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The Presentation of the Augsburg Confession
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THE RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM

Baptism is the Sacramental means through which someone is brought into the Christian Church and declared to be God's forgiven child through faith in Jesus Christ.

HYMN - 15, "Holy, Holy, Holy"

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ commanded his disciples, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the son, and of the Holy Spirit." All of us have been born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. We have inherited, from our parents, a sinful nature. From birth we are without true fear of God and true faith in God, and are condemned to eternal death. But Jesus, who was baptized for our sakes in the Jordan River at the beginning of his earthly ministry, has taken away our sins by giving his life on the cross. At our Baptism, he clothed us with the robe of his righteousness and gave us a new life. Let us now return to our Baptism as we confess our sins.

O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

BAPTISMAL EXAMINATION

Jaxon, through the Word of God, The Holy Spirit has led you to believe that forgiveness and new life in Jesus is yours. Now, in Holy baptism, God assures you of your adoption as his child and your eternal salvation. That you may give public testimony of your faith, I now ask you:

Do you believe that you were born in sin and, therefore, eternally lost?

Yes, I believe.

Do you believe in the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Yes, I believe.

Do you believe that God grants you the forgiveness of sins and the new life of faith in Holy Baptism?

Yes, I believe?

Do you wish to be Baptized?

Yes.

HOLY BAPTISM

Receive the sign of the cross on your head ✠ and heart ✠ to mark you as a redeemed child of God.

Jaxon Moore, I Baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and the spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with his grace to life everlasting. Peace ✠ be with you. Amen.

CREED & BLESSING

Let us join in confessing the faith into which this man has been Baptized:

I believe in God the Father Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ,

His only Son, our Lord;

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified,

died and was buried.

He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church,

the Communion of Saints,

the Forgiveness of sins,

the Resurrection of the body,

and the Life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

Let us pray: Almighty, eternal God, our heavenly Father, we give you heartfelt thanks that You continually preserve and increase Your holy Christian Church, and that You have now led Jaxon to receive the washing of the new birth to eternal life. We pray You to preserve him in the grace of baptism so that he may grow in faith, walk in newness of life by the power of Christ's resurrection, and finally receive the inheritance of the saints in heaven; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins. May He strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting. The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and ☩ even forevermore.

Amen. Thanks be to God!



THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

*God instructs and nourishes our faith by means of his Word.
Hearing God's inspired Word from the prophets, apostles, and
evangelists, we confess our faith in creed and in song.*

INTROIT & GLORIA PATRI



God is our \refuge and strength,/ a very present \help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear though \the earth gives way,/ and the mountains fall
into the \midst of the sea.
Glory be to the Father \and to the Son / and to \the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the be\ginning, is now / and ever shall be, forever\more. Amen.
God is our \refuge and strength,/ a very present \help in trouble.

KYRIE ELEISON



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



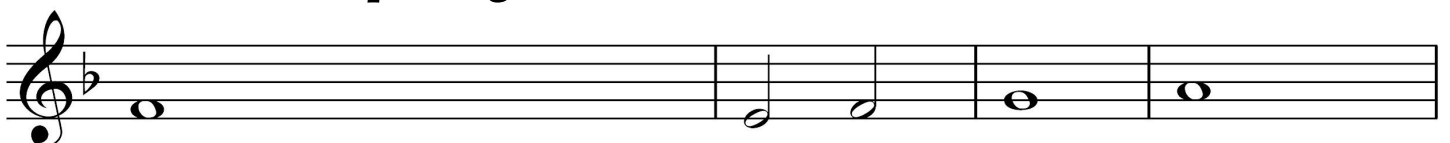
- on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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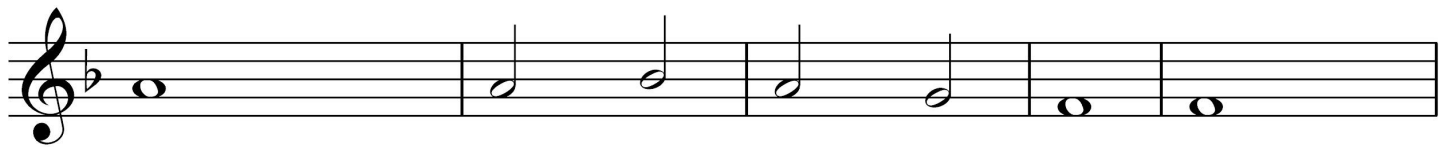
Glory be to God on high:



