the Christ the Son of God
And that by believing you may have life in His Name.
Everyone who believes in Him
Receive the forgiveness of sins through His name.
the righteousness of God
through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.
Once you were not a people, now you are God's people
Once you had not received Mercy,
now you have received Mercy
For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your Souls.

PSALMS

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good.
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life.
My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart
and my portion forever.

I will lift up my eyes unto the hills;
from whence comes my help?
My help comes from the Lord,
who has made heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved,
and he who keeps you will not sleep.
Behold, he who keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord himself is your keeper;
the Lord is your defense upon your right hand,
So that the sun shall not burn you by day,

neither the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; indeed,
it is he who shall keep your soul.
The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

My soul waits for the Lord,
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.
O Israel, trust in the Lord,
for with the Lord there is mercy,
and with him is plenteous redemption;
And he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

After the Psalm

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

GOSPELS AND EPISTLES

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.
By his wounds you have been healed.
For this is why the gospel was preached
even to those who are dead,
that though judged in the flesh the way people are,
they might live in the Spirit the way God does.
For if, because of one man's trespass,
death reigned through that one man,
much more will those who receive the abundance of grace
and the free gift of righteousness
reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony
about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner,
but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God,
who saved us and called us to a holy calling,
not because of our works
but because of his own purpose and grace,
which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,
and which now has been manifested
through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus,
who abolished death
and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,
for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher,
which is why I suffer as I do.

The Lord said,

For this is the will of my Father,
That whoever looks on the Son and believes in Him
Shall have eternal life and I shall raise Him up
On the last day"
For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin
So that in Him we might become
the righteousness of God
For all have sinned
And fallen short of the glory of God
And are justified by His grace as a gift
Through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

CANCTICLE

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
For behold, darkness covers the land;
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
But over you the Lord will rise,and his glory will appear upon you.
Nations will stream to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
Your gates will always be open;
by day or night they will never be shut.
They will call you the City of the Lord,

The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Violence will no more be heard in your land,
ruin or destruction within your borders.
You will call your walls, Salvation,
and all your portals, Praise.
The sun will no more be your light by day;
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
The Lord will be your everlasting light,
and your God will be your glory *THIRD SONG OF ISAIAH*
Lord, you now have set your servant free
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel. *Luke 2:29-32*
With your constant love,
you led the people you redeemed.
And brought them in safety
to your holy dwelling.

APOSTLES' CREED

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 Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.

III. PRAYER *staying with this Good News*

The Lord be with you
And also with you
Let us pray

But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love,
will enter your house.
I will bow down toward your holy temple
in the fear of you.

Now as our Savior Christ has taught us,
We are bold to pray,
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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE SUFFRAGES

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
Govern and uphold them, now and always.
Day by day we bless you;
We praise your name for ever.
Lord, keep us from all sin today;
Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.
Lord, show us your love and mercy;
For we put our trust in you.
In you, Lord, is our hope;
Let us never be put to shame.

Out of the deep have I called unto you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice. O let your ears consider well
the voice of my supplications.
If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss,
O Lord, who could abide it?
For there is mercy with you; therefore you shall be feared.
I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;
in his word is my trust.

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask
in the Name of Your Son:
Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray,
not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness,
but as you know and love us
in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery
to fall back into fear,
But you have received the spirit of adoption as sons,
By whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"
The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit
That we are children of God, and if children, then heirs–
Heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ,
Provided we suffer with him in order that we may also
Be glorified with him.
Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh,
Arm yourselves with the same way of thinking
For whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin
So as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh
No longer for human passions but for the will of God.
For we do not know what to pray for as we ought,
but the Spirit himself intercedes for us
with groanings too deep for words.
For through the Spirit, by faith
We ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness

Our God, in whom we trust:
Strengthen us not to regard overmuch
who is for us or who is against us,
but to see to it that we be with you in everything we do. **Amen**.

PRAYER FOR MISSION

For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling
of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer,
sanctify for the purification of the flesh,
how much more will the blood of Christ,
who through the eternal Spirit offered himself
without blemish to God,
purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Having purified your souls
By your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love
Love one another earnestly from a pure heart,
Since you have been born again,
Not of perishable seed but of imperishable,
Through the living and abiding word of God.
. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted,
forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave
Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.
And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,
a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God,
to present your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship

Lord Jesus Christ,
you stretched out your arms of love
on the hard wood of the Cross

that everyone might come within the reach
of your saving embrace: so clothe us in your Spirit
that we,reaching forth our hands in love,
may bring those who do not know you
to the knowledge and love of you;
for the honor of your Name. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS, THANKSGIVINGS, PETITIONS

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
We your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
For all your goodness and loving kindness
To us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
For the means of grace and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts
we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

To whom with you and the Holy Spirit
Be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

THE CALL OF CHRIST

And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house,
since he also is a son of Abraham.
For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."
"Behold, I stand at the door and knock.
If anyone hears my voice and opens the door,
I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

Jesus said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician,
but those who are sick.
I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."
After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee
Proclaiming the gospel of God and saying,
The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand,
Repent and believe in the gospel.

BENEDICTION

To him who loves us
and has freed us from our sins by his blood
and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father,
to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. **Amen.** *Revelation 1:5*

For what we proclaim is not ourselves,
but Jesus Christ as Lord,

with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.
For God, who said,"Let light shine out of darkness,"
has shone in our hearts
to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Lord said, "I am the light of the world,
Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness
But will have the light of life
While you have the Light, believe in the Light,
That you may become children of Light.
If anyone walks in the Light, he does not stumble
Because he sees the Light of this world."

Let us bless the Lord,
Thanks be to God

All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.
The grass withers, and the flower falls,
but the word of the Lord remains forever.
And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

We proclaim the mystery of faith,
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

NONES *afternoon*

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood,
he himself likewise partook of the same things,
that through death he might destroy
the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,
and deliver all those who through fear of death
were subject to lifelong slavery.
For surely it is not angels that he helps,
but he helps the offspring of Abraham.
Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect,
so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest
in the service of God, to make propitiation
for the sins of the people.
For because he himself has suffered when tempted,
he is able to help those who are being tempted. *Hebrews 2:14-18*
Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,
for he who promised is faithful. *Hebrews 10:19-25*
Let us then with confidence draw near
to the throne of grace,
that we may receive mercy
and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:16*
Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfector of our faith
Who, for the joy set before him, endured the cross,
Despising the shame,
And is seated at the right hand of the throne of God

I.CONFESSION *our return to this Good News*

OPENING SENTENCE

The king is not saved by his great army;
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.
The war horse is a false hope for salvation,
And by its great might it cannot rescue.
Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,
that he may deliver their soul from death
and keep them alive in famine.
Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.
For our heart is glad in him,
because we trust in his holy name.
Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,
even as we hope in you. ***P****salm 34:15-21*
But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God.
I trust in the mercy of God forever and ever. *Psalm 52:8*

Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.
He is like a tree planted by water,
that sends out its roots by the stream,
and does not fear when heat comes,
for its leaves remain green,
and is not anxious in the year of drought,
for it does not cease to bear fruit." ***Jeremiah 17:8***

OPENING PRAYER

Blessed Savior, at this hour you hung upon the Cross,
stretching out your loving arms:
Grant that all the peoples of the earth
may look to you and be saved;
for your tender mercies' sake. Amen.

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and be no longer stubborn. *Deuteronomy 10:12-13*

For our self pity and impatience
For bitterness and resentment
For uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors
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And the Lord said,
"And I will betroth you to me forever.
I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice,
in steadfast love and in mercy.
I will betroth you to me in faithfulness.
And you shall know the LORD."
And they shall be my people, and I will be their God.
I will give them one heart and one way,
And I will put the fear of me in their hearts,
That they may not turn from me.

I will rejoice in doing them good,
And I will plant them in this land in faithfulness,
With all my heart and all my soul.
My dwelling place shall be with them,
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By the circumcision of Christ,
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In which you were also raised with him through faith,
In the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
According to his great mercy,
he has caused us to be born again to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God,
For it does not submit to God's law, indeed it cannot
Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.
You however are not in the flesh but in the Spirit,
If Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin
The Spirit is life because of righteousness.
For the law of the Spirit of life
Has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death
Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh
With its passions and desires.
I have been crucified with Christ.
It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.
If we live by the spirit, let us also keep step with the Spirit.
But now we are released from the law,
having died to that which held us captive,
so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit
and not in the old way of the written code.
For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore,
And do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.
Put on the Lord Jesus Christ
And make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires
For the death he died he died to sin, once for all,
but the life he lives he lives to God.
So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin
and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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The Lord said, "My sheep hear my voice
And I know them, and they follow me.
I give them eternal life.
And they will never perish.
And no one will snatch them from my hand."
The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.
I come that they may have life and have it abundantly
I am the good shepherd, the good shepherd
Lays down his life for the sheep

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but have now returned
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PSALMS

Send out your light and your truth,
That they may lead me,
and bring me to your holy hill
And to your dwelling.
My soul clings to you
Your right hand upholds me.
My flesh and my heart may fail,
But God is the strength of my heart,
And my portion forever.

Unto you I lift up my eyes,
you who are enthroned in the heavens.
Behold, as the eyes of servants
look to the hand of their masters,
and as the eyes of a maiden to the hand of her mistress,
Even so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God,
until he show us his favor.
Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
for we have suffered more than enough contempt.
Long has our soul suffered the scorn of the wealthy
and the spitefulness of the proud.
My soul waits for the Lord,
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.
O Israel, trust in the Lord,
for with the Lord there is mercy,

and with him is plenteous redemption;
And he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

After the Psalm

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

GOSPELS AND EPISTLES*choose one or more*

Conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile,
Knowing that you were ransomed
From the futile ways inherited from your forefathers
Not with perishables things such as silver or gold
But with the precious blood of Christ
Without blemish or spot
He was foreknown before the foundation of the world
But was made manifest in the last times
For the sake of you who through Him are believers in God,
Who raised Him from the dead and gave him glory,
So that your faith and hope are in God.

When the goodness and loving kindness
of God our Savior appeared,
He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness,
but according to his own mercy,
by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,

whom he poured out on us richly
Through Jesus Christ our Savior,
so that being justified by his grace
we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.
The Lord said,

For this is the will of my Father,
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CANTICLE

Splendor and honor and kingly power
are yours by right, O Lord our God,
For you created everything that is,
and by your will they were created and have their being;
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation,

a kingdom of priests to serve our God.
And so, to him who sits upon the throne,
and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor,
for ever and for evermore. *Revelation 4:11, 5:9-10, 13*
My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;
For he has regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from now on, all generations will call me blessed;
For he that is mighty has magnified me,
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on those who fear him,
throughout all generations.
He has shown the strength of his arm;
he has scattered the proud
in the imagination of their hearts.
He has brought down the mighty from their thrones,
and has exalted the humble and meek.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent empty away.
He, remembering his mercy, has helped his servant Israel,
as he promised to our fathers,Abraham and his seed for ever.
With your constant love
You led the people you redeemed
You brought them in safety to your holy dwelling

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS

You are God: we praise you;
You are the Lord: we acclaim you
You are the eternal Father: All creation worships you.
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Serpahim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
The glorious company of apostle praise you
The white robed army of martrys praise you.
Throughout the world the holy church acclaims you;
Father, of majesty unbounded,
Your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
And the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
You, O Christ, are the king of glory.
The only Son of the Father.
When you took on flesh to set us free.
You humbly chose the virgins womb.
You overcame the sting of death.
And opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Come then Lord and help your people.
Bought with price of your own blood.
And bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.

III. PRAYER *staying with this Good News*

The Lord be with you
And also with you
Let us pray

Jesus, Lamb of God,
Have Mercy on us,
Jesus bearer of our sins,
Have Mercy on us,
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
Give us your peace.

Now as our Savior Jesus Christ taught us,
We are bold to pray,
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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE SUFFRAGES

O Lord, arise and help us;

And deliver us for your Name's sake.

From our enemies defend us, O Christ;

Graciously behold our afflictions.

With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts;

Mercifully forgive the sins of your people.

With favor hear our prayers;

O Son of David, have mercy upon us.

Deliver us, O Lord, from the way of sin and death

Lord, hear our prayer

Open our hearts to your grace and truth

Lord, hear our prayer

Fill us with your holy and life giving Spirit

Lord, hear our prayer

Keep us in the faith and communion of your holy church

Lord, hear our prayer

Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit

Lord hear our prayer

Send us into the world to witness to your love

Lord hear our prayer

Bring us to the fullness of your peace and glory

Lord hear our prayer

Out of the deep have I called unto you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice. O let your ears consider well
the voice of my supplications.
If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss,
O Lord, who could abide it?
For there is mercy with you; therefore you shall be feared.
I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;
in his word is my trust.

Heavenly Father, you have promised
to hear what we ask in the Name of Your Son:
Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray,
not as we ask in our ignorance,
nor as we deserve in our sinfulness,
but as you know and love us
in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

For all the promises of God find their Yes in Him.
That it is why it is through him
that we utter our Amen to God For his glory.
And it God who establishes us with you in Christ
And has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us.
And given us His Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.
For we do not know what to pray for as we ought,
but the Spirit himself intercedes for us
with groanings too deep for words.

For through the Spirit, by faith,
We ourselves eagerly await the hope of righteousness.

O Lord God, grant your people grace
to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh, and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you,
the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR MISSION

When my soul was embittered, when I was pricked in heart,
I was brutish and ignorant; I was like a beast toward you.
Nevertheless, I am continually with you;
You hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel,
and afterward you will receive me to glory.
Whom have I in heaven but you?
And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.
My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.
You who once were alienated
and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,
he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death,
in order to present you holy and blameless
and above reproach before him.
Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling

and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory
with great joy, to the only God, our Savior,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority,
before all time and now and forever.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers,
by the mercies of God,
to present your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship

O God, you have made of one blood
all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son
to preach peace to those who are far off
and to those who are near:
Grant that people everywhere
may seek after you and find you;
bring the nations into your fold;
pour out your Spirit upon all flesh;
and hasten the coming of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INTERCESSION, PETITIONS, THANKSGIVINGS, *silently or aloud*

PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us such grace
At this time, with one accord,
To make our common supplications to you,

And you have promised us through your well beloved Son
That when two or three are gathered in His Name
You will be in the midst of them:
Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions
As may be best for us, granting us in this world
Knowledge of your truth,
And in the age to come, life everlasting. **Amen**.

THE CALL OF CHRIST

The Lord said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
Not as the world gives do I give to you.
Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."
"If anyone would come after me,
let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.
For whoever would save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life
for my sake and the gospel's will save it." *Matthew 16:24*

Jesus said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician,
but those who are sick.
I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."
After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee
Proclaiming the gospel of God and saying,
The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand,
Repent and believe in the gospel.

BENEDICTION

They have washed their robes
and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.
They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.
For the Lamb in the midst of the throne
will be their shepherd, and he will guide them
to springs of living water, and God will wipe away
every tear from their eyes. **Amen.** *Revelation 7:15-17*

For what we proclaim is not ourselves,
but Jesus Christ as Lord,
with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.
For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"
has shone in our hearts
to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Lord said, “I am the Light of the world,
Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness
But with have the light of life.”
While you have the Light, believe in the Light,
That you may become children of Light.
If anyone walks in the Light, he does not stumble
Because he sees the Light of this world.

Let us bless the Lord,
Thanks be to God

All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass.
The grass withers, and the flower falls,
but the word of the Lord remains forever.
And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

We proclaim the mystery of faith,
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

VESPERS *evening*

Christ has appeared
as a high priest of the good things that have come.
A better hope is introduced,
through which we draw near to God.
For we have come to share in Christ,
If indeed we hold fast our original confidence until the end.
We who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement
To hold fast to the hope set before us,
We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul,
A hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain,
Where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf.
He holds his priesthood permanently,
because he continues forever.
Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost
Those who draw near to God through him,
since he always lives to make intercession for them. *Hebrews 7*

Let us then with confidence draw near
to the throne of grace,that we may receive mercy
and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:16*

Looking to Jesus,
the founder and perfector of our faith
Who, for the joy set before him, endured the cross,
Despising the shame,
And is seated at the right hand of the throne of God

I. CONFESSION *out return to this Good News*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Trust in the LORD, and do good;
dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.
Delight yourself in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.
Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him, and he will act.
He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,
and your justice as the noonday.
Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him *Psalm 37:3*
For through the Spirit, by faith
We ourselves wait for the hope of righteousness.

Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.
He is like a tree planted by water,
that sends out its roots by the stream,
and does not fear when heat comes,
for its leaves remain green,
and is not anxious in the year of drought,
for it does not cease to bear fruit." ***Jeremiah 17:8***

OPENING PRAYER

O Gracious Light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in Heaven.
O Jesus Christ, Holy and blessed.
Now as we come to the setting of the sun.
And our eyes behold the vesper light.
We sing your praises O God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of Life.
And to be glorified through all the worlds.

Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from you 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. Amen.

Most merciful God,
we confess that 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.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
That we may delight in your will
And walk in your ways, to the glory of your name.

REQUEST FOR ABSOLUTION

"And now, Israel,
what does the LORD your God require of you,
but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways,
to love him, to serve the LORD your God
with all your heart and with all your soul,
Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart,
and be no longer stubborn.

From all disordered and sinful affections;
and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,
Good Lord, deliver us.

To give us a heart to love and fear you,
and diligently to keep your commandments,
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

Almighty God have mercy on us,
Forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
Confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
And by the power of the Holy Spirit,
Raise us up to serve you in newness of life. **Amen.**

Create in me, a clean heart, O God.
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence
And take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to Him:
"But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father
Jesus Christ the righteous.
He is the propitiation for our sins.
And not for ours only,
but also for the sins of the whole world."
"But that you may know the Son of Man has authority
On earth to forgive sins–he said to the paralytic
Rise, take up your bed and go home.

The Lord said:
I will sprinkle clean water on you,
and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness,
and from all your idols I will cleanse you.
And I will give you a new heart,
and a new spirit I will put within you.
And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh
and give you a heart of flesh.
And I will put my Spirit within you.
My dwelling place shall be with them,
and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

And Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks,
he broke it and gave it to them, saying,
"This is my body, which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.
And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying,
"This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant
in my blood."

NEWNESS OF LIFE *optional*

In him you also were circumcised with a circumcision
Made without hands, by putting off the body of flesh,
By the circumcision of Christ,
Having been buried with him in baptism,
In which you were also raised with him through faith,
In the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
According to his great mercy,
he has caused us to be born again to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God,
Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything
As coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God
Who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant
Not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills,
But the Spirit gives life. But I say, walk by the Spirit,
and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.
Present yourselves to God as
those who have been brought from death to life,
And your members to God as instruments for righteousness.
For sin will have no dominion over you,
Since you are not under law but under grace.
The life I now live in the flesh,
I live by faith in the Son of God
Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

For the death he died he died to sin, once for all,
but the life he lives he lives to God.
So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin
and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

II. SCRIPTURE *receiving this Good News*

Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and is now here,
when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God,
and those who hear will live.
For as the Father has life in himself,
so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself.

