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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

sts. 1-5



1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -
3 Lo, the a - pos - tles' ho - ly train Join Thy sa - cred
4 Thou art King of Glo - ry, Christ; Son of God, yet
△ 5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,
bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
name to hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
born of Mar - y. For us sin - ners sac - ri - ficed,
three we name Thee; Though in es - sence on - ly one,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy
In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with
And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to
As to death a Trib - u - tar - y, First to break the
Un - di - vid - ed God we claim Thee And, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.
sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.
bars of death, Thou hast o - pened heav'n to faith.
bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.

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Invocation

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

C Amen.

Exhortation

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

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

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

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

C **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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Declaration of Grace

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P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.



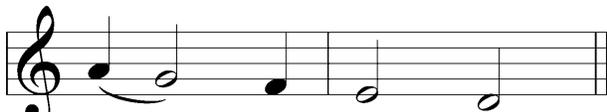
C Lord, have mer - cy.



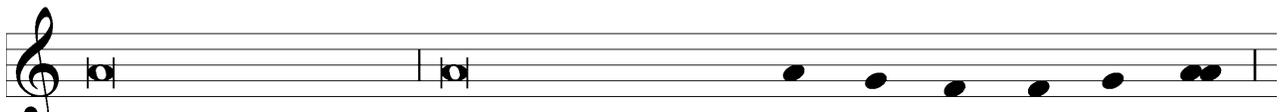
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



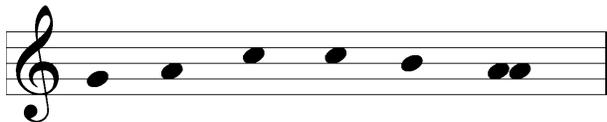
and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



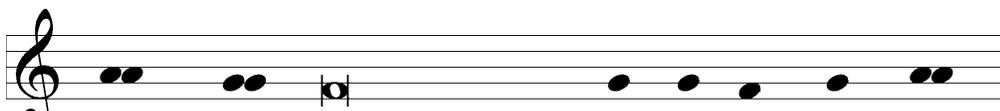
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament

Ezekiel 36:22–28

I Will Put My Spirit Within You

²²Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. ²³And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. ²⁴I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your

idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶And 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. ²⁷And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my just decrees. ²⁸You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 51:1–12; antiphon: v. 10

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

¹Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your | steadfast love,*
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my trans- | gressions.
²Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,*
and cleanse me | from my sin!
³For I know my trans- | gressions,*
and my sin is ever be- | fore me.
⁴Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil | in your sight,*
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your | judgment.
⁵Behold, I was brought forth in in- | iquity,*
and in sin did my mother con- | ceive me.
⁶Behold, you delight in truth in the inward | being,*
and you teach me wisdom in the | secret heart.
⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I | shall be clean,*
wash me, and I shall be whit- | er than snow.
⁸Let me hear joy and | gladness,*
let the bones that you have bro- | ken rejoice.
⁹Hide your face | from my sins,*
and blot out all my in- | iquities.
¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, | O God,*
and renew a right spirit with- | in me.
¹¹Cast me not away from your | presence,*
and take not your Holy Spirit | from me.

¹²Restore to me the joy of your sal- | vation,*
and uphold me with a willing | spirit.

650 Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

1 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er dwell - ing In the ho - liest
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er liv - ing As the Church's
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing Through the Church's

realms of light; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood - ing
ver - y life; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing
min - is - try; Quick - 'ning, strength - 'ning, and ab - solv - ing,

O'er a world of gloom and night; Ho - ly Spir - it,
Through us in a cease - less strife; Ho - ly Spir - it,
Set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free; Ho - ly Spir - it,

ev - er rais - ing Those of earth to thrones on high; Liv - ing,
ev - er form - ing In the Church the mind of Christ: You we
ev - er bind - ing Age to age and soul to soul In com -

life - im - part - ing Spir - it, You we praise and mag - ni - fy.
praise with end - less wor - ship For Your gifts and fruits un - priced.
mu - nion nev - er end - ing, You we wor - ship and ex - tol.

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Epistle

1 Peter 4:7–11

⁷The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. ⁸Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹whoever 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and contains the lyrics: "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?". The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: "You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia." The music consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests.

John 15:26—16:4

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁶[Jesus said:] “When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. ²⁷And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

¹“I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. ²They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. ³And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. ⁴But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.”

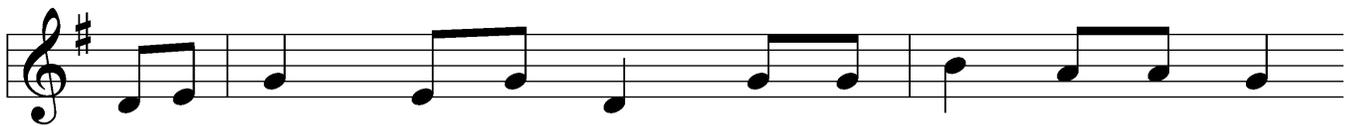
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

728 How Firm a Foundation



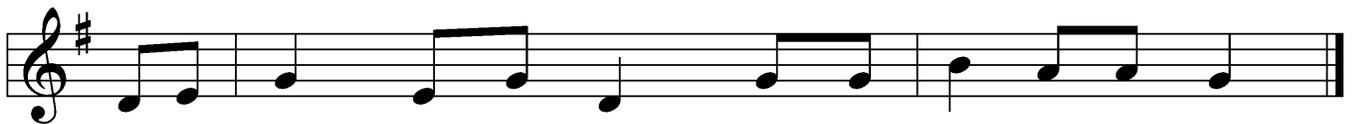
1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,
 5 "Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;
 I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.
 My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can He say than to you He has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,
 The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!
 Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.
 Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne."