And on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise You, we bless You, we wor - ship You, we glorify You,



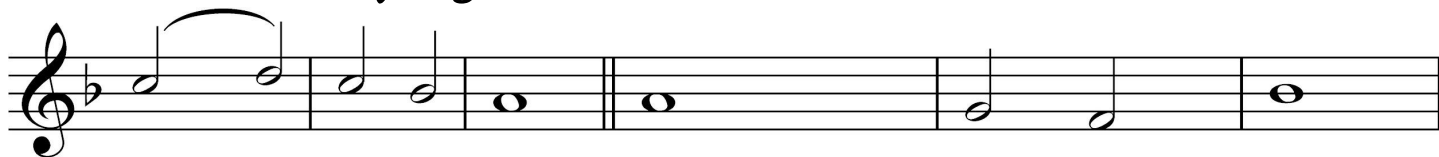
we give thanks to You, for Your great glory. O Lord God,



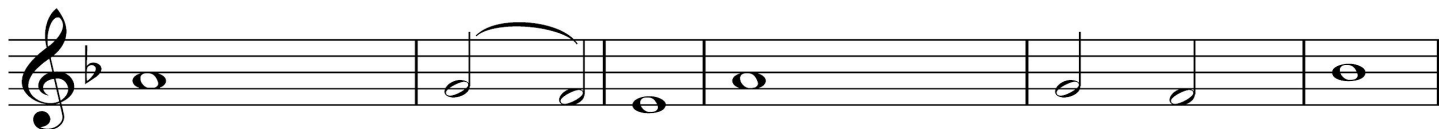
heaven - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



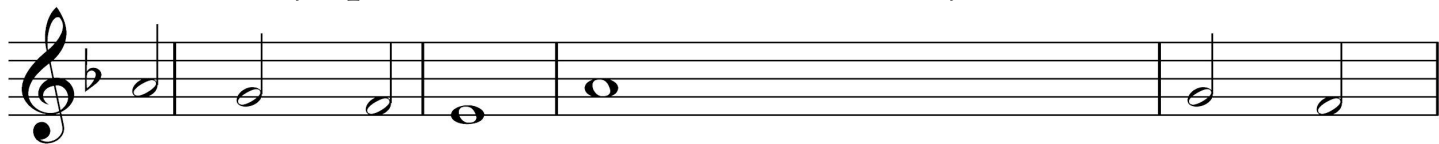
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,



Son of the Father, You take away the sin of the world,



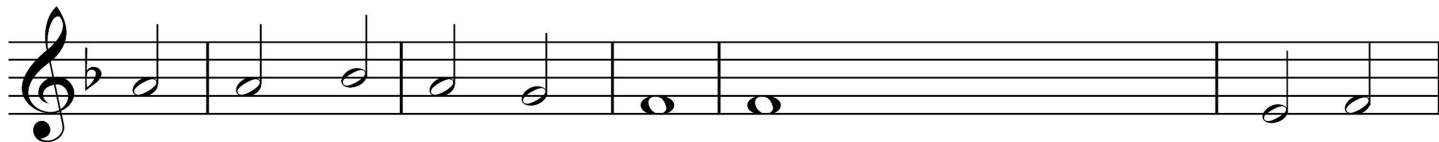
have mercy up - on us. You take away the sins of the world,



re - ceive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of God the



Father, have mercy up - on us. For You only are holy.



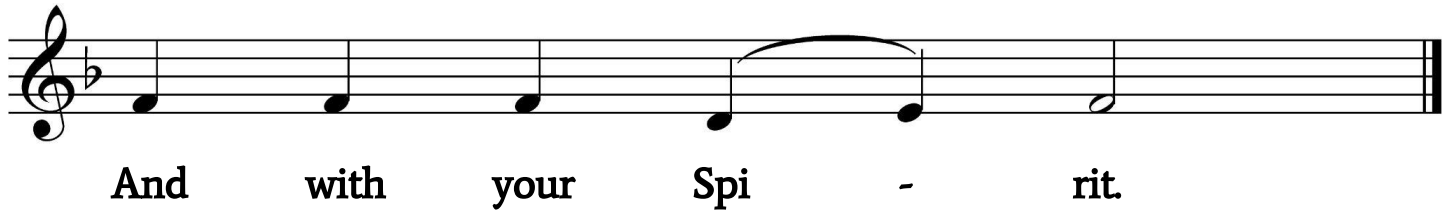
You on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spirit, are most high in the Glory of God the Father. A - men.