The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord
This is eternal life:
that they know you the only true God
And Jesus Christ whom you have sent.
These are written
so that you may believe Jesus is the Christ the Son of God
And that by believing you may have life in His Name.
Everyone who believes in Him
Receive the forgiveness of sins through His name.
the righteousness of God
through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.
Once you were not a people, now you are God's people
Once you had not received Mercy,
now you have received Mercy
For you were straying like sheep,

but have now returned
to the Shepherd and Overseer of your Souls.

PSALMS

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?
When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes,
came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.
Though a host were encamped against me,
yet my heart would not be afraid,
and though war rose up against me,
yet would I put my trust in him.
One thing have I desired of the Lord; one thing I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
To behold the fair beauty of the Lord,
and to seek him in his temple.
My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart
and my portion forever.

When the Lord overturned the captivity of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
Then they said among the nations,

"The Lord has done great things for them."
Indeed, the Lord has done great things for us already,
whereof we rejoice.
Overturn our captivity, O Lord,
as when streams refresh the deserts of the south.
Those who sow in tears shall reap with songs of joy.
He who goes on his way weeping and bears good seed shall
doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with Him.
If the Lord himself had not been on our side,
now may Israel say:
if the Lord himself had not been on our side,
when men rose up against us,
Then would they have swallowed us up alive,
when they were so wrathfully displeased with us;
Then the waters would have drowned us,
and the torrent gone over us;
then the raging waters would have gone clean over us.
But praised be the Lord,
who has not given us over to be prey for their teeth.
We escaped like a bird out of the snare of the fowler;
the snare is broken, and we have been delivered.
Our help is in the Name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth. *124*

My soul waits for the Lord,
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.
O Israel, trust in the Lord,

for with the Lord there is mercy,
and with him is plenteous redemption;
And he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

After the Psalm,

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

GOSPELS AND EPISTLES*choose one or more*

For Christ also suffered once for sins,
the righteous for the unrighteous,
that he might bring us to God,
being put to death in the flesh
but made alive in the Spirit.
For this is why the gospel was preached
even to those who are dead,
that though judged in the flesh the way people are,
they might live in the Spirit the way God does.

But we ought always to give thanks to God for you,
brothers beloved by the Lord,
because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved,
Through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.
To this he called you through our gospel,

so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
The Lord said,
For this is the will of my Father,
That whoever looks on the Son and believes in Him
Shall have eternal life and I shall raise Him up
On the last day"
For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin
So that in Him we might become
the righteousness of God
For all have sinned And fallen short of the glory of God
And are justified by His grace as a gift
Through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

CANTICLE

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior,
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God
 the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

With your constant love
you led the people you redeemed
You brought them in safety to you holy dwelling

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory to God in the hightest,
And peace to His people on earth
Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks
We praise you for your glory
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father
Lord God, Lamb of God
You take away the sin of the world
Have Mercy on us
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
Receive our prayer,
For you alone are the Holy One
You alone are the Lord. You alone are the most High,
Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit,
In the Glory of God the Father. Amen.

III. PRAYER *staying with this Good News*

The Lord be with you
And also with you
Let us pray

Deliver the people, whom you have redeemed
with your most precious blood,
and by your mercy preserve us forever.
Good Lord, deliver us.

Now as our Savior Christ has taught us we are bold to pray,
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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE SUFFRAGES

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,
We entreat you, O Lord.
That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,

We entreat you, O Lord.
That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,
We entreat you, O Lord.
That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,
We entreat you, O Lord.
That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in
the communion of all your saints,
entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,
We entreat you, O Lord.

Out of the deep have I called unto you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice. O let your ears consider well
the voice of my supplications.
If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss,
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For there is mercy with you; therefore you shall be feared.
I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;
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Heavenly Father, you have promised
to hear what we ask in the Name of Your Son:
Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray,
not as we ask in our ignorance,
nor as we deserve in our sinfulness,
but as you know and love us
in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Now the Lord is the Spirit,
and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.
And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord,
are being transformed into the same image
from one degree of glory to another.
For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. *2 Cor. 3:17*
For we do not know what to pray for as we ought
But the Spirit intercedes for us with groans too deep for words
For through the Spirit, by faith,
We ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness.

O God, the source of all holy desires, all good counsels,
and all just works: Give to your servants that peace
which the world cannot give,
that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments,
and that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies,
may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior.
Lighten our darkness, we beseech you, O Lord;
and by your great mercy
defend us from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of your only Son,
our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR MISSION

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men
but in the sight of God chosen and precious,
you yourselves like living stones
are being built up as a spiritual house,
to be a holy priesthood,
to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
We, though many, are one body in Christ,
and individually members one of another.
I appeal to you therefore, brothers,
by the mercies of God,
to present your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Almighty God,
you gave such grace to your apostle Andrew,
That he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ,
And brought his brother with him:
give us, who are called by your holy Word,
Grace to follow him without delay,
and to bring those near to us
Into His gracious presence, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

INTERCESSION, THANKSGIVING, PETITIONS

PRAYER IN THE NIGHT

Keep watch, dear Lord,
with those who work, or watch, or weep this night,
and give your angels charge over those who sleep.
Tend the sick, Lord Christ;
give rest to the weary, bless the dying,
soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted,
shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.
Guide us waking O Lord and guard us sleeping
That awake we may watch with Christ
And asleep we may rest in peace.

THE CALL OF CHRIST

The Lord said, "I have said these things to you,
that in me you may have peace.
In the world you will have tribulation.
But take heart; I have overcome the world." *John 16:33*

Jesus said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician,
but those who are sick.
I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."
After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee,
Proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying
The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand,
Repent and believe in the gospel.

BENEDICTION

And I heard a loud voice in heaven,
saying, "Now the salvation
and the power and the kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Christ have come,
For the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down,
who accuses them day and night before our God.
And they have conquered him
by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony."

For what we proclaim is not ourselves,
but Jesus Christ as Lord,
with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.
For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"
has shone in our hearts
to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Lord said, "I am the light of the world,
Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness
But will have the light of life.
While you have the Light, believe in the Light,
That you may become children of Light.
If anyone walks in the Light, he does not stumble
Because he sees the Light of this world."

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and all its glory like the flower of grass.
The grass withers, and the flower falls,
but the word of the Lord remains forever.
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We proclaim the mystery of faith,
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THE GREAT "I AM" IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

morning

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.” So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” They said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” Jesus answered them, “Do not grumble among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. It is written in the Prophets, ‘And they will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me— not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason

the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."There was again a division among the Jews because of these words. Many of them said, "He has a demon, and is insane; why listen to him?" Others said, "These are not the words of one who is oppressed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?" At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill."But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world." When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?”Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

FOR SO I AM

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, do you wash my feet?” Jesus answered him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand.” Peter said to him, “You shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no share with me.” Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” Jesus said to him, “The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you.” For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an

example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” So the Pharisees said to him, “You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true.” Jesus answered, “Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. In your Law it is written that the testimony of two people is true. I am the one who bears witness about myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness about me.” They said to him therefore, “Where is your Father?” Jesus answered, “You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also.” These words he spoke in the treasury, as he taught in the temple; but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.So he said to them again, “I am going away, and you will seek me, and you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come.” So the Jews said, “Will he kill himself, since he says, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come’?” He said to them, “You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins.” So they said to him, “Who are you?” Jesus said to them, “Just what I have been telling you from the beginning. I have much to say about you and much to judge, but he who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him.” They did not understand that he had been speaking to them about the Father. So Jesus said to them, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me. And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him.” As he was saying these things, many believed in him.

WHEN I AM LIFTED UP

"Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” So they said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. So they said again to the blind man, “What do

you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."
The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."
So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not

from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.
Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains.

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I AM THE TRUE VINE

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going."Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves."Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that

does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants,for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

DELIVERANCE IN THE GOSPEL OF MARK

afternoon

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way,
the voice of one crying in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,’”

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 6 Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.

I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

THE BEGINNINGS OF CHRIST'S MINISTRY

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

THE TIME IS FULFILLED

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."
Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.
And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes.
And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

FOR THIS IS WHY I CAME OUT

And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

And 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. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

IF YOU WILL, YOU CAN MAKE ME CLEAN

And a leper came to him, imploring him, and kneeling said to him, "If you will, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, "I will; be clean." And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. And Jesus sternly charged him and sent him away at once, and said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a proof to them." But he went out and began to talk freely about it, and to spread the news, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter a town, but was out in desolate places, and people were coming to him from every quarter.

YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN

And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your bed and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic— "I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home." And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

GRIEVED AT THEIR HARDNESS OF HEART

He went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him. And as he reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there with a withered hand. And they watched Jesus, to see whether he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man with the withered hand, "Come here." And he said to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

THE PARABLE OF THE MUSTARD SEED

And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

FOLLOW ME

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PEACE, BE STILL

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

DAUGHTER, YOUR FAITH HAS MADE YOU WELL

And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." And he went with him. And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him. And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well." And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my garments?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, 'Who touched me?'" And he looked around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

I HAVE COMPASSION ON THE CROWD

In those days, when again a great crowd had gathered, and they had nothing to eat, he called his disciples to him and said to them, “I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat.
And if I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way. And some of them have come from far away.” And his disciples answered him, “How can one feed these people with bread here in this desolate place?” And he asked them, “How many loaves do you have?” They said, “Seven.” And he directed the crowd to sit down on the ground. And he took the seven loaves, and having given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and they set them before the crowd. And they had a few small fish. And having blessed them, he said that these also should be set before them. And they ate and were satisfied. And they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. And there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away. And immediately he got into the boat with his disciples and went to the district of Dalmanutha.

JESUS, SON OF DAVID, HAVE MERCY ON ME

And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart. Get up; he is calling you." And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Rabbi, let me recover my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

TRULY THIS MAN WAS THE SON OF GOD

And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” And some of the bystanders hearing it said, “Behold, he is calling Elijah.”

And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.” And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!”

THE PARABLES OF THE GOSPEL OF LUKE *evening*

THE ONE WHO HUMBLES HIMSELF WILL BE EXALTED

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

A CERTAIN MONEYLENDER

One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher."

"A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly." Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

THE GOOD SAMARITAN

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.” But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.”

THE LOST SHEEP

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

THE PRODIGAL SON

And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants,‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

THE WEDDING FEAST

Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

When one of those who reclined at table with him heard these things, he said to him, "Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!" But he said to him, "A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and

see it. Please have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.'"

THE PERSISTENT WIDOW

And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.’” And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

THE JESUS PRAYER *morning*

breathe in Lord Jesus Christ, son of the living God
breathe out **Have Mercy on me, a sinner**

The devil's accusation–any sense of being cursed, oppressed, disqualified or condemned. Or of anything menacing, malicious, cruel or sinister

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breathe out **Have Mercy on me, a sinner**

Death's provocation– any sense of decay, deterioration, disrepair disarray, decomposition, disintegration, Things falling apart, scattered or going downhill

breathe in Lord Jesus Christ, son of the living God
breathe out **Have Mercy on me, a sinner**

The mind's intimidation–any sense of anxiety, depression, Trauma, or other mental affliction

breathe in Lord Jesus Christ, son of the living God
breathe out **Have Mercy on me, a sinner**

The bodies anticipation–any sense of tension, stress, shortness of breath in the body

breathe in Lord Jesus Christ, son of the living God
breathe out **Have Mercy on me, a sinner**

The day's protestation–any sense of contention or temptation,
Uncertainty or disruption,Obligation or expectation
Injustice or affliction,

breathe in Lord Jesus Christ, son of the living God
breathe out **Have Mercy on me, a sinner**

The moment's invitation– five things you physically feel, five things you audibly hear, five things you actually see

breathe in Lord Jesus Christ, son of the living God
breathe out **Have Mercy on me, a sinner**

The soul's deprivation– any sense of being hurt, scared, or
Upset. Of shame, fear, and despair.
The loss of honor, assurance, or purpose
breathe in Lord Jesus Christ, son of the living God
breathe out **Have Mercy on me, a sinner**

Sin's domination– any sense of the pull toward vengeance, retaliation,
manipulation, or control, Refusal or defiance,
bitterness, grudge, hostility, resentment or contempt
The pull toward defending ourselves,
Taking things back, making things right,

Getting even and Getting out of trouble,
Any sense of our inmost compulsion:
to win and not lose, to have and not give,
to be right and not wrong, to refuse and not accept,
to get back and not let go. The desire to prove ourselves
and have our own way.

breathe in Lord Jesus Christ, son of the living God
breathe out **Have Mercy on me, a sinner**

And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah.
And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.
Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God
from the belly of the fish, saying,
"I called out to the LORD, out of my distress,
and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried,
and you heard my voice.
For you cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas,
and the flood surrounded me;
all your breakers and your waves passed over me.
Then I said, 'I am driven away from your sight;
yet I shall again look upon your holy temple.'
The waters closed in over me to take my life;
the deep surrounded me;
weeds were wrapped about my head.
To the roots of the mountains I went down,
to the land whose bars closed upon me forever.
Yet you brought up my life from the pit, O LORD my God.

When my life was fainting away, I remembered the LORD,
and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple.
Those who pay regard to vain idols
forsake their hope of steadfast love.
But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you;
what I have vowed I will pay.Salvation belongs to the LORD!"
And the LORD spoke to the fish,
and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.

One or more

1
Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Through him we have also obtained access by faith
into this grace in which we stand,
and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God Not only that,
but we rejoice in our sufferings,
knowing that suffering produces endurance,
and endurance produces character,
and character produces hope,
and hope does not put us to shame,
because God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.
Thanks be to God who gives us the victory
Through our Lord Jesus Christ

2

Lord, you are in the midst of us,
and we are called by your
Name: Do not forsake us, O Lord our God.

3

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them,
because they were harassed and helpless,
like sheep without a shepherd
The Lord said, "Come to me, all who labor
and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

4

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles
To abstain from the passions of the flesh,
Which wage war against your soul,
Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh,
Arm yourselves with the same way of thinking
For whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin
So as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh
No longer for human passions but for the will of God.

5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,
who comforts us in all our affliction,
so that we may be able to comfort

those who are in any affliction,
with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.
For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings,
so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.
If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation;
and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort,
which you experience when you patiently endure
the same sufferings that we suffer.
Our hope for you is unshaken,
for we know that as you share in our sufferings,
you will also share in our comfort.
For we do not want you to be unaware,
brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia.
For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength
that we despaired of life itself.
Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death.
But that was to make us rely not on ourselves
but on God who raises the dead.
He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us.
On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again.
You also must help us by prayer,
so that many will give thanks on our behalf
for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.

INTERCESSIONS *one more more before finishing*

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment,
And light rises up in darkness for the godly,
Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties,
The grace to ask what you would have do,
That the Spirit of wisdom may save us
From all false choices, That in your light we might see light,
And in your straight path we may not stumble,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Be graciously pleased
to hear us, O Christ;

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom;
and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith,
may with joy behold your Son
at his coming in glorious majesty;
Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.

Be graciously pleased
to hear us, O Christ;

Look mercifully, O Father, on our infirmities;
And, for the glory of your Name,
rescue us from all those evils we now endure;
and grant that in all our troubles
we may put our whole trust and confidence

in your mercy, serving you in holiness and purity of life,
to your honor and glory;
through our only Mediator and Advocate,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Be graciously pleased
to hear us, O Christ;

O God, you know that we are set
in the midst of many grave dangers,
and because of the frailty of our nature
we cannot always stand upright:
Grant that your strength and protection
may support us in all dangers
and carry us through every temptation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,one God, for ever and ever.

Be graciously pleased
to hear us, O Christ;

Almighty God,
you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves:
Keep us both outwardly in our bodies
and inwardly in our souls,
that we may be defended from all adversities

that may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts
that may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Be graciously pleased
to hear us, O Christ;

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who conde in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Be graciously pleased
to hear us, O Christ;

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son
revealed his glory upon the holy mountain:
Grant that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance,
may be strengthened to bear our cross,
and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory;

Be graciously pleased
to hear us, O Christ

O God of peace, who hast taught us
that in returning and rest we shall be saved,
in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength:
By the might of thy Spirit lift us, we pray thee, to thy presence,
where we may be still and know that thou art God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Be graciously pleased
to hear us, O Christ

Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow,
The strength of those who suffer:
Let the cry of those in misery and need come to you,
That they might find your mercy present with them in all their afflictions, and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them
for the sake of Him who suffered for us,
Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Be graciously pleased
to hear us, O Christ

Dear Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
I hold up all my weakness to your strength,
my failure to your faithfulness,
my sinfulness to your perfection,
my loneliness to your compassion,
my little pains to your great agony on the Cross.

I pray that you will cleanse me, strengthen me, guide me,
so that in all ways my life may be lived
as you would have it lived, without cowardice and for you alone.
Show me how to live in true humility,
true contrition,and true love. Amen

Be graciously pleased
to hear us, O Christ

O God our king,by the resurrection of your Son,
Jesus Christ, from the dead,
You conquered Sin, put death to flight,
And gave us the hope of everlasting life.
Redeem all our days by this victory.
Forgive us our sins, banish our fears
Make us bold to praise you, and to do your will.
And steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom
On the last great day. **Amen**.

Be graciously pleased
to hear us, O Christ

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God,
you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day:
Defend us by your mighty power,
that we may not fall into sin nor run into any danger;
and that, guided by your Spirit,

we may do what is righteous in your sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Be graciously pleased
to hear us, O Christ

Look mercifully, O Father, on our infirmities;
and, for the glory of your Name,
rescue us from all those evils we now endure;
grant that in all our troubles we may
put our whole trust and confidence in your mercy,
serving you in holiness and purity of life,
to your honor and glory;
through our only Mediator and Advocate

Be graciously pleased
to hear us, O Christ

THE LORD'S PRAYER *afternoon*

Breathe in Our Father who art in heaven,
Breathe out **Our Father who art in heaven,**

Breathe in Our Father who art in heaven,
Breathe out **Our Father who art in heaven,**

Breathe in Our Father who art in heaven,
Breathe out **Our Father who art in heaven,**

In light of this, where are you going and what seems important today?

Breathe in Hallowed be thy name,
Breathe out **Hallowed be thy name,**

Breathe in Hallowed be thy name,
Breathe out **Hallowed be thy name,**

Breathe in Hallowed be thy name,
Breathe out **Hallowed be thy name,**

In light of this, where are you going and what seems important today?

Breathe in Thy kingdom come,
Breathe out **Thy kingdom come**,

Breathe in Thy kingdom come,
Breathe out **Thy kingdom come**,

Breathe in Thy kingdom come,
Breathe out **Thy kingdom come**,

In light of this, where are you going and what seems important today?

Breathe in Thy will be done,
Breathe out **Thy will be done**,

Breathe in Thy will be done,
Breathe out **Thy will be done**,

Breathe in Thy will be done,
Breathe out **Thy will be done**,

In light of this, where are you going and what seems important today?

Breathe in On earth as it is in heaven,
Breathe out **On earth as it is in heaven**,

Breathe in On earth as it is in heaven,
Breathe out **On earth as it is in heaven**,

Breathe in On earth as it is in heaven,
Breathe out **On earth as it is in heaven**,

In light of this, where are you going and what seems important today?