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Sermon

Nicene Creed

C We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one, Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day He rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken by the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church,
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins,
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

The assistant minister leads prayer for the general welfare of the Church and world. Occasional petitions and the needs of the parish are also offered.

Prayer of the Faithful

Let us pray for all the people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs:

For the Church throughout the world: Father, grant true unity in faith to all believers. May the Light of your Son banish the darkness in our hearts and set us at peace with one another. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer!**

For all ministers of the Gospel; preachers, teachers, all servants of the church, especially for our Dean David, and our Bishop, Dan; Support and direct their ministries according to your Holy Word; Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer!**

For all your Baptized children; As we prepare for the Coming of the Holy Spirit, grant us a firm trust in your goodness and mercy – that the good work of redemption you have begun in us may be continually strengthened by faith in Jesus. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer!**

For the civil authorities, civil servants, soldiers, police officers, firefighters, emergency workers and hospital staff, and for our president, Donald: Grant wisdom and diligence in their service to the common good. Protect them from calamity and every evil. Bless their work that it may bring peace and security to this land. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer!**

For Lebanon and Advent Lutheran churches: Grant us vision to see our lives as they are made holy in your Son. Keep us from distraction, so that we may claim the wonderful peace that is to be had through faith in Jesus. Bless our Christian education classes, our corporate worship, and our daily devotions, and our CREDO groups, so that our lives may be joyful in your service. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer!**

For renewed zeal in this season of the church; summon us to spiritual renewal as we await the power of your Holy Spirit. Order our lives so that we may be more closely conformed to our Lord Jesus. Enlighten, purify, and protect us as we face the trials of this fallen world. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer!**

For our community: Bless our city and county with helpful industry, thriving farms, true neighborliness, orderly government, excellent schools, and a greater acknowledgment of your grace and goodness. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer!**

For growth in the Church of Jesus Christ and the ministries of this congregation: Stir up your power, O God, and work in us. Grant that this parish may increase in faithful membership and teach us to do your will. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer!**

For those who do not believe, and for those who have lost faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel and join in the thankful praise of the Church Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer!**

For our absent brothers and sisters, protect them while they are away from our fellowship, and grant them a speedy return to the Lord's house. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer!**

For the sick, *especially your servants...* Take them under Your tender care and grant them a happy release from their afflictions. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer!**

For those who have no one to pray for them; for travelers, for the spiritually poor, for those who grieve, and all those concerns that we present before you now, *silence*. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer!**

For all the saints: Father, you have made your Church one body through our One Lord, Jesus Christ; we give thanks for the faithful witness of St. Bede the Venerable, whose feast is observed on Monday. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer!**

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people through the mediation of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **AMEN.**

The prayers conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

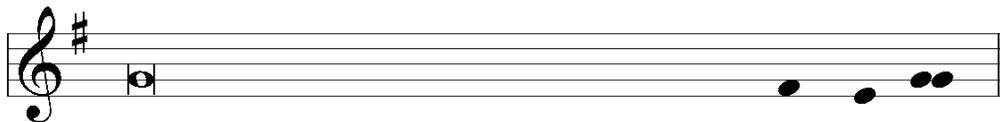
Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

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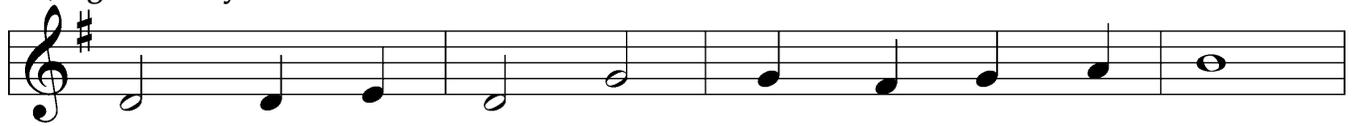


P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

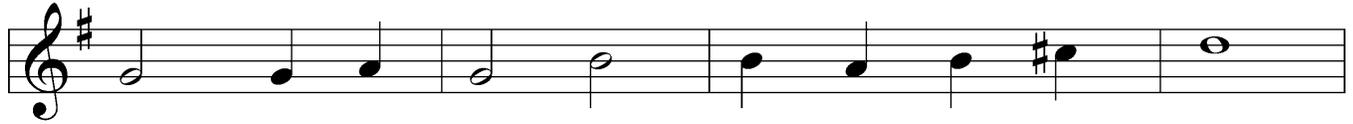


C A - men.

917 Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise



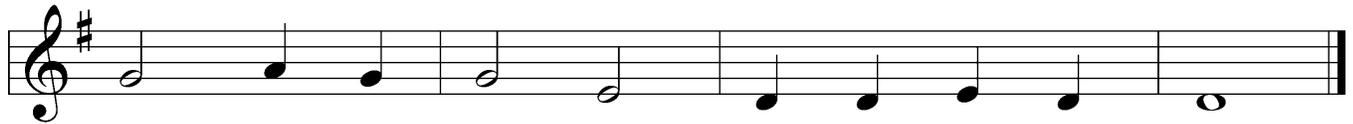
1 Sav - ior, a - gain to Thy dear name we raise
 2 Grant us Thy peace up - on our home - ward way;
 3 Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;
 4 Grant us Thy peace through - out our earth - ly life,



With one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
 With Thee be - gan, with Thee shall end, the day.
 Turn Thou for us its dark - ness in - to light.
 Our balm in sor - row and our stay in strife;



Once more we bless Thee ere our wor - ship cease,
 Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
 From harm and dan - ger keep Thy chil - dren free;
 Then, when Thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



Then, low - ly bend - ing, wait Thy word of peace.
 That in this house have called up - on Thy name.
 For dark and light are both a - like to Thee.
 Call us, O Lord, to Thine e - ter - nal peace.

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