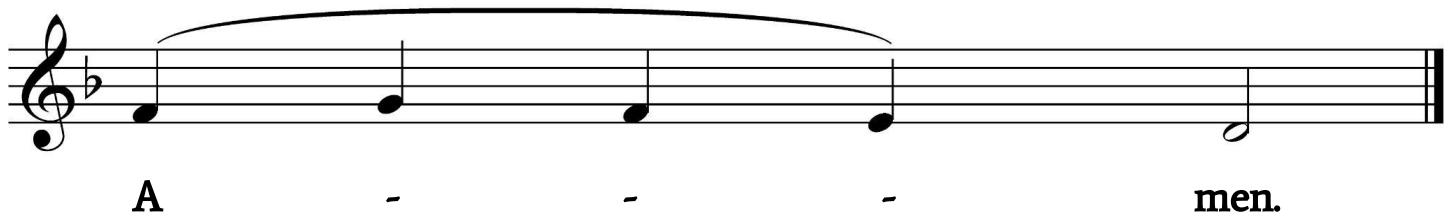
SALUTATION & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

The Lord be with you.



Let us pray:

Lord God, heavenly Father, You preserved the teaching of the apostolic Church through the confession of the true faith at Augsburg. Continue to cast the bright beams of Your light upon Your Church that we, being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed apostles, may walk in the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.



OLD TESTAMENT - Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."^(ESV)

CHILDREN'S CHOIR - "Jesus Loves Me"

EPISTLE - 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.^(ESV)

VERSE & ALLELUIA

Alleluia! Alleluia! I will speak of Your testimonies al'so before kings,/ and will not be ashamed. 'Alleluia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

HOLY GOSPEL - Matthew 10:24-33

The Gospel is announced



Glo - ry be to You, O Lord!

[Jesus said] A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head

are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.^(ESV)



Praise be to You, O Christ!

CONFESSION OF FAITH *Excerpts from the Augsburg Confession*

This Confession shows, from the Holy Scriptures and God's pure Word, what has been taught in our churches.

Our churches teach that God is one divine essence who is eternal, without a body, without parts, of infinite power, wisdom, and goodness. He is the maker and preserver of all things, visible and invisible. Yet there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three persons are of the same essence and power.

Our churches teach that since the fall of Adam, all who are naturally born are born with sin, that is, without the fear of God, without trust in God, and with the inclination to sin, called concupiscence. Concupiscence is a disease and original vice that is truly sin. It damns and brings eternal death on those who are not born anew through Baptism and the Holy Spirit.

Our churches teach that the Word, that is, the Son of God, assumed the human nature in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. So there are two natures – the divine and the human – inseparably joined in one person. There is one Christ, true God and true man, who was born of the Virgin Mary, truly suffered, was crucified, died, and was buried. He did this to reconcile the Father to us and to be a sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for all actual sins of mankind. He also descended into hell, and truly rose again on the third day. Afterward, He ascended into heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father. There He forever reigns and has dominion over all creatures. He sanctifies those who believe in Him, by sending the Holy Spirit into their hearts to rule, comfort, and make them alive. He defends them against the devil and the power of sin. The same Christ will openly come again to judge the living and the dead.

Our churches teach that people cannot be justified before God by their own strength, merits, or works. People are freely justified for Christ's sake, through faith, when they believe that they are received into favor and that their sins are

forgiven for Christ's sake. By His death, Christ made satisfaction for our sins. God counts this faith for righteousness in His sight.

So that we may obtain this faith, the ministry of teaching the Gospel and administering the Sacraments was instituted. Through the Word and Sacraments, as through instruments, the Holy Spirit is given. He works faith, when and where it pleases God, in those who hear the good news that God justifies those who believe that they are received into grace for Christ's sake. This happens not through our own merits, but for Christ's sake.

Our churches teach that this faith is bound to bring forth good fruit. It is necessary to do good works commanded by God, because of God's will.

Our churches teach that one holy Church is to remain forever. The Church is the congregation of saints in which the Gospel is purely taught and the Sacraments are correctly administered. For the true unity of the Church it is enough to agree about the doctrine of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments. It is not necessary that human traditions, that is, rites or ceremonies instituted by men, should be the same everywhere.