Breathe in Give us this day our daily bread,
Breathe out **Give us this day our daily bread,**

Breathe in Give us this day our daily bread,
Breathe out **Give us this day our daily bread,**

Breathe in Give us this day our daily bread,
Breathe out **Give us this day our daily bread,**

In light of this, where are you going and what seems important today?

Breathe in And forgive us our trespasses,
Breathe out **And forgive us our trespasses,**

Breathe in And forgive us our trespasses,
Breathe out **And forgive us our trespasses,**

Breathe in And forgive us our trespasses,
Breathe out **And forgive us our trespasses,**

In light of this, where are you going and what seems important today?

Breathe in As we forgive those
Breathe out **As we forgive those**

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Breathe in As we forgive those
Breathe out **As we forgive those**

In light of this, where are you going and what seems important today?

Breathe in who trespass against us
Breathe out **who trespass against us**

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Breathe out **who trespass against us**

Breathe in who trespass against us
Breathe out **who trespass against us**

In light of this, where are you going and what seems important today?

Breathe in And lead us not into temptation,
Breathe out **And lead us not into temptation,**

Breathe in And lead us not into temptation,
Breathe out **And lead us not into temptation,**

Breathe in And lead us not into temptation,
Breathe out **And lead us not into temptation,**

In light of this, where are you going and what seems important today?

Breathe in But deliver us from evil,
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In light of this, where are you going and what seems important today?

Breathe in For thine is the kingdom and the power
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In light of this, where are you going and what seems important today?

Breathe in And the glory forever,
Breathe out **And the glory forever,**

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In light of this, where are you going and what seems important today?

And they went to a place called Gethsemane.
And he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray."
And he took with him Peter and James and John,
and began to be greatly distressed and troubled.
And he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death.
Remain here and watch."
And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that,
if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.
And he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you.
Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."
And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter,
"Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour?
Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation.
The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

One or more

1

Truly, truly, I say to you,
unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth
and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.
Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this
world will keep it for eternal life.
If anyone serves me, he must follow me;
and where I am, there will my servant be also.

2

A dispute also arose among them,
as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest.
And he said to them,
"The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them,
and those in authority over them are called benefactors.
But not so with you.
Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest,
and the leader as one who serves.
For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves?
Is it not the one who reclines at table?
But I am among you as the one who serves. *Luke 22:24-27*

3

But thanks be to God,
who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession,
and through us spreads the fragrance

of the knowledge of him everywhere.
For we are the aroma of Christ to God
among those who are being saved
and among those who are perishing,
to one a fragrance from death to death,
to the other a fragrance from life to life.
Who is sufficient for these things?
For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God's word,
but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God,
in the sight of God we speak in Christ.
But we have this treasure in jars of clay,
to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.
We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed;
perplexed, but not driven to despair;
persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;
always carrying in the body the death of Jesus,
so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our bodies.
For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake,
so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.
So death is at work in us, but life in you.

For to this you have been called, because Christ
Suffered for you, leaving you an example
So that you might follow in his steps.
He committed no sin, Neither was deceit found in his mouth.
When he was reviled, he did not revile in return
When he suffered, he did not threaten,

But continued entrusting himself to him Who judges justly.
He himself bore our sins, in his body on the tree,
That we might die to sin and live to righteousness.
All of your have unity of mind, sympathy,
Brotherly love, a tender heart and a humble mind,
Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling
But on the contrary bless, for this you were called,
That you might obtain a blessing.
But even if you should suffer for righteousness sake,
You will be blessed.
Have no fear of them, nor be troubled
But in your heart honor Christ the Lord as holy.

INTERCESSION *choose one or more before finishing*

O God the Father, creator of heaven and earth,
Have mercy upon us.
O God the Son, redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon us.
O God the Holy Spirit, sanctifier of the faithful,
Have mercy upon us.

O Lord God, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Be graciously pleased,
To hear us, O Christ

O God, whose days are without end,
and whose mercies cannot be numbered:
Make us, we pray, deeply aware of the shortness and uncertainty of human life;
and let your Holy Spirit lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Be graciously pleased,
To hear us, O Christ

Remember, O Lord, what you have wrought in us
and not what we deserve;
and, as you have called us to your service,
make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever. Amen.

Be graciously pleased,
To hear us, O Christ

O God, whose Son Jesus Christ
is the Good Shepherd of your people:
Grant that, when we hear his voice,
we may know him who calls us each by name,
and follow where he leads;
who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Be graciously pleased,
To hear us, O Christ

O Lord, you never fail to support and govern those whom you bring up in your steadfast love and fear:
Keep us, we pray,

under your continual protection and providence,
and give us a perpetual fear and love of your holy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Be graciously pleased,
To hear us, O Christ

Give me, O Lord, a steadfast heart,
which no unworthy thought can drag down;
an unconquered heart,
which no tribulation can wear out;
an upright heart, which no unworthy purpose can tempt aside.
Bestow upon me understanding to
know you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to nd you,
and faithfulness that finally may embrace you. Amen.

Be graciously pleased,
To hear us, O Christ

Heavenly Father,
in you we live and move and have our being:
We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us
by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares
and occupations of our life, we may not forget you,
but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Be graciously pleased,
To hear us, O Christ

Almighty God, whose most dear Son
went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the Cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Be graciously pleased,
To hear us, O Christ

O Lord our heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son came not to be served, but to serve:
We ask you to bless all who, following in his steps,
give themselves to the service of others;
endue them with wisdom, patience, and courage,
that they may strengthen the weak and raise up those who fall,
and, being inspired by your love,
may worthily minister to the suffering, the friendless, and the
needy; for the sake of him who laid down his life for us,
your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Be graciously pleased,
To hear us, O Christ

Almighty God, you have promised to hear the petitions of those
who ask in the Name of your Son:
Grant that what we have asked faithfully,
according to your will, we may obtain effectually,
for the relief of our necessities and the setting forth of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE BEATITUDES *evening*

And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Breathe in Amen,
Breathe out **Come Lord Jesus**

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Breathe in Amen,
Breathe out **Come Lord Jesus**

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
Breathe in Amen,
Breathe out **Come Lord Jesus**

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.
Breathe in Amen,
Breathe out **Come Lord Jesus**

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
Breathe in Amen,
Breathe out **Come Lord Jesus**

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
Breathe in Amen,
Breathe out **Come Lord Jesus**

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
Breathe in Amen,
Breathe out **Come Lord Jesus**

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Breathe in Amen,
Breathe out **Come Lord Jesus**

"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you
and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
Breathe in Amen,
Breathe out **Come Lord Jesus**

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven,
for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.
Breathe in Amen,
Breathe out **Come Lord Jesus**.

If then you have been raised with Christ,
seek the things that are above, where Christ is,
seated at the right hand of God.
Set your minds on things that are above,
not on things that are on earth.
For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
When Christ who is your

life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.
Put to death therefore what is earthly in you:
sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire,
and covetousness, which is idolatry.
On account of these the wrath of God is coming.
In these you too once walked, when you were living in them.
But now you must put them all away:
anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.
Do not lie to one another,
seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices
and have put on the new self,
which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.
Here there is not Greek and Jew,
circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free;
but Christ is all, and in all.
Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,
bearing with one another and,
if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other;
as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.
And above all these put on love,
which binds everything together in perfect harmony.
And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom,
singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,

with thankfulness in your hearts to God.
And whatever you do, in word or deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him

One or more

1

And we know that for those who love God
all things work together for good,
for those who are called according to his purpose.
For those whom he foreknew he also predestined
to be conformed to the image of his Son,
in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.
And those whom he predestined he also called,
and those whom he called he also justified,
and those whom he justified he also glorified. *Romans 8:28-30*

2

The first man was from the earth,
a man of dust; the second man is from heaven.
As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust,
and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven.
Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust,
we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven. *1 Cor. 15:47-49*

3

See what kind of love the Father has given to us,
that we should be called children of God; and so we are.

The reason why the world does not know us
is that it did not know him.
Beloved, we are God's children now,
and what we will be has not yet appeared;
but we know that when he appears we shall be like him,
because we shall see him as he is.
And everyone who thus hopes in him
purifies himself as he is pure. *1 John 3:1-3*

4

The Lord said You will be sorrowful,
but your sorrow will turn into joy.
When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow
because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby,
she no longer remembers the anguish,
for joy that a human being has been born into the world.
So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again,
and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy
from you

5

The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled
and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers.
Above all, keep loving one another earnestly,
since love covers a multitude of sins.
Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.
As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,

as good stewards of God's varied grace:
whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God;
whoever serves, as one who serves
by the strength that God supplies—
in order that in everything God may be glorified
through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever
and ever. Amen.
Humble yourselves, therefore,
under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time
he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him,
because he cares for you.
Be sober-minded; be watchful.
Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion,
seeking someone to devour.
Resist him, firm in your faith,
knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced
by your brotherhood throughout the world.
And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace,
who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ,
will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.
To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

INTERCESSION *choose one or more before finishing*

O Lord our heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son came not to be served, but to serve:
We ask you to bless all who, following in his steps,
give themselves to the service of others;
endue them with wisdom, patience, and courage,
that they may strengthen the weak and raise up those who fall,
and, being inspired by your love,
may worthily minister to the suffering, the friendless,
and the needy; for the sake of him
who laid down his life for us,
your Son our Savior Jesus Christ.

Be graciously pleased
To hear us O Christ

Father, in your mercy dispel the darkness of this night,
and let your servant sleep in peace,
that at the dawn of a new day
I may wake with joy in your Name;
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Be graciously pleased
To hear us O Christ

We pray that thou wilt pour out
upon the leaders of thy Church

that the spirit of self-denying service
by which alone they may have true authority among thy people;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Be graciously pleased
To hear us O Christ

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world
that he might destroy the works of the devil
and make us children of God
and heirs of eternal life:
Grant that, having this hope,
we may purify ourselves as he is pure;
that, when he comes again with power and great glory,
we may be made like him in his
eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Be graciously pleased
To hear us O Christ

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order
the unruly wills and affections of sinners:
Grant your people grace to love what you command

and desire what you promise;
that, among the swift and varied changes of the world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be found;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Be graciously pleased
To hear us O Christ

O God, your blessed Son became poor for our sake,
and chose the Cross over the kingdoms of this world: Deliver
us from an inordinate love of worldly things, that we, inspired
by the devotion of your servants
may seek you with singleness of heart,
behold your glory by faith, and attain to the riches
of your everlasting kingdom, where we shall be united with our
Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit,one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Be graciously pleased
To hear us O Christ

O God, who for our redemption
gave your only begotten Son to die upon the Cross, and by his
glorious resurrection

delivered us from the devil and the power of death: Grant us grace to die daily to sin,
that we may live with him in the joy of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Be graciously pleased
To hear us O Christ

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order
the unruly wills and affections of sinners:
Grant your people grace to love what you command
and desire what you promise;
that, among the swift and varied changes of the world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys
are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Be graciously pleased
To hear us O Christ

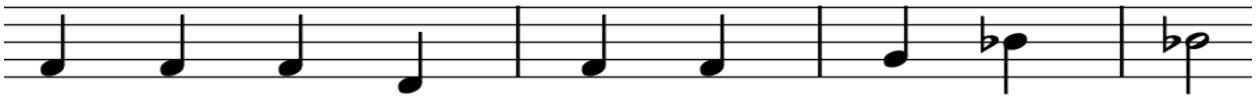
O God, the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son, Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless,
but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us,
and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before;

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.
Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom,
And grant that we your servants, who now live by faith,
May with joy behold you Son in His coming in glorious majesty,
Jesus Christ, our only mediator and advocate. **Amen**

Be graciously pleased
To hear us O Christ

AN EVENSONG *singing and saying this Good News together*

Leader alone sings



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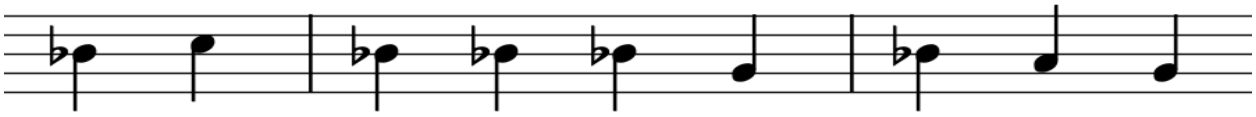

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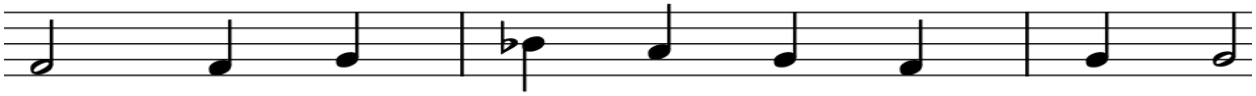

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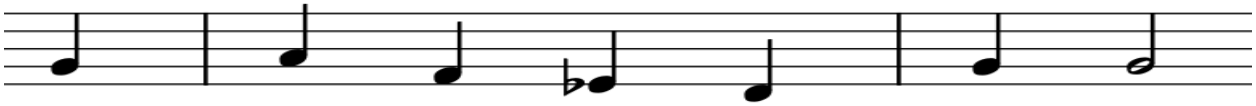

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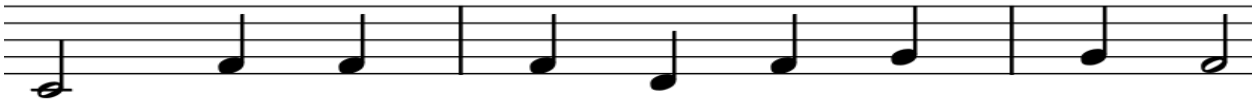

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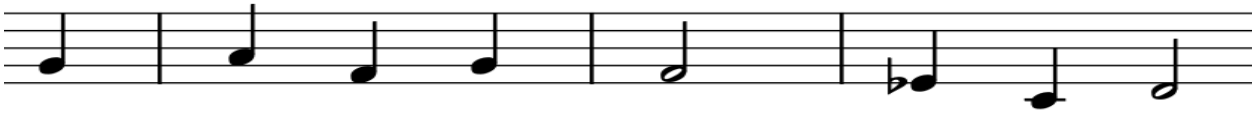

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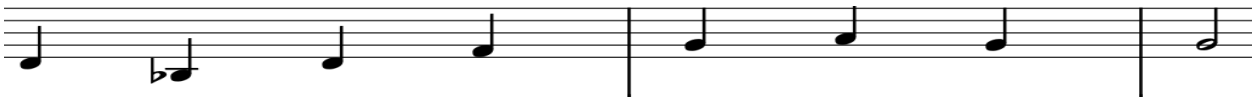

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Pour light up—---on us from a—-------bove
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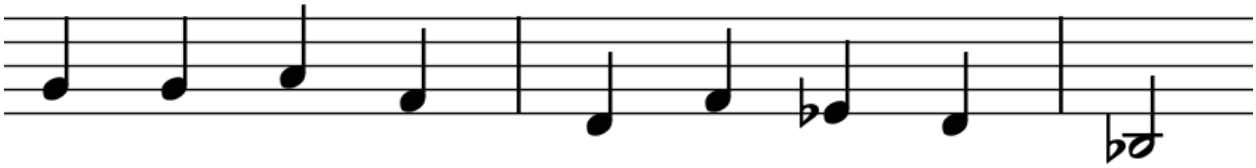

Who in these lat—-----t—-------er days was born
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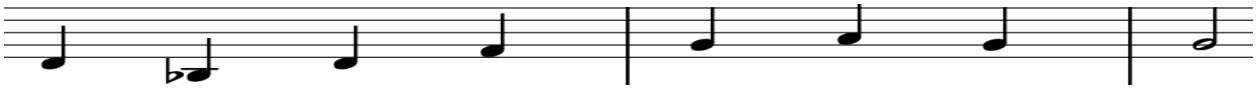

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And Jesus spoke to them, saying,
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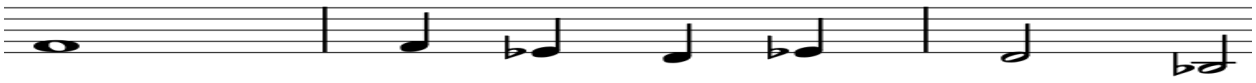
Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness
But will have the light of life."



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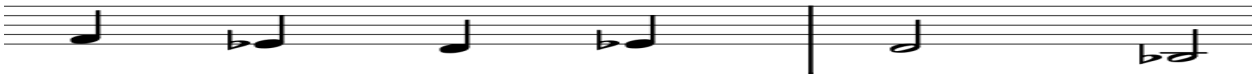
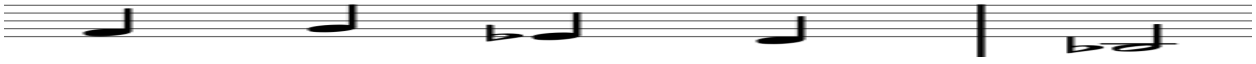


Th—--anks be to G—----------od

Long ago, at many times and in many ways,
God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,
But in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son,
Whom he appointed the heir of all things,
Through whom also he created the world.
He is the radiance of the glory of God,
And the exact imprint of his nature,
And he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

In the tend—----------de—----------r Mercy



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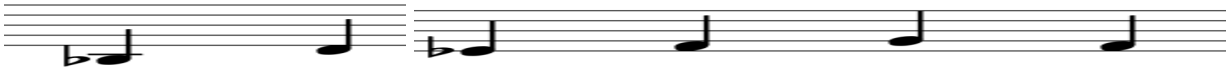

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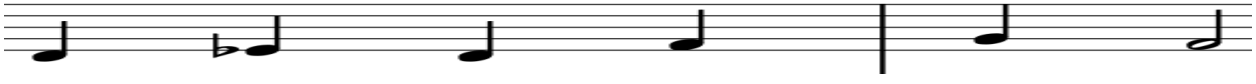
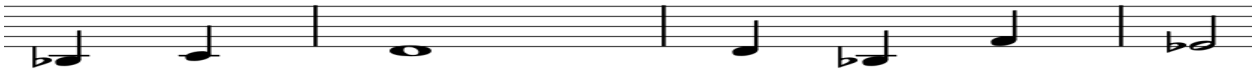


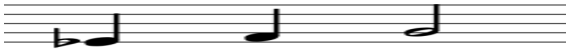
Hath vis—-------it—--------e—----------d us

For God who said
"Let light shine out of darkness"
has shone in our hearts to give the light
of the knowledge of the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ."

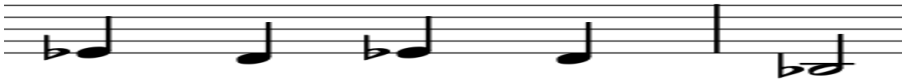


And the city has no need to shine on it
of sun or moon

For the glory of the Lord gives it light



And its lamp



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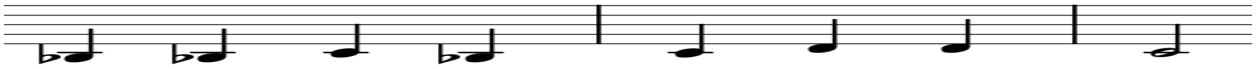


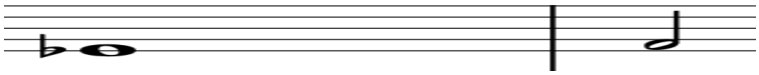
You O Lord Are m—--------y L—--------amp

My God y——ou make my dark-ness bright

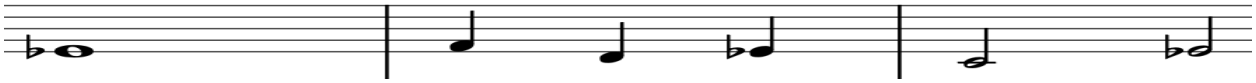
Share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God
Who saved us and called us to a holy calling,
Not because of our works but because of his own purpose

And grace which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,
and which now has been manifested
Through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus
Who abolished death and brought life and immortality
To life through the gospel.

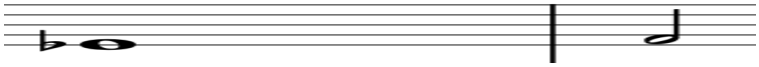
And so I stand here testifying both to small and great
Saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said
Would come to pass: That the Christ must suffer and that,
Being raised from the dead,
He would proclaim light both to our people and to the Gentiles



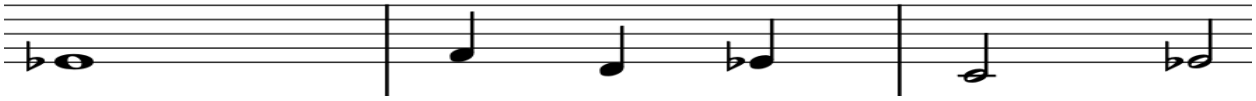
Arise, shine for your
Light has come



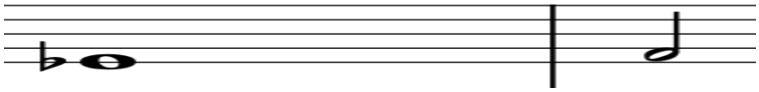
And the glory
Of the Lord Has dawned up–on yo—---------u



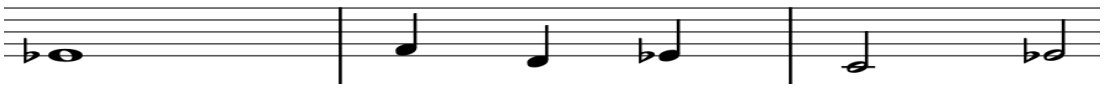
For behold, deep darkness
Covers the land



Deep gloom en—----shrouds the peo—-----pl—-------es

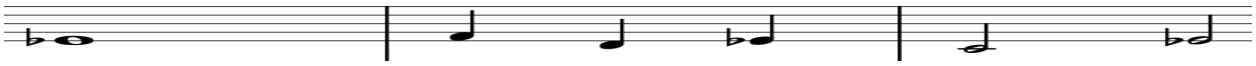


But over you the Lord will rise

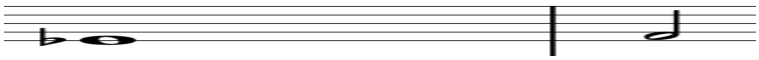


And his glory
Will a—---------ppear up—-on yo—----u

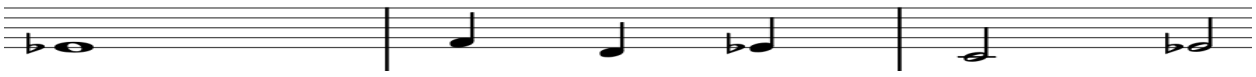
The sun will no more be
Your light by day



By night you will
Not need the
Bright—----------ness of the moo—---n



The Lord will be your
Everlasting light

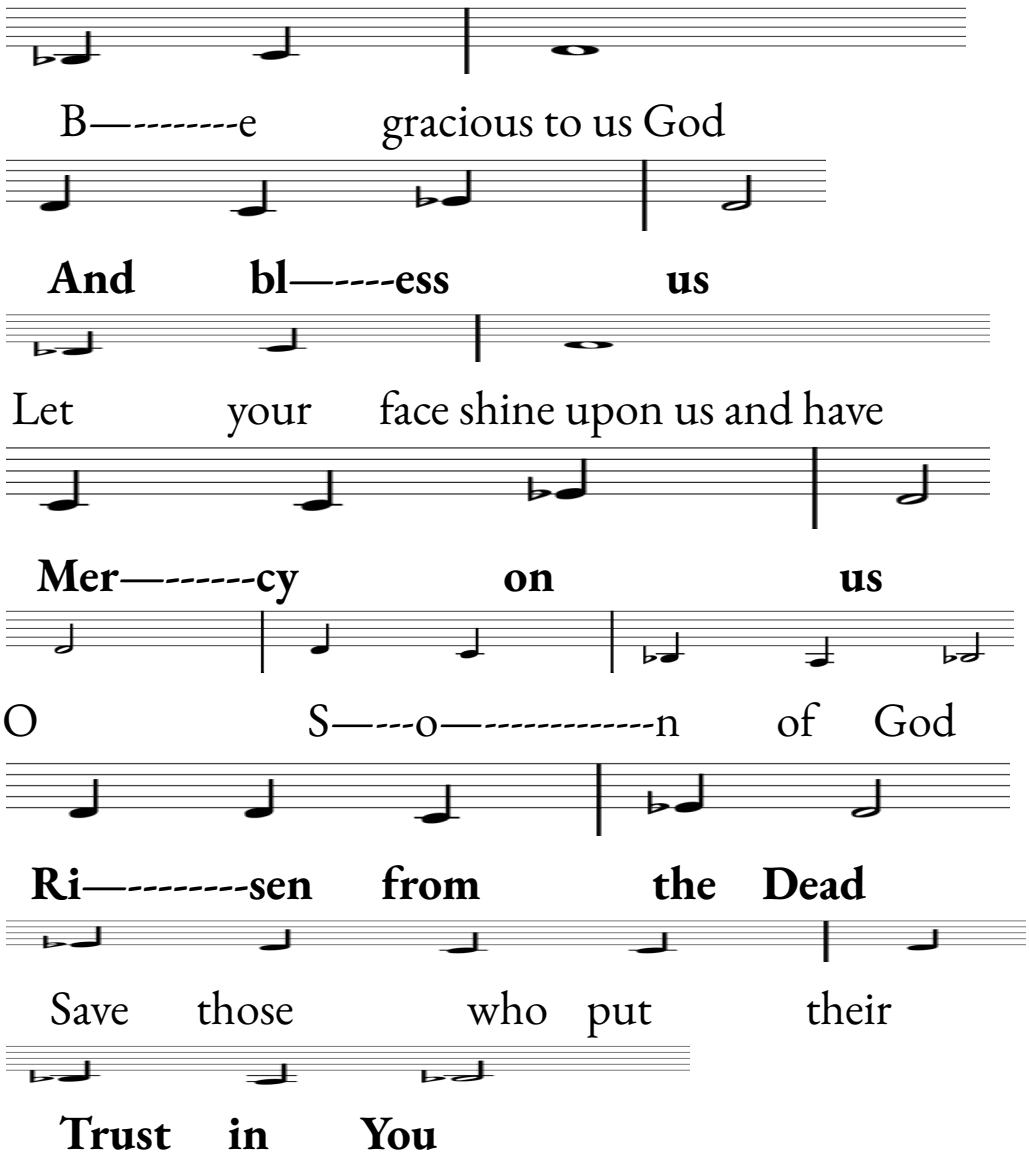


And your God
Will be you—-r glo—-----ry

THE PRAYER FOR LIGHT

Grant us, Lord, the lamp of charity which never fails,
That it may burn in us and shed its light
on those around us.
And that by its brightness we may have a vision
Of that holy city,
Where dwells the true and never failing Light,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord.
And by your great mercy defend us
From all perils and dangers of this night;
For the love of your only Son, our Savior,
Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



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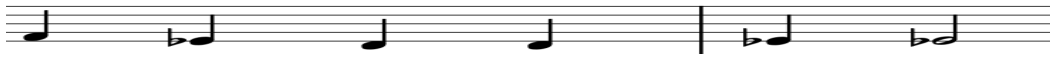
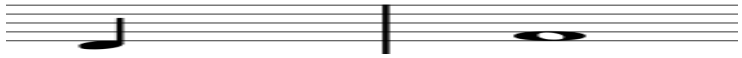
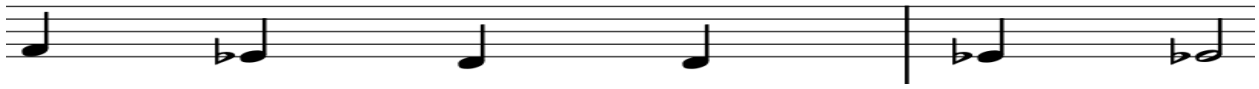


Of th—-----e Word made flesh

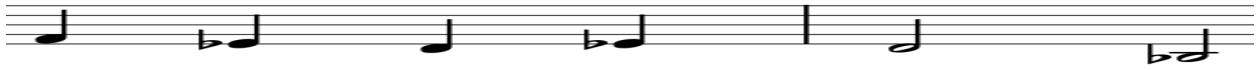


You have caused a new light to

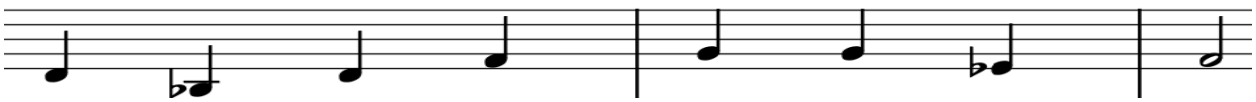


Shine i—----------n ou—----------r hearts

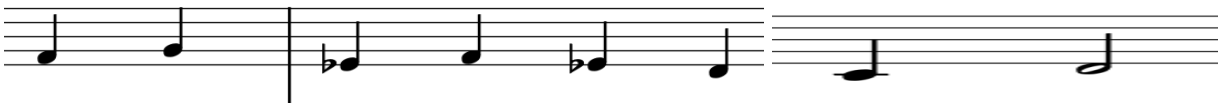
To give the knowledge of your glory in the face of



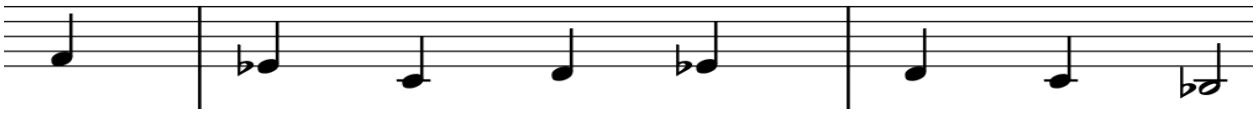
Je—-------sus Christ our Lo—------rd



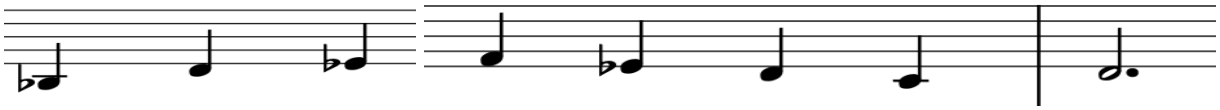
1 O grac—--ious light Lord Jes—-sus Christ
2 Now sun—----set comes but light shines forth
3 Wor—thy are you of end less praise



1 In you the Fath–ers glor—--y shone
2 The lamps are lit to pierce the night
3 O son of God life giv—----ing Lord



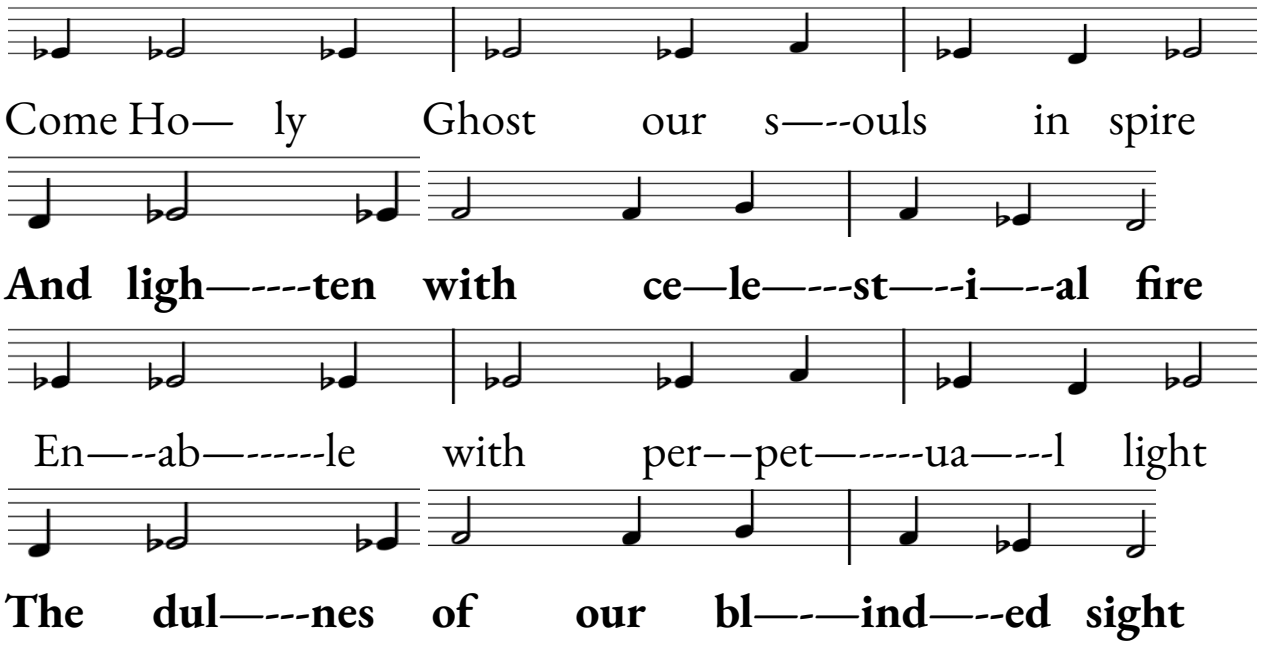
1 Imm—---or—--- tal Ho—----ly blessed is He
2 Praise Fath—er, Son and Spi—--rit, God
3 Where fore you are through all the earth



1 And blessed are you His onl—---y Son
2 Who dwells in the e—-tern—-----al Light
3 And in the high—-est hea–ven adored

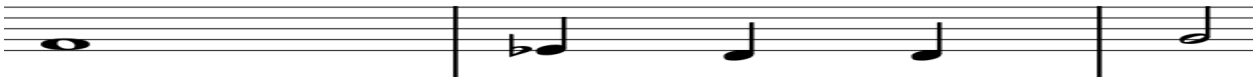
THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid,
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of yourHoly Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

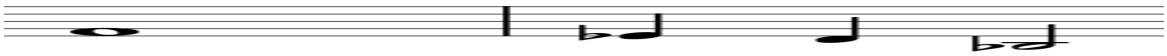


Glory to God in the highest
And peace to his people on earth,
Lord God, heavenly King almighty God and Father
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory

O Lord God,
Lamb of God Son of the F—-----ath—----------er



That takest away the Sin of the world



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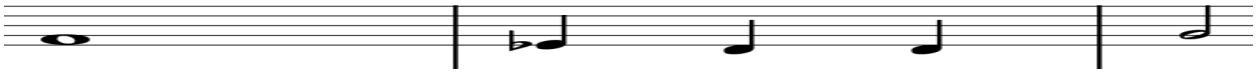
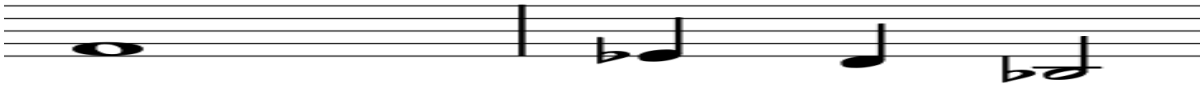


Thou that sittest
At the right hand of God the Father



Have Mercy up—----------o—----------n us

Almighty God, you have poured upon us
the new light of your incarnate Word:
Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts,
may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Heavenly Father, you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless until they rest in you:
Look with compassion upon the heartfelt desires
of your servants, and purify our disordered affections,
that we may behold your eternal glory in the face of Christ Jesus;

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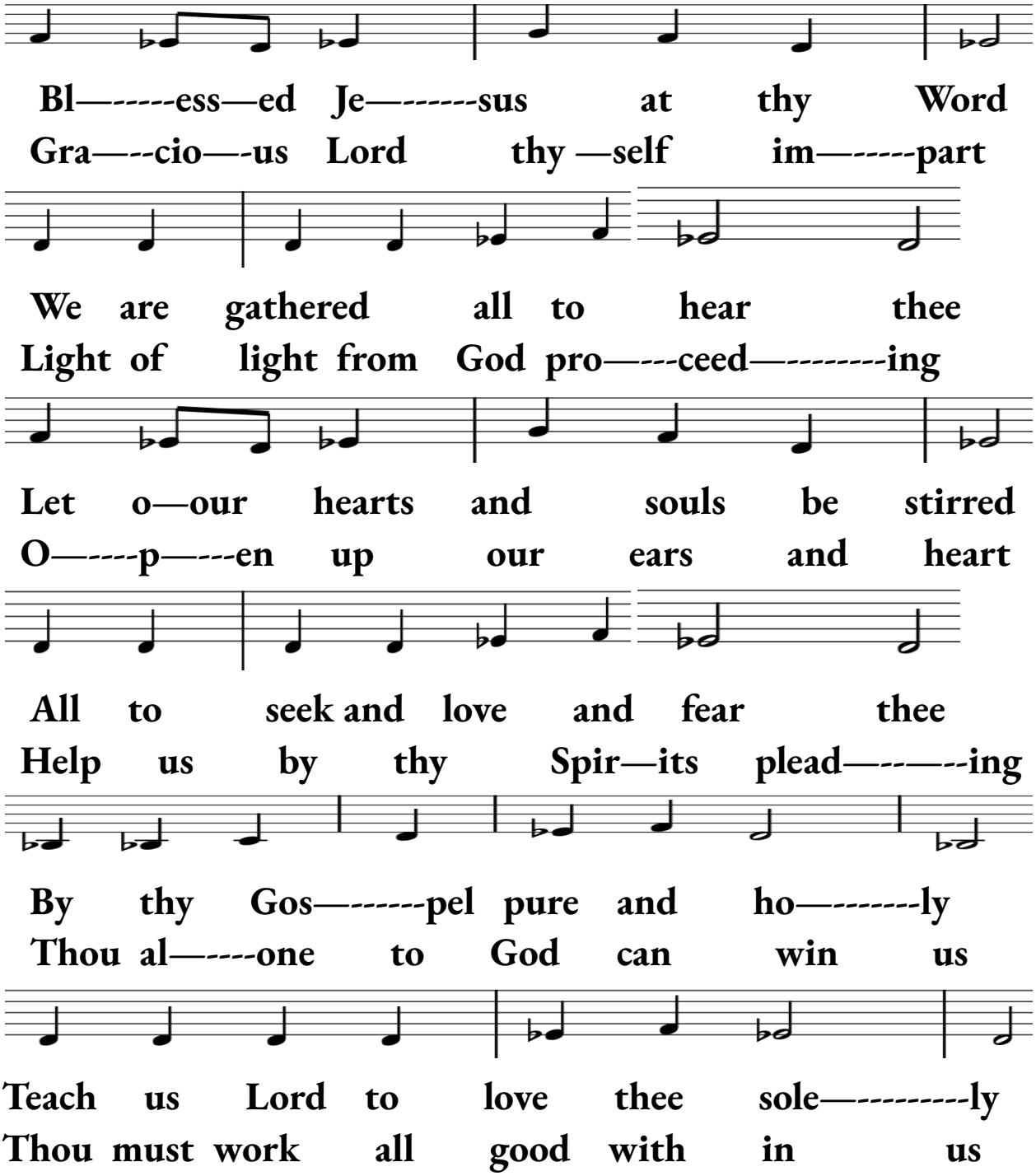
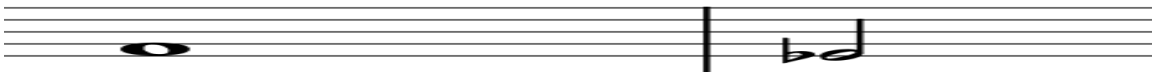