Our churches teach that Baptism is necessary for salvation and that God's grace is offered through Baptism. They teach that children are to be baptized. Being offered to God through Baptism, they are received into God's grace.

Our churches teach that the body and blood of Christ are truly present and distributed to those who eat the Lord's Supper. It is celebrated with the highest reverence. No one is admitted to the Sacrament without first being examined.

Our churches teach that private Absolution should be retained in the churches, although listing all sins is not necessary for Confession.

Our churches teach that there is forgiveness of sins for those who have fallen after Baptism whenever they are converted. The Church ought to impart Absolution to those who return to repentance. Repentance consists of two parts. One part is contrition, that is, terrors striking the conscience through the knowledge of sin. The other part is faith, which is born of the Gospel or the Absolution and believes that for Christ's sake, sins are forgiven. It comforts the conscience and delivers it from terror. Then good works are bound to follow, which are the fruit of repentance.

Our churches teach that the Sacraments were ordained, not only to be marks of profession among men, but even more, to be signs and testimonies of God's will toward us. They were instituted to awaken and confirm faith in those who use them. Therefore, we must use the Sacraments in such a way that faith, which believes the promises offered and set forth through the Sacraments, is increased.

Our churches teach that no one should publicly teach in the Church, or administer the Sacraments, without a rightly ordered call.

Our churches teach that ceremonies ought to be observed that may be observed without sin. Also, ceremonies and other practices that are profitable for tranquility and good order in the Church (in particular, holy days, festivals, and the like) ought to be observed. Yet, the people are taught that consciences are not to be burdened as though observing such things was necessary for salvation. **Our churches teach that lawful civil regulations are good works of God. It is right for Christians to hold political office, to serve as judges, to judge matters by imperial laws and other existing laws, to impose just punishments, to engage in just wars, to serve as soldiers, to make legal contracts, to hold property, to take oaths when required by the magistrates, for a man to marry a wife, or a woman to be given in marriage. The Gospel requires that the civil estate and the family be preserved as God's ordinances and that love be practiced in such ordinances. Therefore, it is necessary for Christians to be obedient to their rulers and laws. The only exception is when they are commanded to sin. Then they ought to obey God rather than men.**

Our churches teach that at the end of the world Christ will appear for judgment and will raise all the dead. He will give the godly and elect eternal life and everlasting joys, but He will condemn ungodly people and the devils to be tormented without end.

Our churches teach that a person's will has some freedom to choose civil righteousness and to do things subject to reason. It has no power, without the Holy Spirit, to work the righteousness of God, that is, spiritual righteousness. This righteousness is worked in the heart when the Holy Spirit is received through the Word.

Our churches teach that the cause of sin is located in the will of the wicked, that is, the devil and ungodly people. Without God's help, this will turns itself away from God.

Our churches teach that the history of saints may be set before us so that we may follow the example of their faith and good works, according to our calling. But Scripture sets before us the one Christ as the Mediator, Atoning Sacrifice, High Priest, and Intercessor. He is to be prayed to. He has promised that He will hear our prayer. This is the worship that He approves above all other worship, that He be called upon in all afflictions.

This is a summary of our teaching. As can be seen, there is nothing that varies from the Scriptures, or from the Church universal.

SERMON

OFFERTORY VERSE



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
- new a right Spi-rit with - in me. Cast me not a -
- way from Your pres - ence, and take not Your Ho - ly
Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of
Your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with
Your free Spi - rit. A - men.

OFFERING

If you are visiting today, please do not feel obligated to give. If you prefer, you can give through our website, westjordanlutherans.org and click "give."

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*The Pastor leads the Congregation in this prayer. Each petition concludes, "Lord in Your mercy," to which the congregation replies, "**Hear our prayer.**"*



THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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

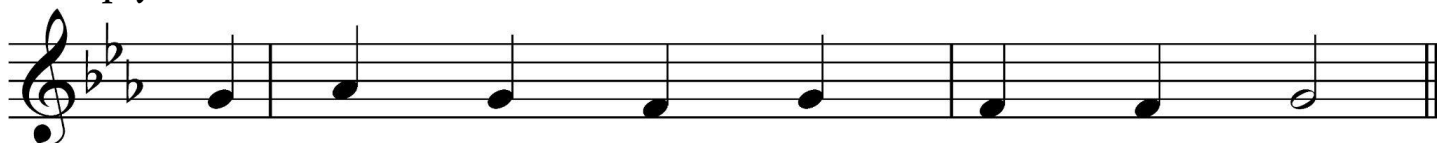
PREFACE & PROPER PREFACE

The Lord be with you.