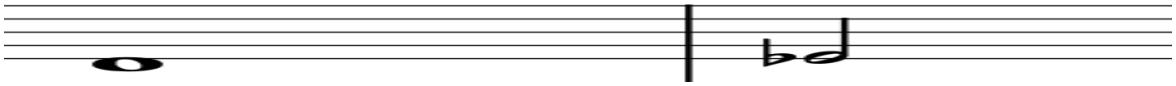
THE PSALM *this or other psalms*

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

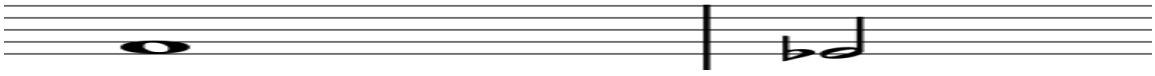
27: 1-4 *or some other psalm*



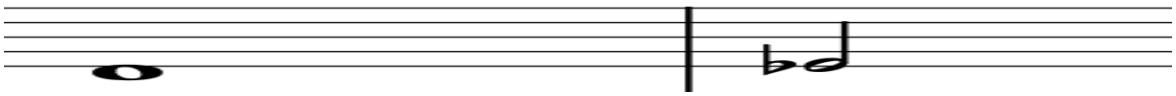
The Lord is my light and
My salvation whom then shall I fear?



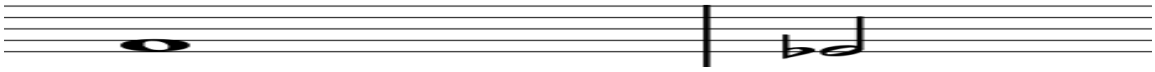
The Lord is the strength of
my life of whom then shall I be afraid?



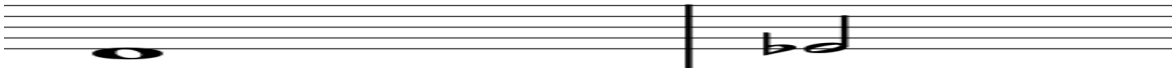
When the wicked, even my enemies
And my foes, came upon me to
Eat up my flesh



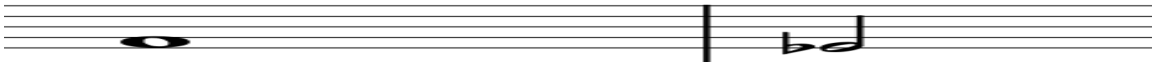
They stumbled and fell



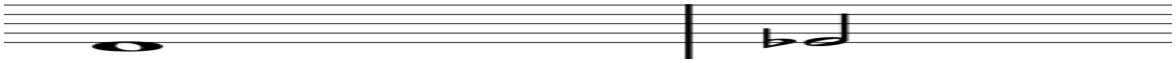
Though a host were encamped
Me, yet my heart would not be afraid



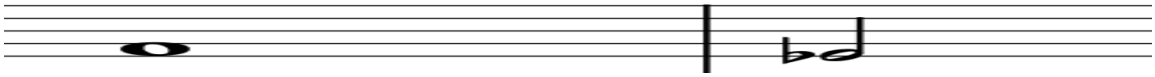
And though war rose up against
Me, yet would I put my trust in Him



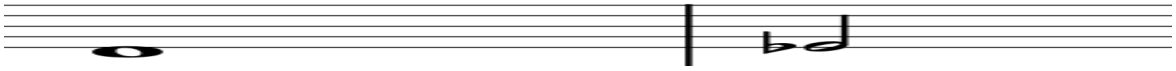
One thing have I desired of the
Lord, one thing I seek



That I may dwell in the house
Of the Lord all the days of my life



To behold the fair beauty of the Lord



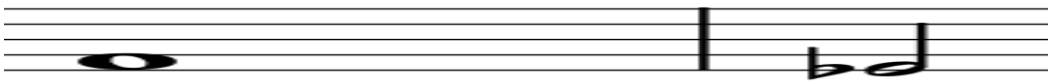
And to seek him in his temple

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
And to the Holy Spirit
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be
World without end, amen.

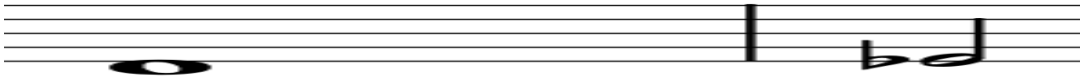
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish, saying, "I called out to the LORD, out of my distress,

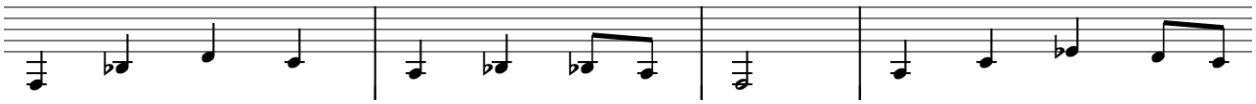
and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice. For you cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me; all your breakers and your waves passed over me. Then I said, 'I am driven away from your sight; yet I shall again look upon your holy temple.' The waters closed in over me to take my life; the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped about my head. To the roots of the mountains I went down, to the land whose bars closed upon me forever. Yet you brought up my life from the pit, O LORD my God. When my life was fainting away, I remembered the LORD, and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple. Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love. But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the LORD!" And the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.



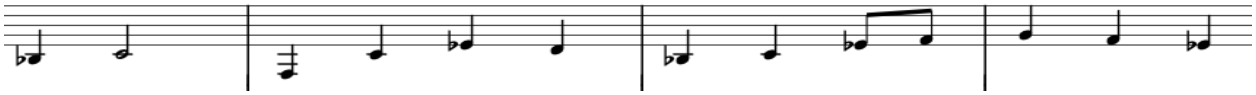
The word of the Lord



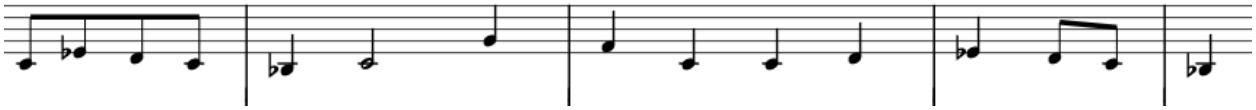
Thanks be to God



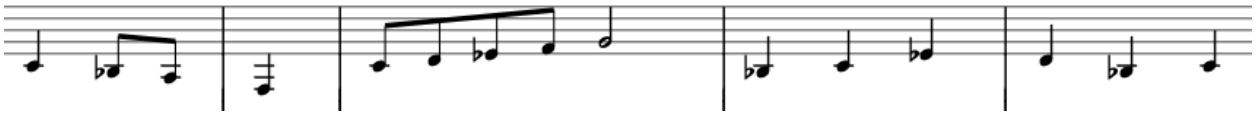
Blessed be the God of Is—-ra–e—--l who come to se-t
With prom-ised Mer-cy will G—od still the cov–e–n-ant
My child as pro—phet of th—e Lord you will prep-a-re



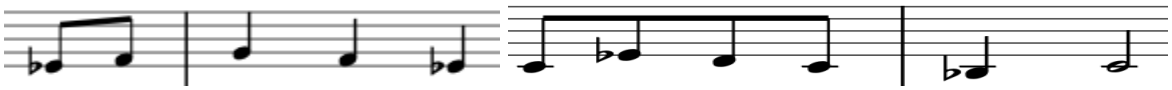
Us free and rai–ses up new hope f–or us a branch
Re–call the oath once sworn to Ab—ra—a ham from foes
The way to tell God's peo—ple they a-re saved from sin's



Fr-om D-a—-vids tree. So have the pro–phets long d—e-clared
T–o sa—ve us all. That we might wor-ship with ou–t fear
E–e—t–er—nal sway. Then shall God's mer–cy from o–n high



That wi–th his m–i–gh–ty arm God would turn back our en
And o–o—ffer li–ives o—f praise in hol—-i—--ness and right
Shine fo-rth and n–e—v—er cease to drive a—-way the gloom



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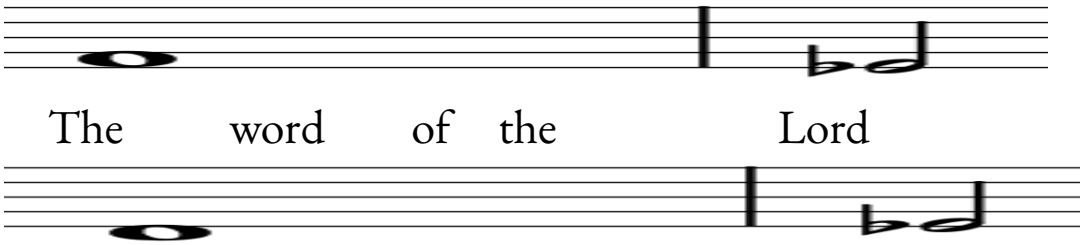
E—ous ness to serve G—od a—--ll our days
O–f death and lead u—-s i—----in to peace

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

See what kind of love the Father has given to us,
that we should be called children of God; and so we are.
The reason why the world does not know us
is that it did not know him.
Beloved, we are God's children now,
and what we will be has not yet appeared;
but we know that when he appears we shall be like him,
because we shall see him as he is.
And everyone who thus hopes in him
purifies himself as he is pure. *1 John 3:1-3*



Thanks be to God

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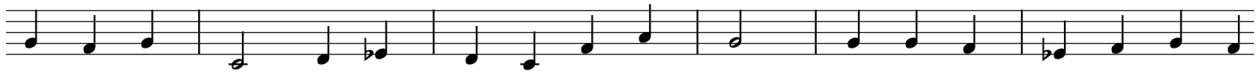

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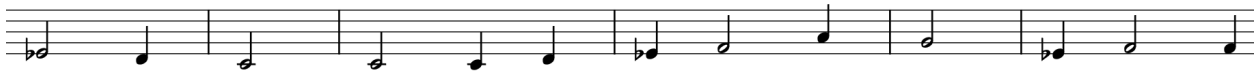

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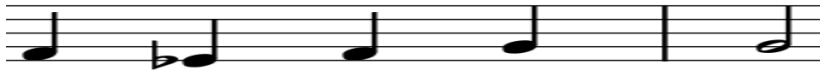

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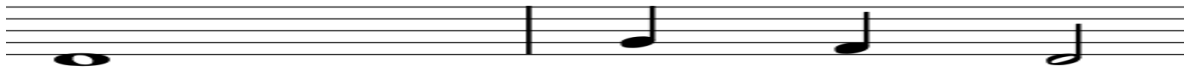
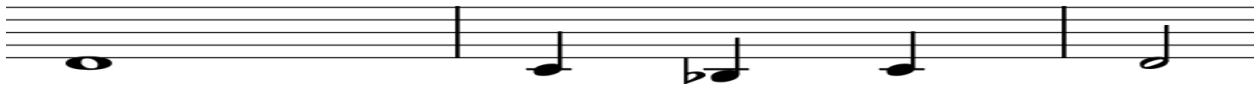
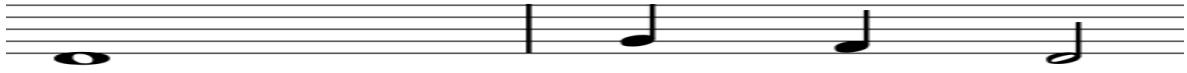


From this day all generations will call me blessed



The almighty has done
great things for me and holy is his name



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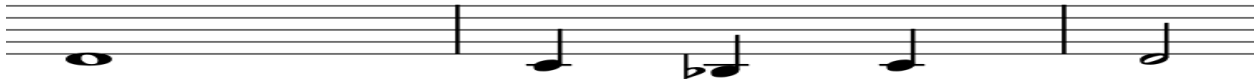

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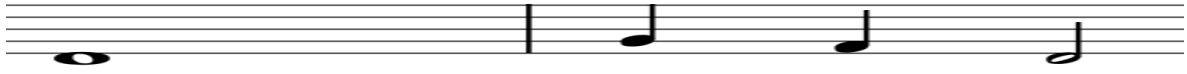

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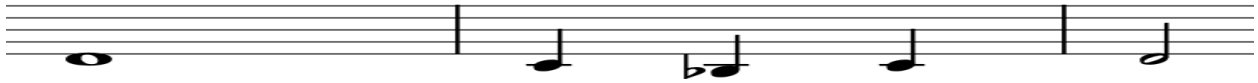

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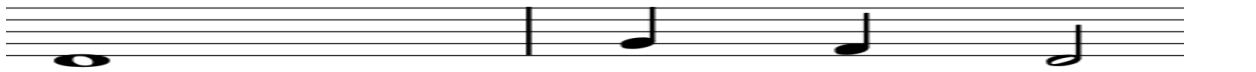

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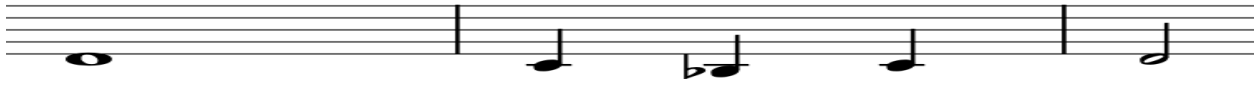

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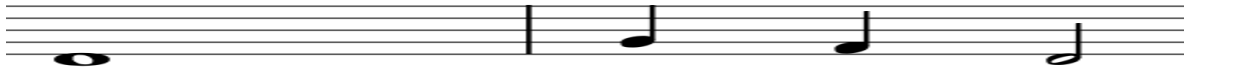

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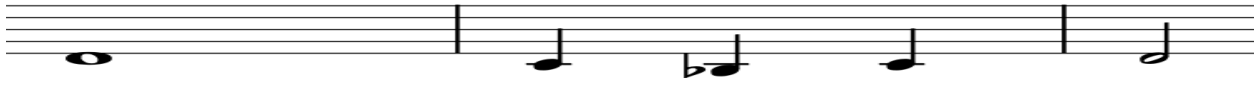

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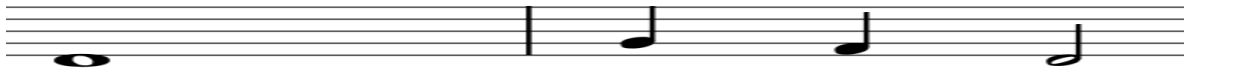

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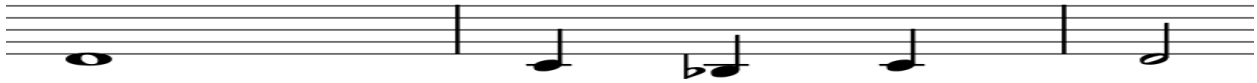

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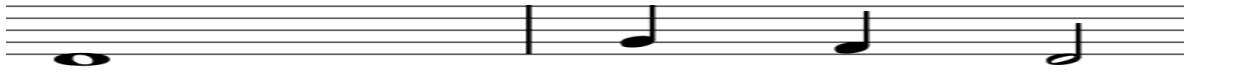

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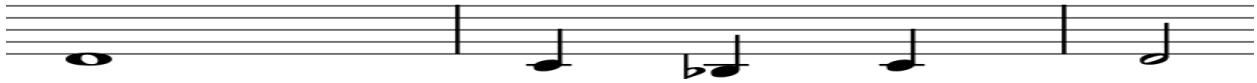

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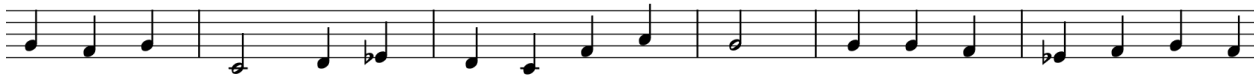

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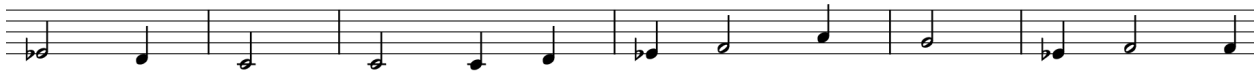

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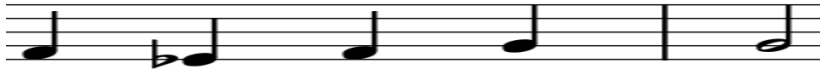

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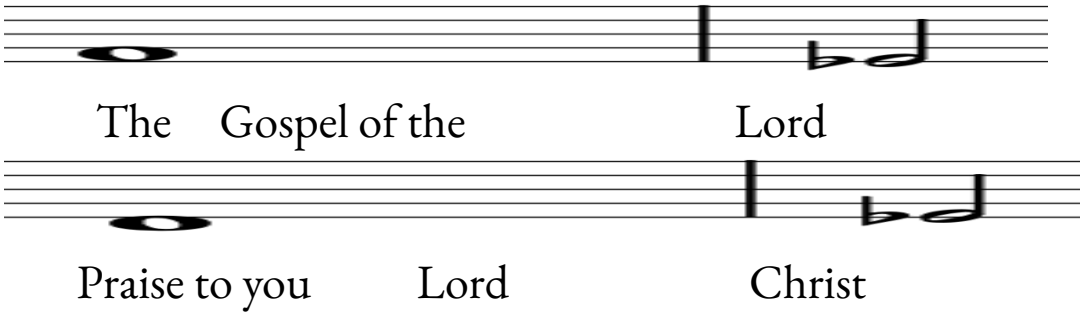
GOSPEL LESSON

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.



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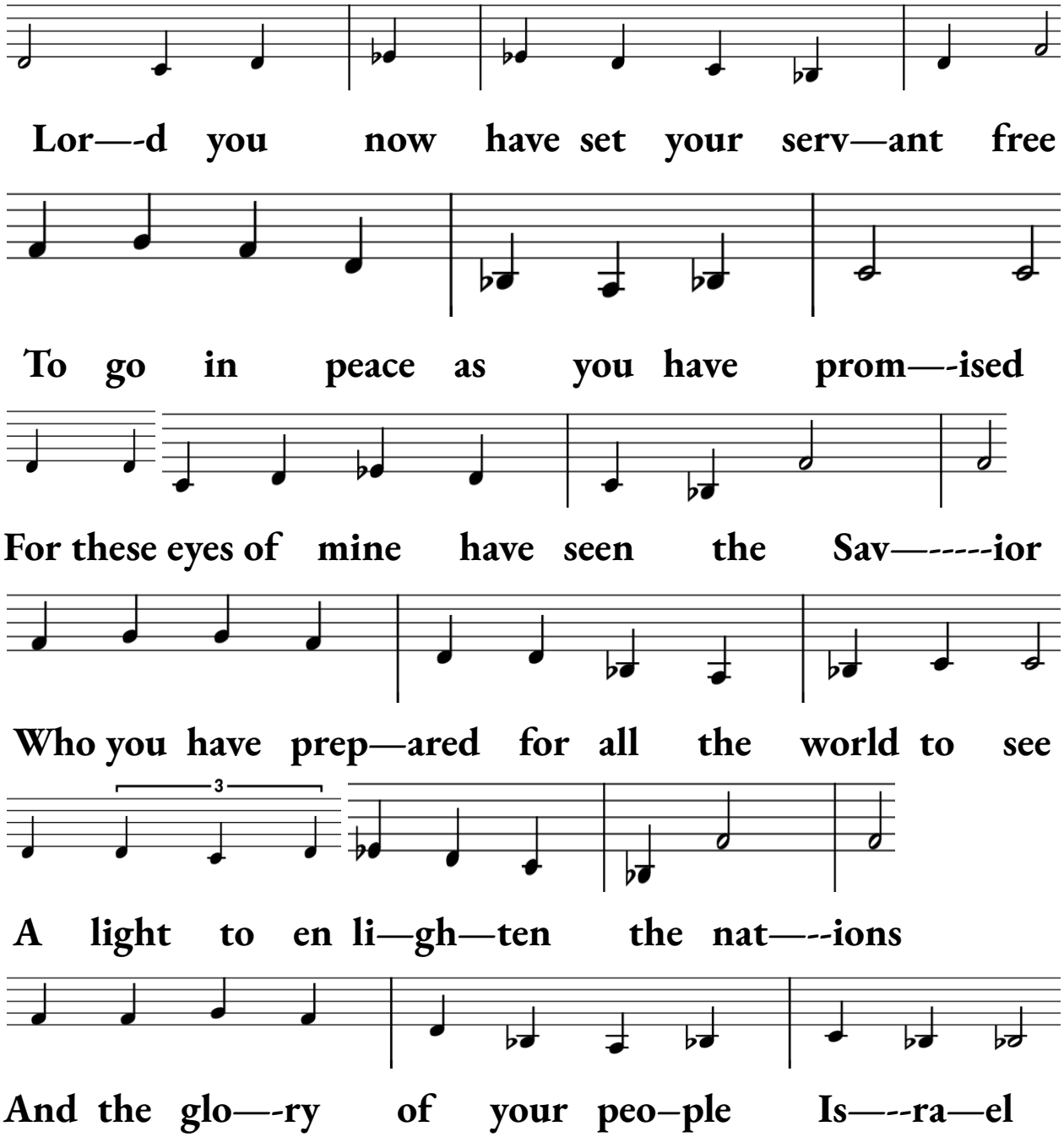

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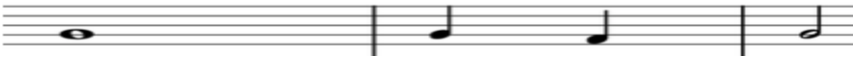
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.



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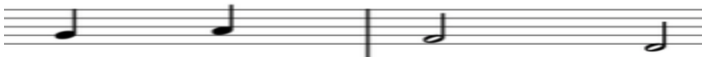

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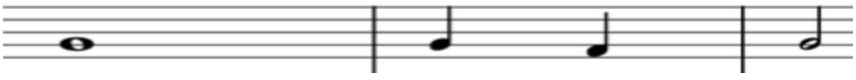

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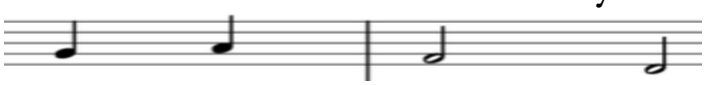

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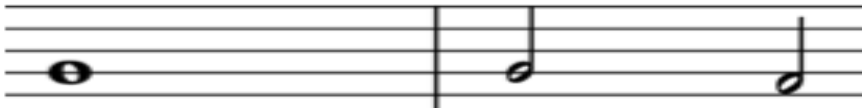

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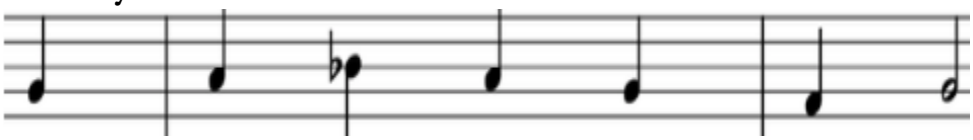

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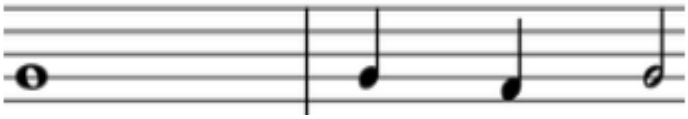

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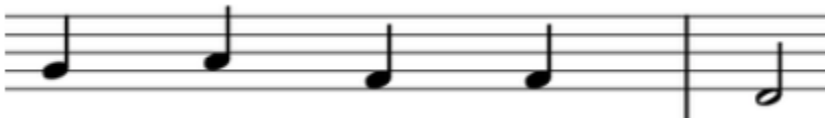

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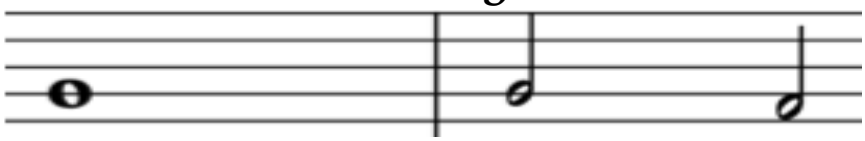

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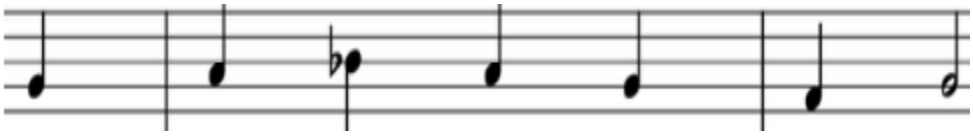

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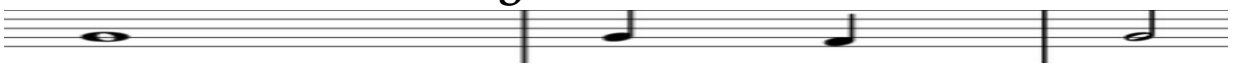

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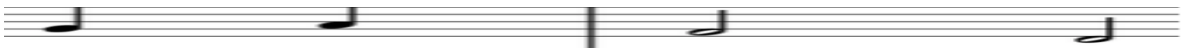

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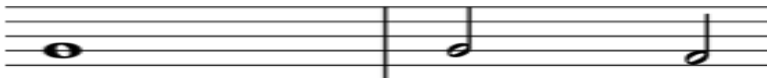

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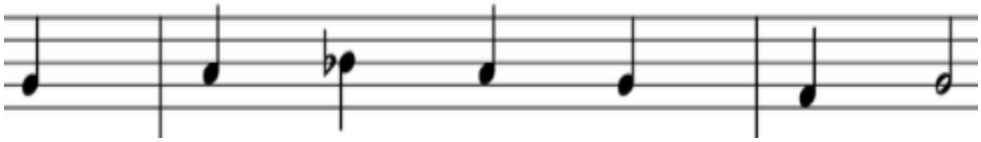

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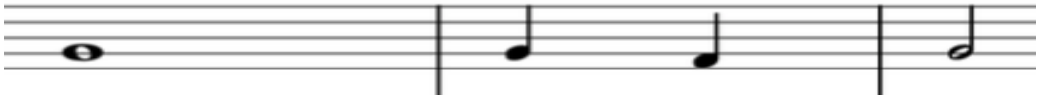

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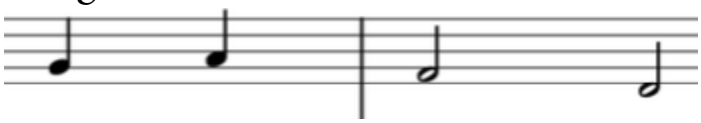

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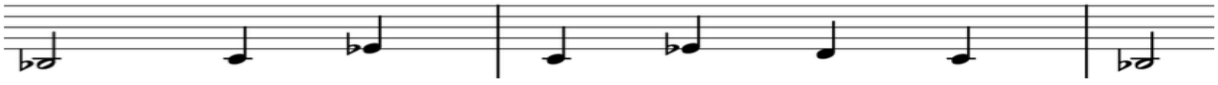

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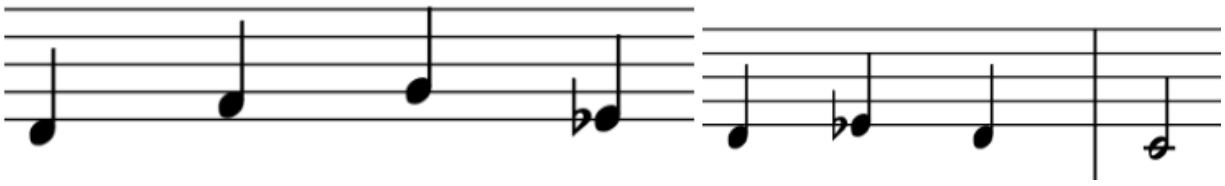
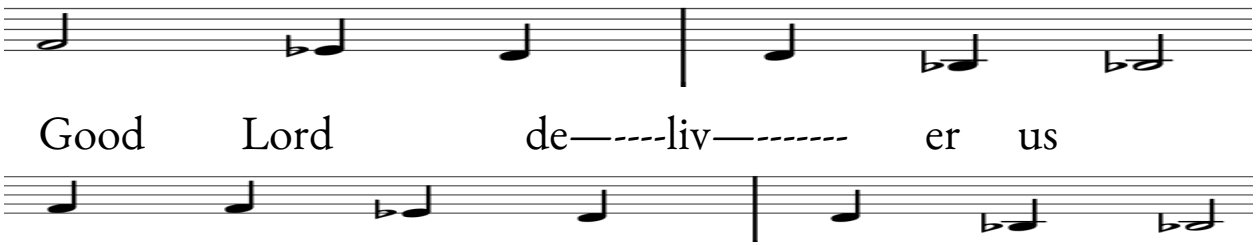


To glor—------y ev—-------er la—---st—-------ing

III. CONFESSION AND COMMUNION

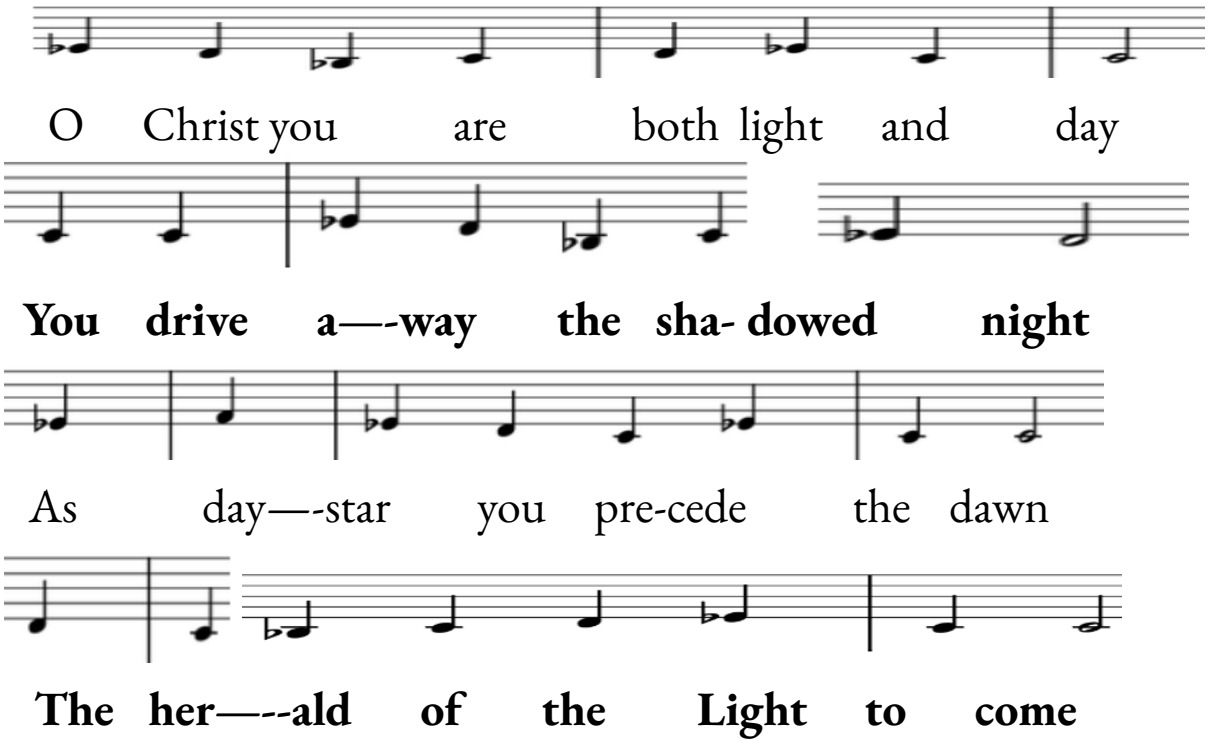
Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
Govern and uphold them, now and always.
Day by day we bless you;
We praise your name for ever.
Lord, keep us from all sin today;
Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.
Lord, show us your love and mercy;
For we put our trust in you.
In you, Lord, is our hope;
Let us never be put to shame.

From all blindness of heart
From all sinful and disordered affections
From the deceits of the world the
Flesh and the devil

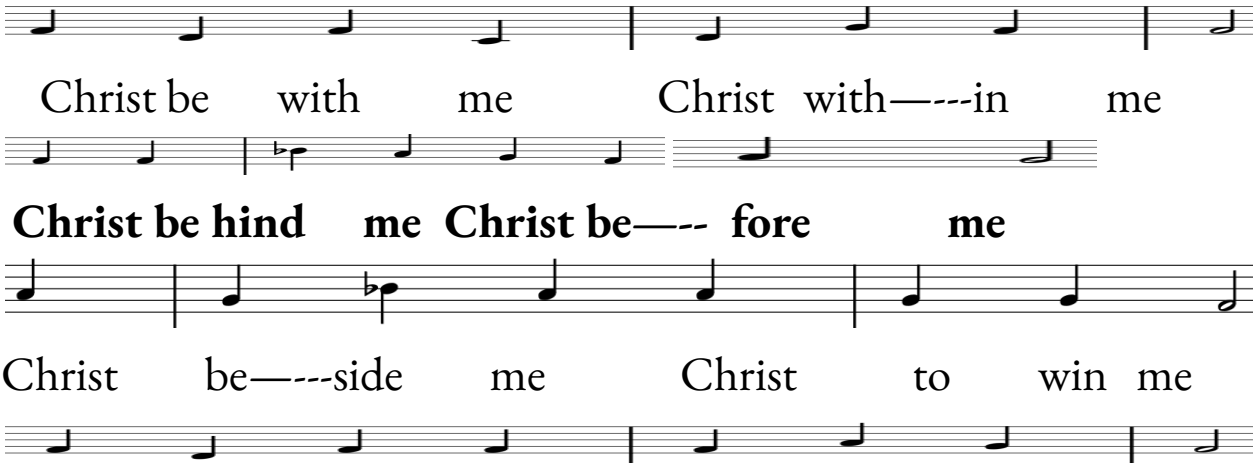


Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ
triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us
our place in the new Jerusalem:
Grant that we, who have this day
Given thanks for his resurrection,
may praise you in that City
of which he is the light, and where he lives and reigns
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

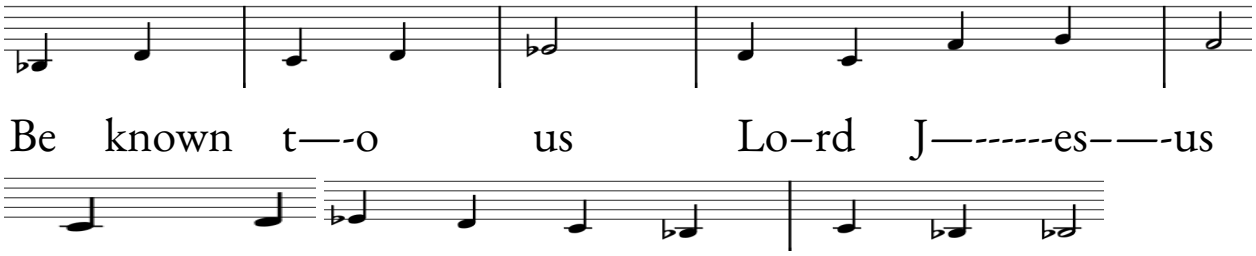
Lighten our darkness, we beseech you, O Lord;
and by your great mercy defend us from all perils
and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son,
our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work,
or watch, or weep this night,
and give your angels charge over those who sleep.
Tend the sick, Lord Christ;
give rest to the weary, bless the dying,
soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous;
and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

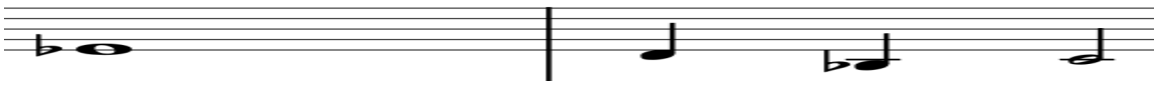


Lord Jesus, stay with us,for evening is at hand
and the day is past; be our companion in the way,
kindle our hearts, and awaken hope,
that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture
and the breaking of bread.
Grant this for the sake of your love. **Amen.**



Most merciful God,
we confess that 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.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
That we may delight in your will
And walk in your ways, to the glory of your name.