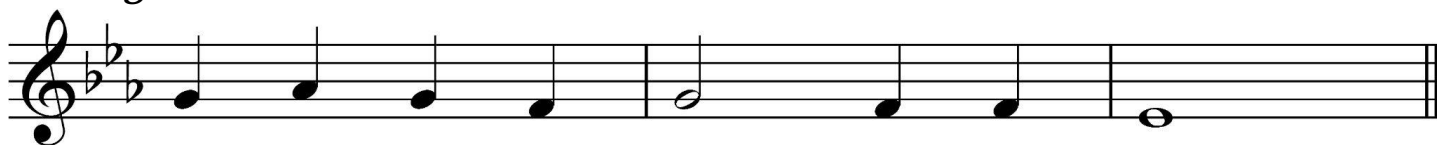
And with your spi - rit.

Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



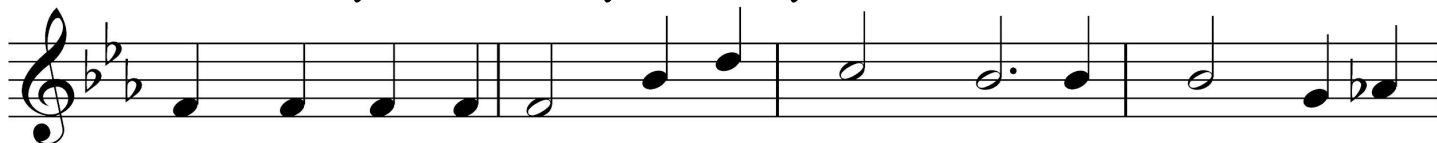
It is good and right so to do.

The pastor chants the proper preface

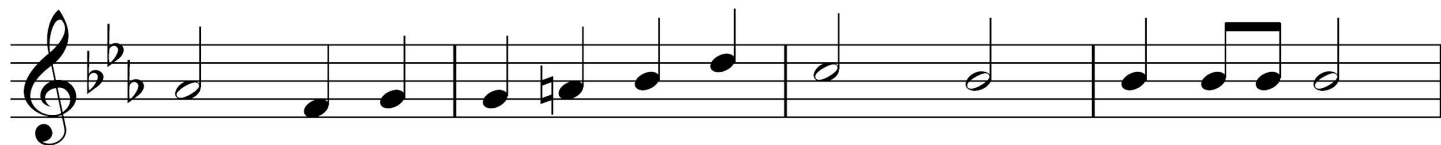
SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Sa - ba - oth;



Heaven and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho -



- san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is He,



blessed is He, blessed is He who comes in the

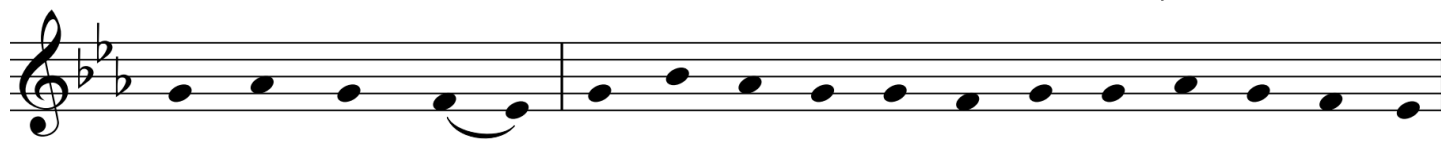


name of the Lord. Ho- san-na, ho - san- na, ho-sanna in the highest.

LORD'S PRAYER *Sung by all*



Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name



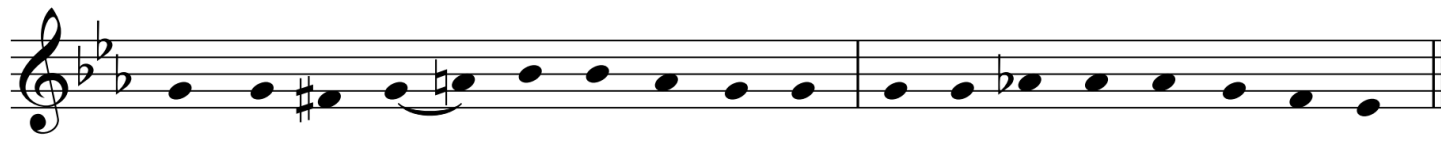
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.