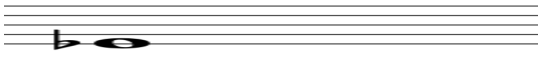
Seek the Lord while he wills to be found



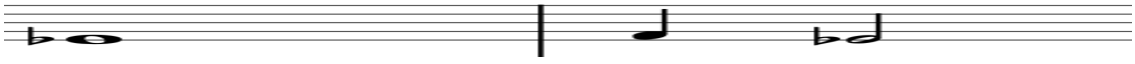
Call upon him when he draws near

Let the wi–cked for–sake their ways

And the evil ones their thoughts

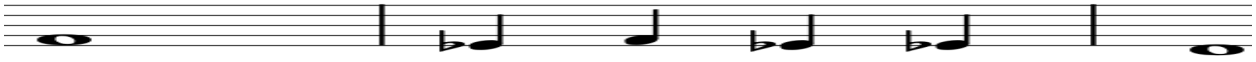


And let them turn to the Lord

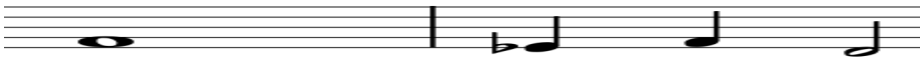


And he will have com—------pass—----------ion

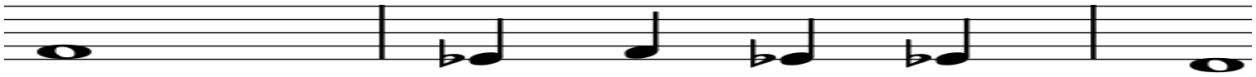
Create in me a clean heart, O God



And renew a right spi—------rit with—----in me

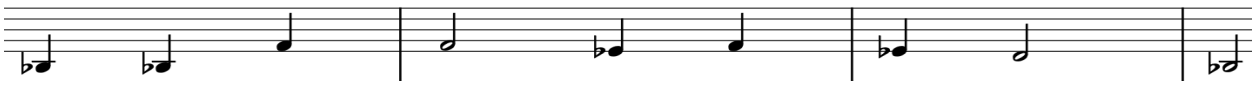


Cast me not away
From thy pre—---sence and

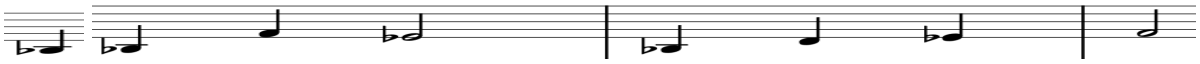


Take not thy Holy Sp—--ir—------it from me

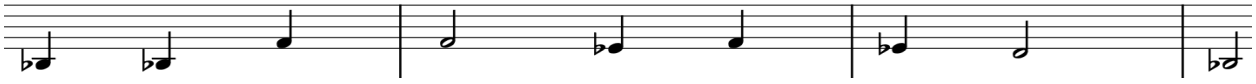
Almighty God have mercy on us,
Forgive us all ours sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
Strengthen us in all goodness,
And by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us in eternal life.



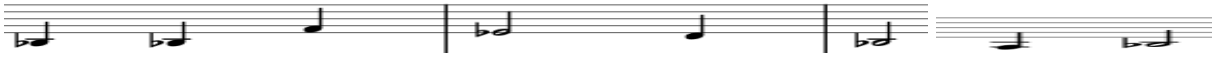
Bread of the World in Mer—-cy bro—--ken



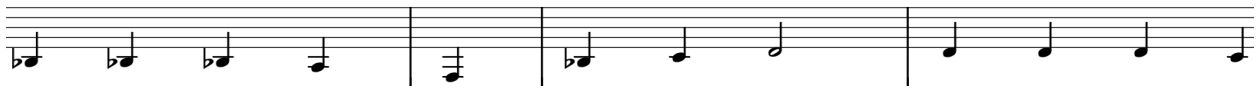
Wine of the soul in Mer—---cy shed



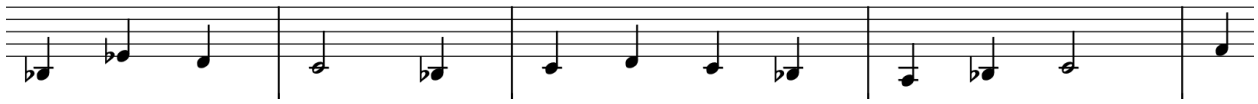
By whom the Words of life we re spo—---ken



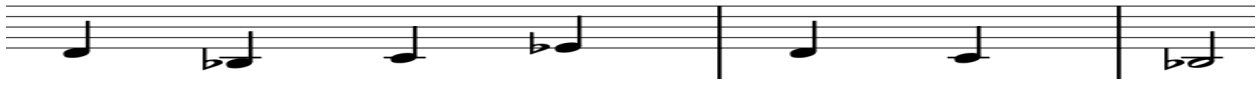
And in whose Death our sins our dead.



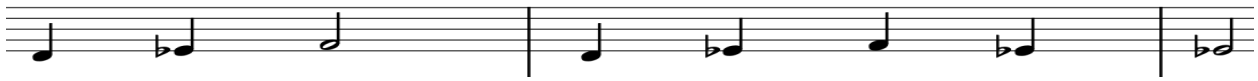
Praise God from whom all bless–ings flow, praise Him all cre



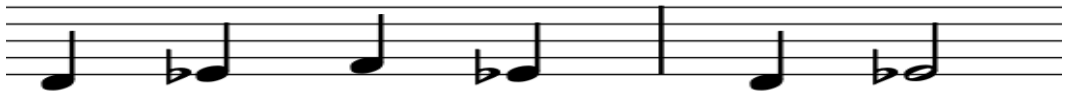
-eaturs here be–low praise him ab—-ove ye heav-enly host praise



Fath—-----er, Son and Hol—----y Ghost



Th—-----e Lord b—----e w—-----ith you



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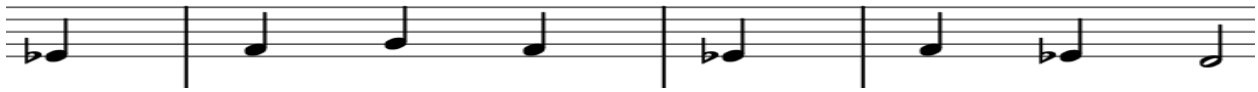

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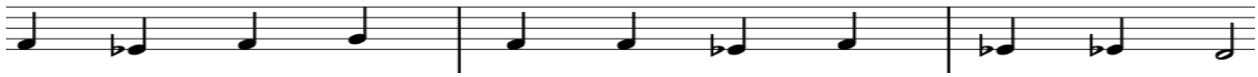
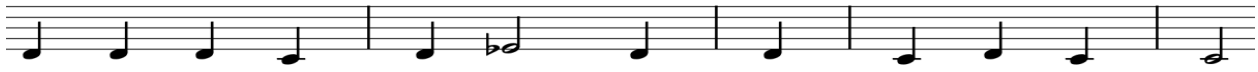
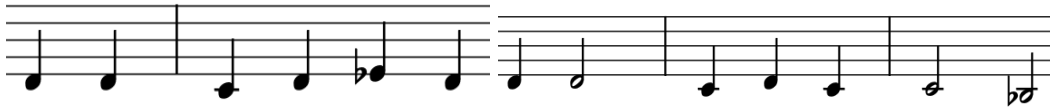


We l—-i—-ft them up t—---o the L–ord



Let us give tha–a—-nks to the Lo—ord our God



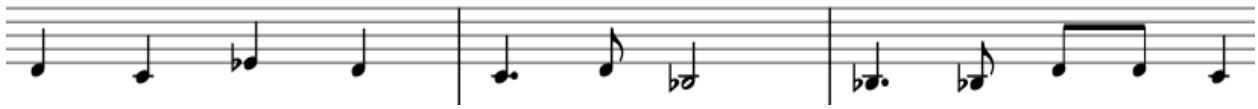
It is ri—-i-ght to give Him th-anks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to
give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
Because you sent your Beloved Son,
To redeem us from sin and death,
And to make us heirs in him of everlasting life.
That when he shall come again
In power and in great glory to judge the world.
We may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

For our sins he was lifted high upon the Cross
That he might draw the whole world to himself
And by his suffering and death
He became the author of eternal salvation
For all who put their trust in Him.

Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with Angels and Archangels
and with all the company of heaven,
who for ever sing this hymn
to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS



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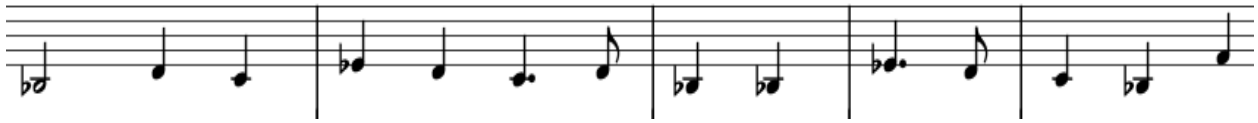

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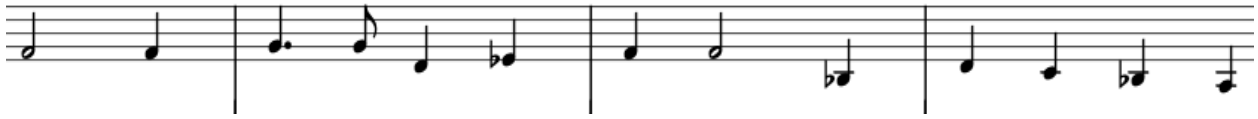

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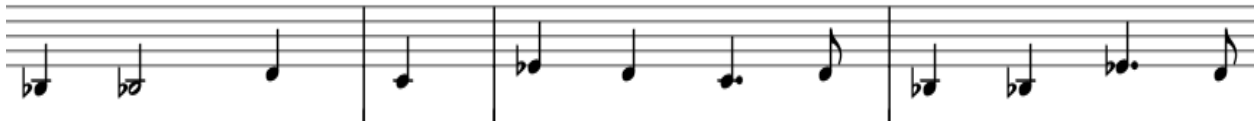
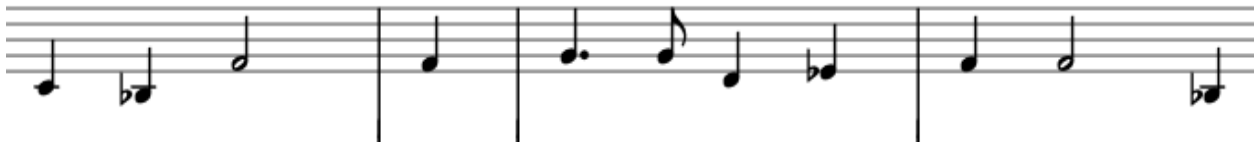
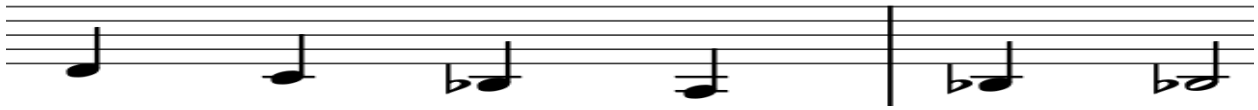


High-est Blessed is He who c—omes in the name



of the Lord, Hos—-anna in the high–est Ho



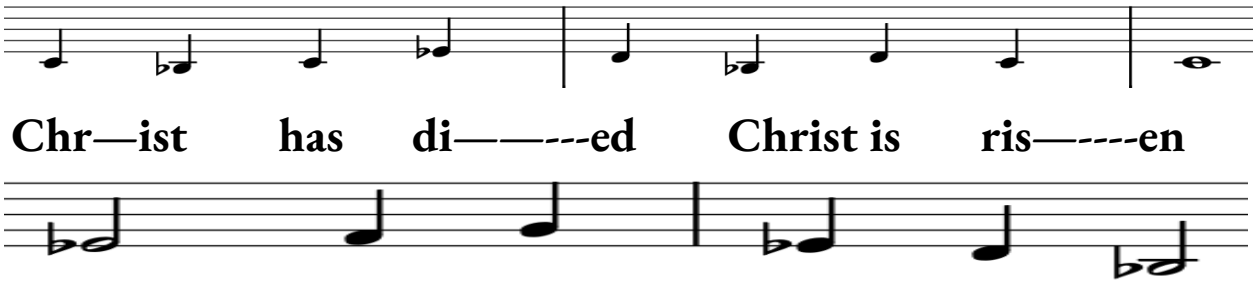
San—-----na in the High—----est

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Holy and gracious Father:
In your infinite love you made us for yourself;
and when we had sinned against you and become
subject to evil and death,
you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ,
Your only and eternal Son,
To share our human nature, to live and dies as one of us,
To reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.
He stretched out his arms upon the cross,
And offered himself, in obedience to your will,
A perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross,
and offered himself, in obedience to your will,
a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.
On the night he was handed over to suffering and death,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat:
This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."
After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,
"Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."
Therefore we proclaim
The mystery of faith



We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father,
in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
and we offer you these gifts.
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit
to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son.
Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament,
and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace,
And at the last day bring us with all your saints
Into the joy of your eternal kingdom
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ:
By him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours,
Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.
And now as our Savior Christ has taught us,
we are bold to pray:

Our Father, who are 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.

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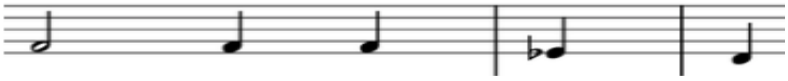

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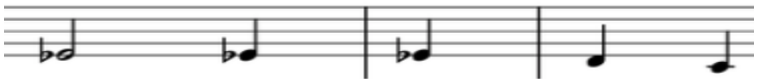

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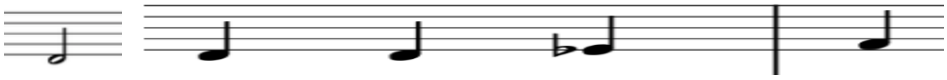

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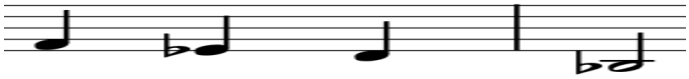

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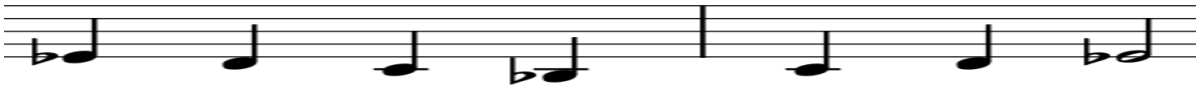

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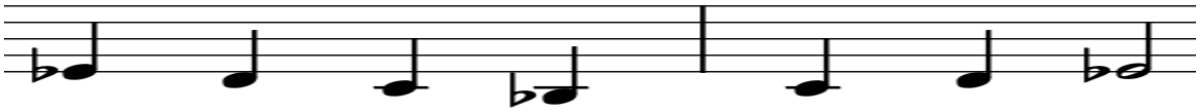

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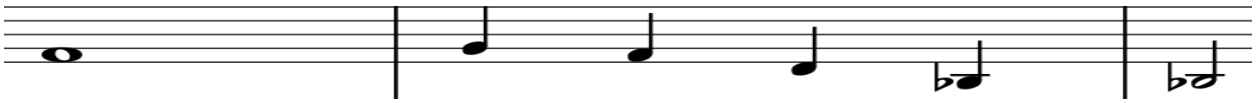
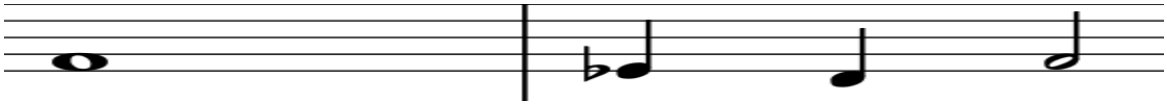
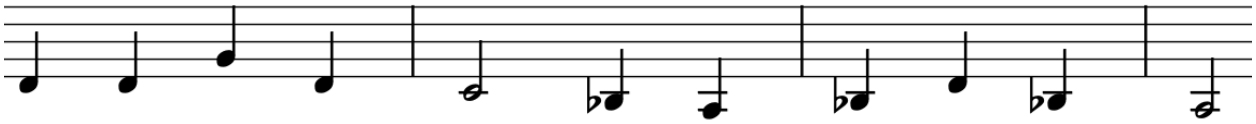


Christ our
Passover Lamb
Has been sacrificed
Once for all up—------on the cross



Therefore let us keep the Feast

Leader alone say,



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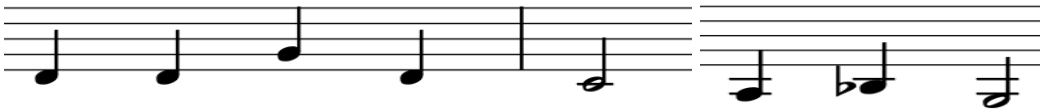

His own self for hea—--ven—ly food

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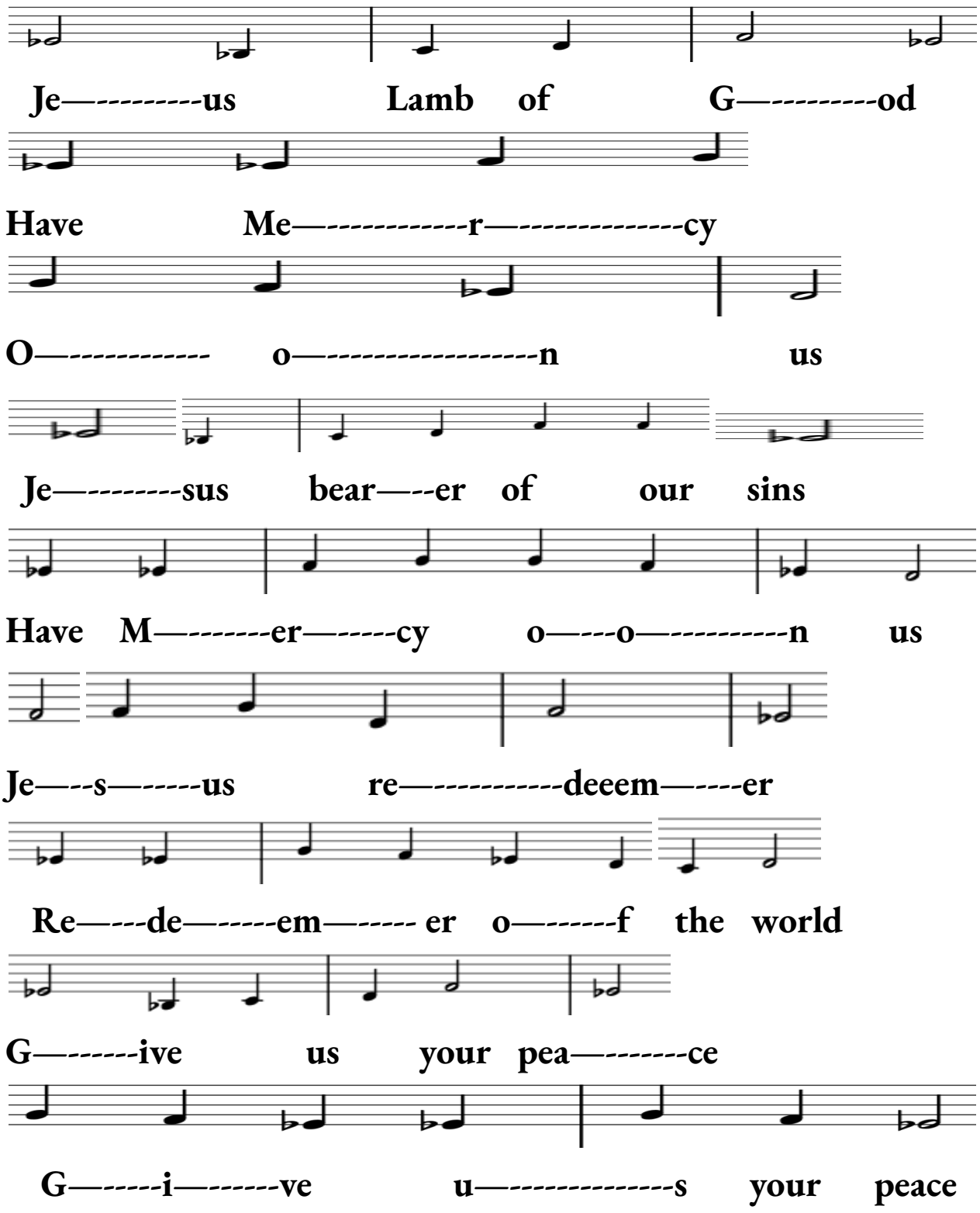
Je—---------us Lamb of G—---------od
Have Me—----------r—----------cy
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G—------ive us your pea—-------ce
G—-----i—------ve u—----------s your peace

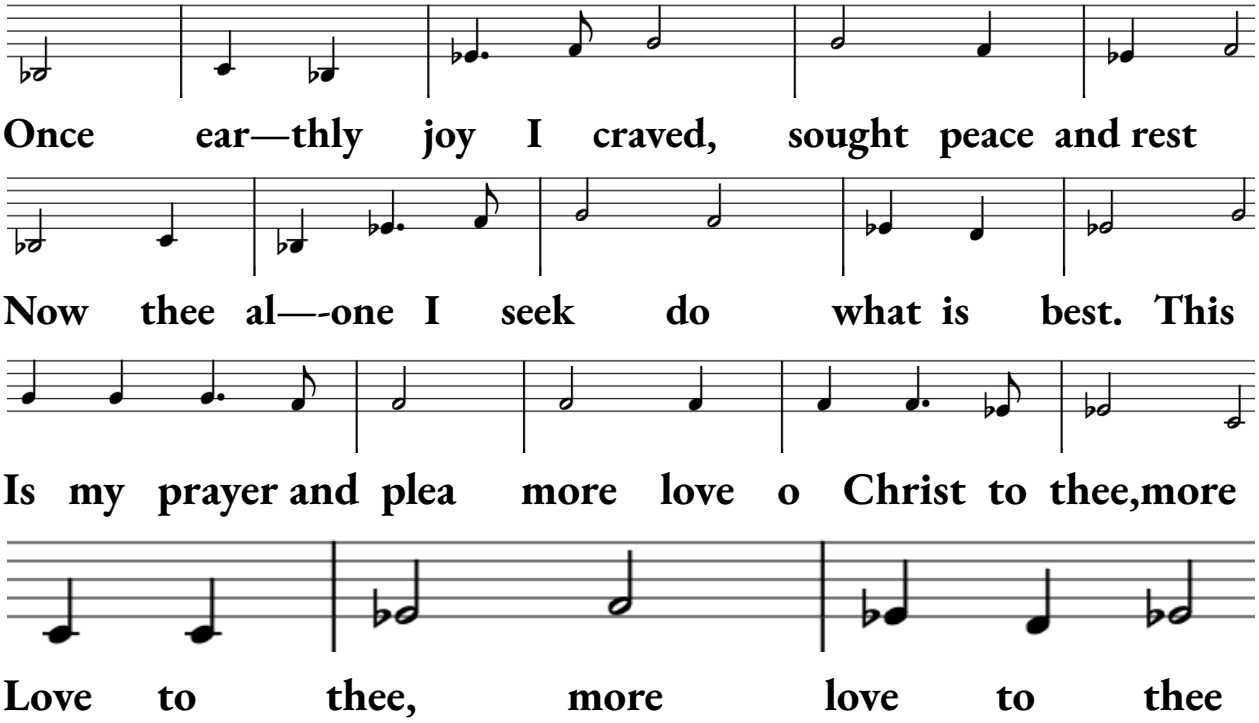
THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

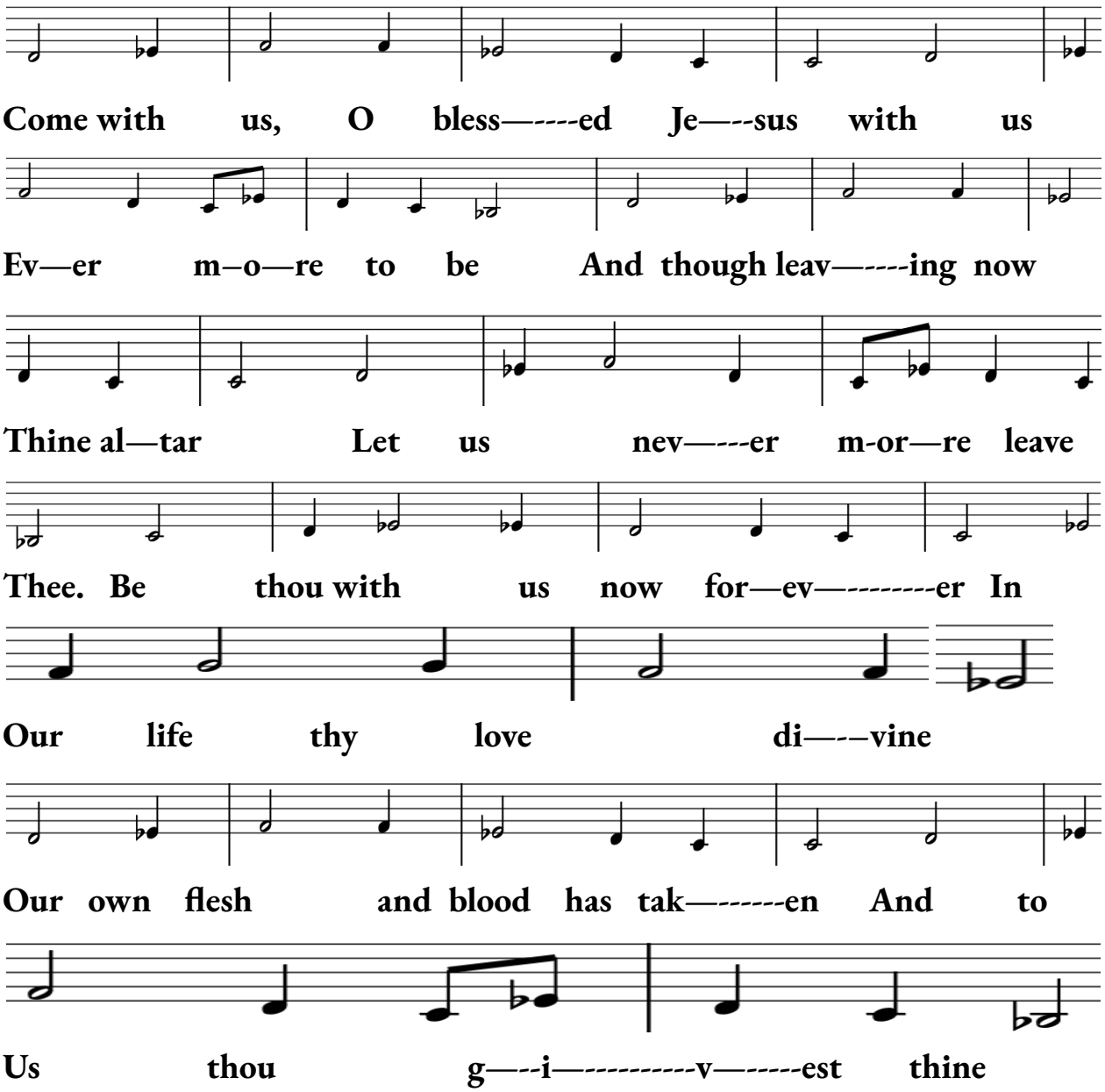
The gifts of God for the people of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you
and feed on him in your hearts by faith,
with thanksgiving.
Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away
the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are invited
to the marriage supper of the Lamb.
The body of Christ, the bread of heaven
The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray

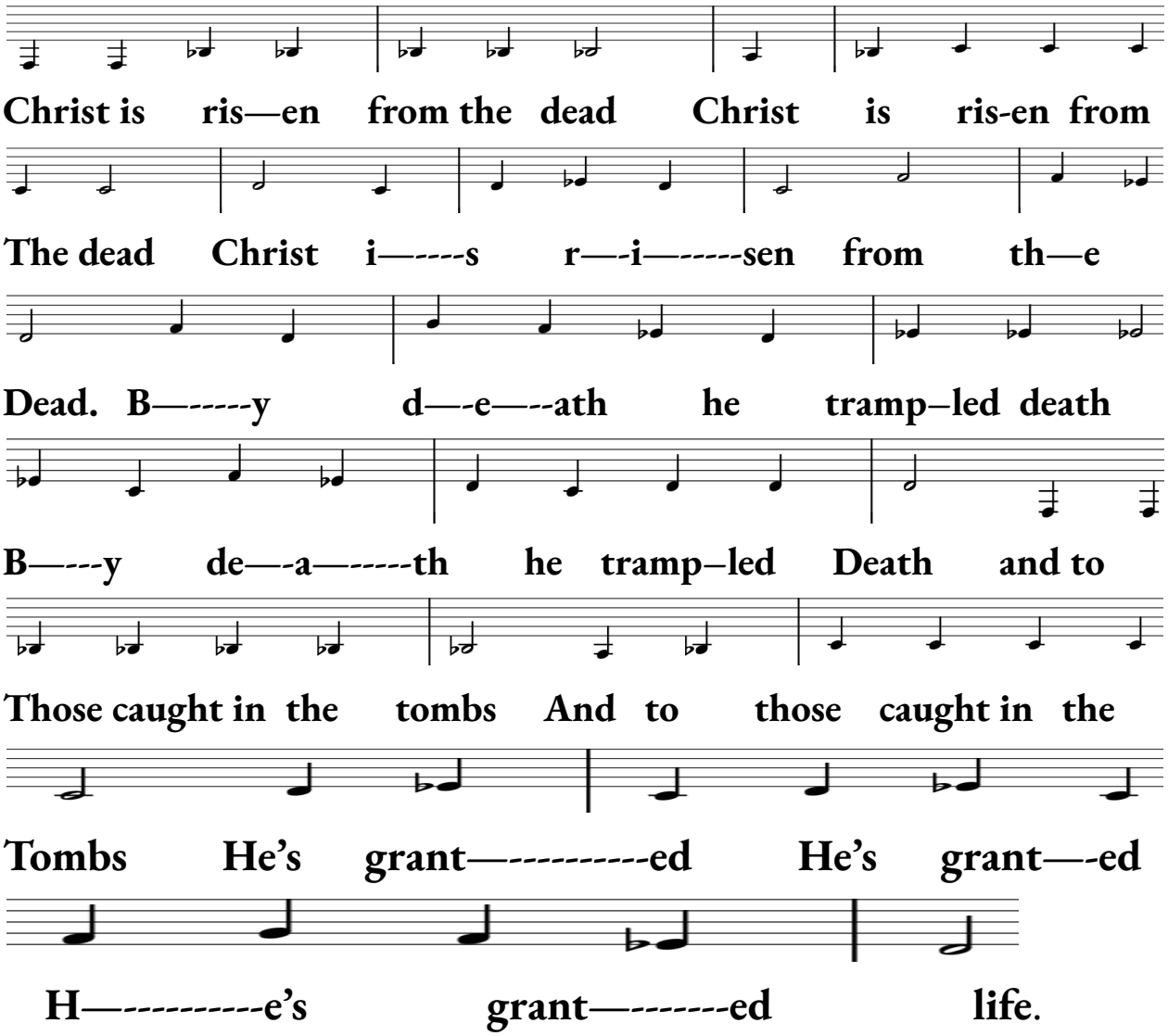
Heavenly Father,
We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work
you have given us to do, to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

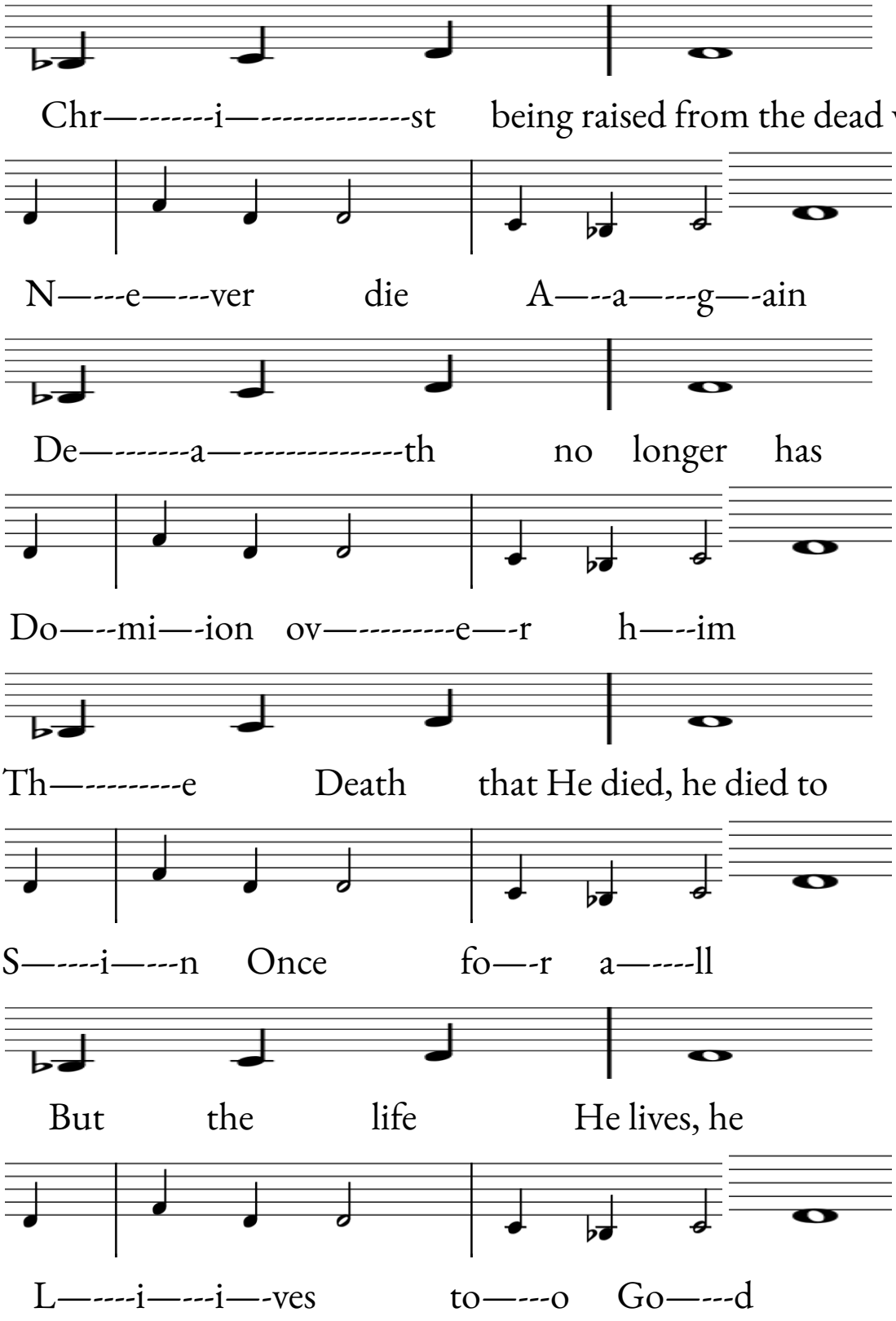



Come with us, O bless—----ed Je—--sus with us
Ev—er m—o—re to be And though leav—----ing now
Thine al—tar Let us nev—---er m-or—re leave
Thee. Be thou with us now for—ev—--------er In
Our life thy love di—--vine
Our own flesh and blood has tak—------en And to
Us thou g—--i—----------v—-----est thine

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

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N—---e—---ver die A—--a—---g—-ain
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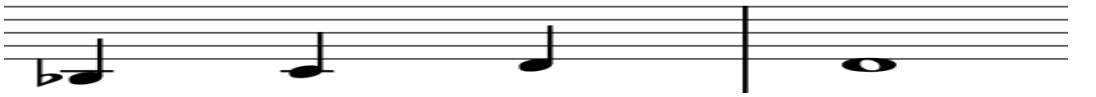

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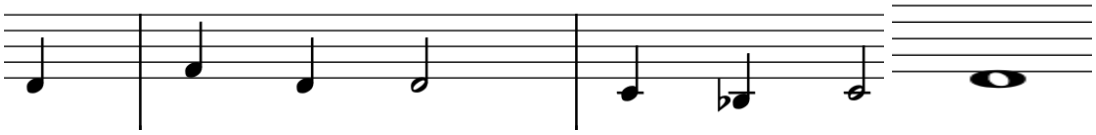

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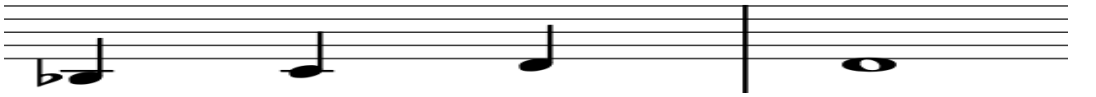

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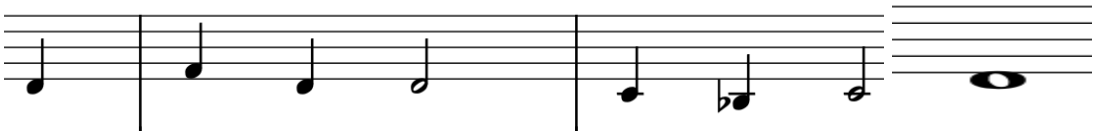

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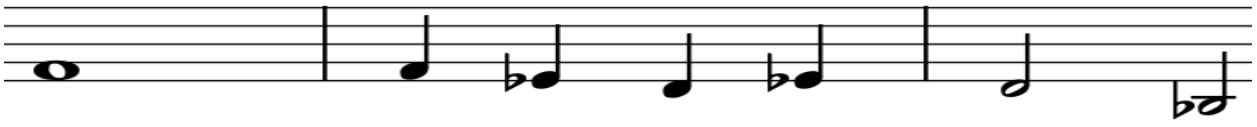

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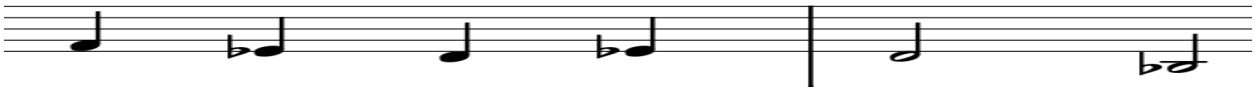

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