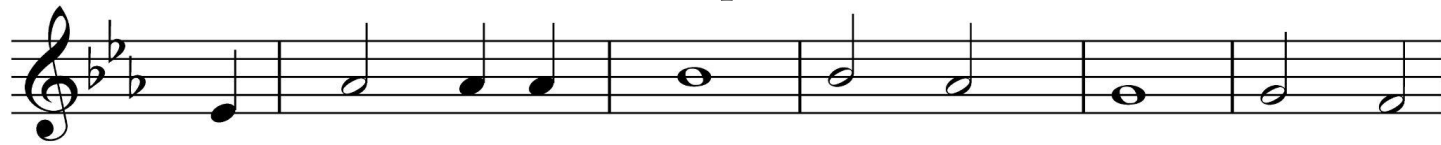
Give us this day our dai - ly bread; And forgive us our trespasses,



As we forgive those who tres - pass a - gainst us;



And lead us not in - to temptation, But de - liver us from e - vil.



For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



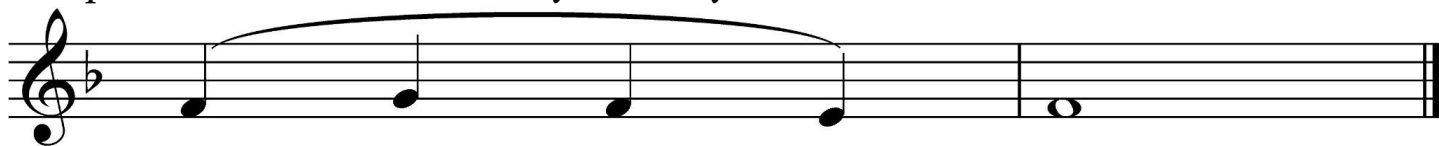
glo - ry for - e - ver and e - ver. A - men.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night on which he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it all of you. This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

PAX DOMINI

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

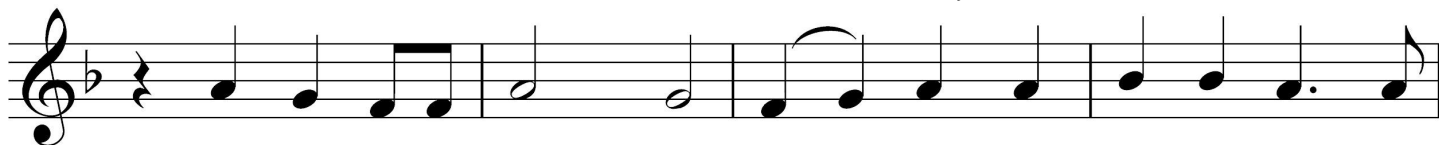


A - - - men.

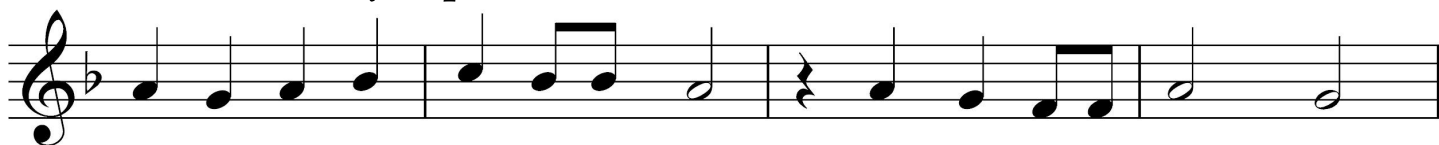
AGNUS DEI



O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world,



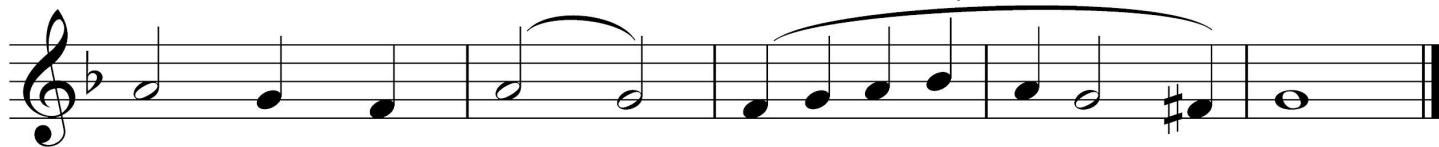
have mercy up - on us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You



take away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world,



grant us Your peace. A - - - men.

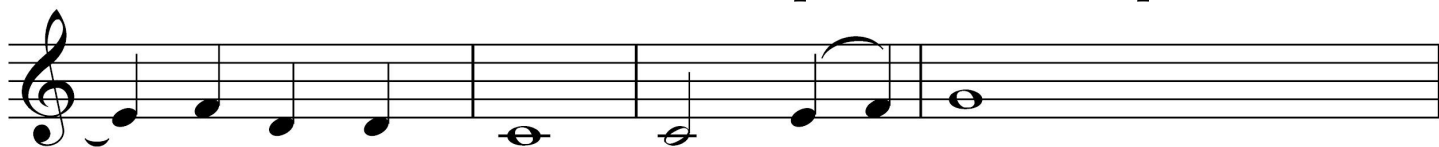
DISTRIBUTION

Following the guidance of the Scriptures and the example of the historic Christian Church, our congregation practices close communion. If you are not a member of our congregation, please speak with the pastor before communing. Everyone is welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

NUNC DIMITTIS



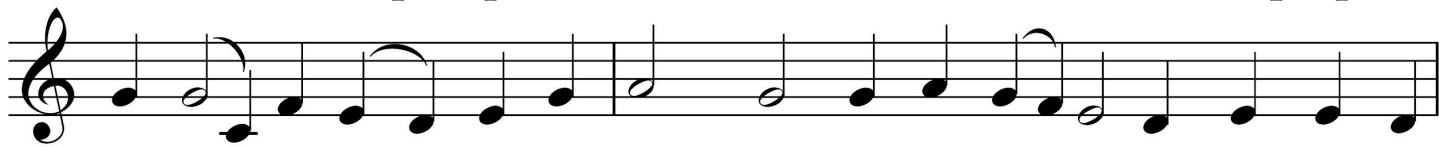
Lord, now You let Your servant de - part in peace ac -



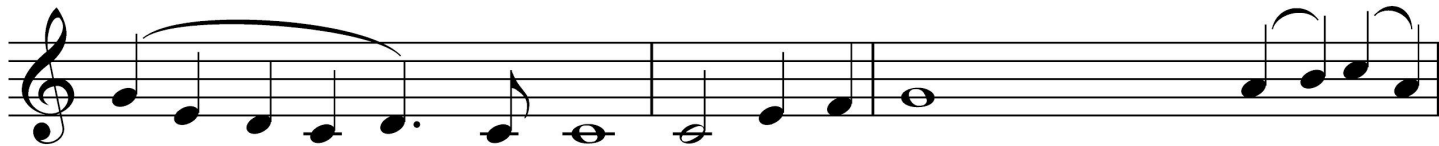
- cording to Your word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation,



which You have pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a Light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Your people



Is - - - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and to the

Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev-er shall be, for-e-ver-more. A-men.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

And His mercy en-dures for-e-ver.

Let us pray:

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

A-men.

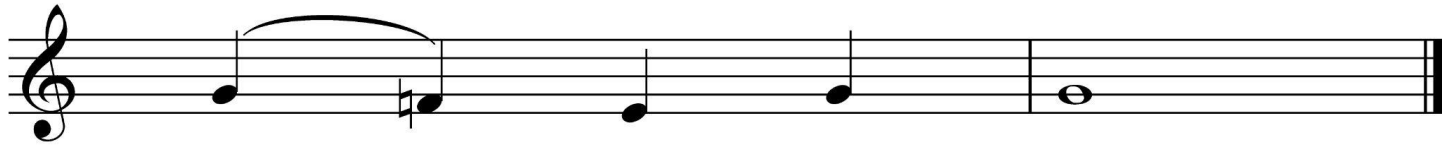
SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And with your spi-rit.

BENEDICAMUS

Let us bless the Lord.



Thanks

be

to

God.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give ☩ you peace.



A - men,

a - men,

a - men.

CLOSING HYMN - 54, "Beautiful Savior"

☩ ☩ ☩ **Depart in Peace** ☩ ☩ ☩

Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are visiting, please sign our guest book before you leave, and know that you are welcome to join us again