

Advent 3 (Last Sunday) – November 22
Confession and Absolution

Stand

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

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

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Kneel/Stand

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto 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.

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

C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 39:4–5, 7–8; antiphon: Isaiah 35:10



The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with | singing;
everlasting joy shall be up- | on their heads.

They shall obtain glad- | ness and joy,*

and sorrow and sighing shall | flee away.

O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my days;*

let me know how fleeting | I am!
Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing be- | fore you.*
Surely all mankind stands as a | mere breath!
 And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?*

My hope | is in you.
Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.*
Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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Kyrie

LSB 186 Mark 10:47

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

Hymn: 357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y
 pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

Refrain
 Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el
 Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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Last Sunday



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that, from the bonds of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Isaiah 65:17-25

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¹⁷“Behold, I create new heavens
and a new earth,
and the former things shall not be remembered
or come into mind.

¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever
in that which I create;
for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,
and her people to be a gladness.

¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and be glad in my people;
no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping
and the cry of distress.

²⁰No more shall there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not fill out his days,
for the young man shall die a hundred years old,
and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.

²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²²They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³They shall not labor in vain
or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD,
and their descendants with them.

²⁴Before they call I will answer;
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
and dust shall be the serpent's food.
They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain,"
says the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 7

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¹O LORD my God, in you do I take refuge;
save me from all my pursuers and deliver me,
²lest like a lion they tear my soul apart,
rending it in pieces, with none to deliver.
³O LORD my God, if I have done this,
if there is wrong in my hands,
⁴if I have repaid my friend with evil
or plundered my enemy without cause,
⁵let the enemy pursue my soul and overtake it,
and let him trample my life to the ground
and lay my glory in the dust.
⁶Arise, O LORD, in your anger;
lift yourself up against the fury of my enemies;
awake for me; you have appointed a judgment.
⁷Let the assembly of the peoples be gathered about you;
over it return on high.
⁸The LORD judges the peoples;
judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness
and according to the integrity that is in me.
⁹Oh, let the evil of the wicked come to an end,
and may you establish the righteous—
you who test the minds and hearts,
O righteous God!
¹⁰My shield is with God,
who saves the upright in heart.
¹¹God is a righteous judge,
and a God who feels indignation every day.
¹²If a man does not repent, God will whet his sword;
he has bent and readied his bow;
¹³he has prepared for him his deadly weapons,
making his arrows fiery shafts.
¹⁴Behold, the wicked man conceives evil
and is pregnant with mischief
and gives birth to lies.
¹⁵He makes a pit, digging it out,
and falls into the hole that he has made.
¹⁶His mischief returns upon his own head,

and on his own skull his violence descends.

¹⁷I will give to the LORD the thanks due to his righteousness,
and I will sing praise to the name of the LORD, the Most High.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190



Matthew 25:1-13

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P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹²But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth

and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

LSB 516



1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing," The watch - men on the
2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, And all her heart with
3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore Thee, Let saints and an - gels



heights are cry - ing; "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"
joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
sing be - fore Thee With harp and cym - bals' clear - est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing
For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in
Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, Where, join - ing with the



cry re - joic - es: "Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?
 truth vic - to - rious; Her star is ris'n, her light is come.
 choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne.

The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take!
 Now come, Thou Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son,
 No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might

Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your - selves pre - pare
 Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall
 Of Thy glo - ry; There - fore will we E - ter - nal - ly

To meet the Bride - groom, who is near."
 To eat the Sup - per at Thy call.
 Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

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Sermon

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192 Psalm 51:10–12



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

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194 2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195 Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,

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



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196 Matthew 6:9-13



P Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it



is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;



and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who



tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to



temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Our Lord *LSB 197 Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*



P Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,

and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the

dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ̣ bod - y, which is giv-en for you.

This do in re - mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so

He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it

to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in

My ̣ blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.

This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

Pax Domini

LSB 197 John 20:19

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

A - men.

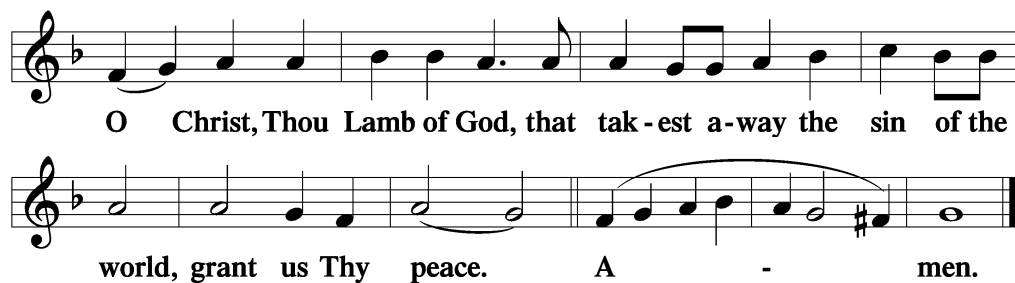
Agnus Dei

LSB 198 John 1:29

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the

world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that

tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymn: 515 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

LSB 515

1 Re-joice, re-joice, be-liev-ers, And let your lights ap-pear;
 2 The watch-ers on the moun-tain Pro-claim the Bride-groom near;
 3 The saints, who here in pa-tience Their cross and suf-f'rings bore,
 4 Our hope and ex-pec-ta-tion, O Je-sus, now ap-pear;
 The eve-ning is ad-vanc-ing, And dark-er night is near.
 Go forth as He ap-proach-es With al-le-lu-ias clear.
 Shall live and reign for-ev-er When sor-row is no more.
 A-rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be-night-ed sphere.
 The Bride-groom is a-ris-ing And soon is draw-ing nigh.
 The mar-riage feast is wait-ing; The gates wide o-pen stand.
 A-round the throne of glo-ry The Lamb they shall be-hold;
 With hearts and hands up-lift-ed, We plead, O Lord, to see
 Up, pray and watch and wres-tle; At mid-night comes the cry.
 A-rise, O heirs of glo-ry; The Bride-groom is at hand.
 In tri-umph cast be-fore Him Their di-a-dems of gold.
 The day of earth's re-demp-tion That sets Your peo-ple free!

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Distribution Hymn: 514 The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us

LSB 514

1 The Bride-groom soon will call us, "Come to the wed-ding feast."
 2 There shall we see in glo-ry Our dear Re-deem-er's face;
 3 There God shall from all e-vil For-ev-er make us free,
 4 In that fair home shall nev-er Be si-lent mu-sic's voice;



May slum - ber not be - fall us Nor watch - ful - ness de - crease.
 The long - a - wait - ed sto - ry Of heav'n - ly joy takes place:
 From sin and from the dev - il, From all ad - ver - si - ty,
 With hearts and lips for - ev - er We shall in God re - joice,

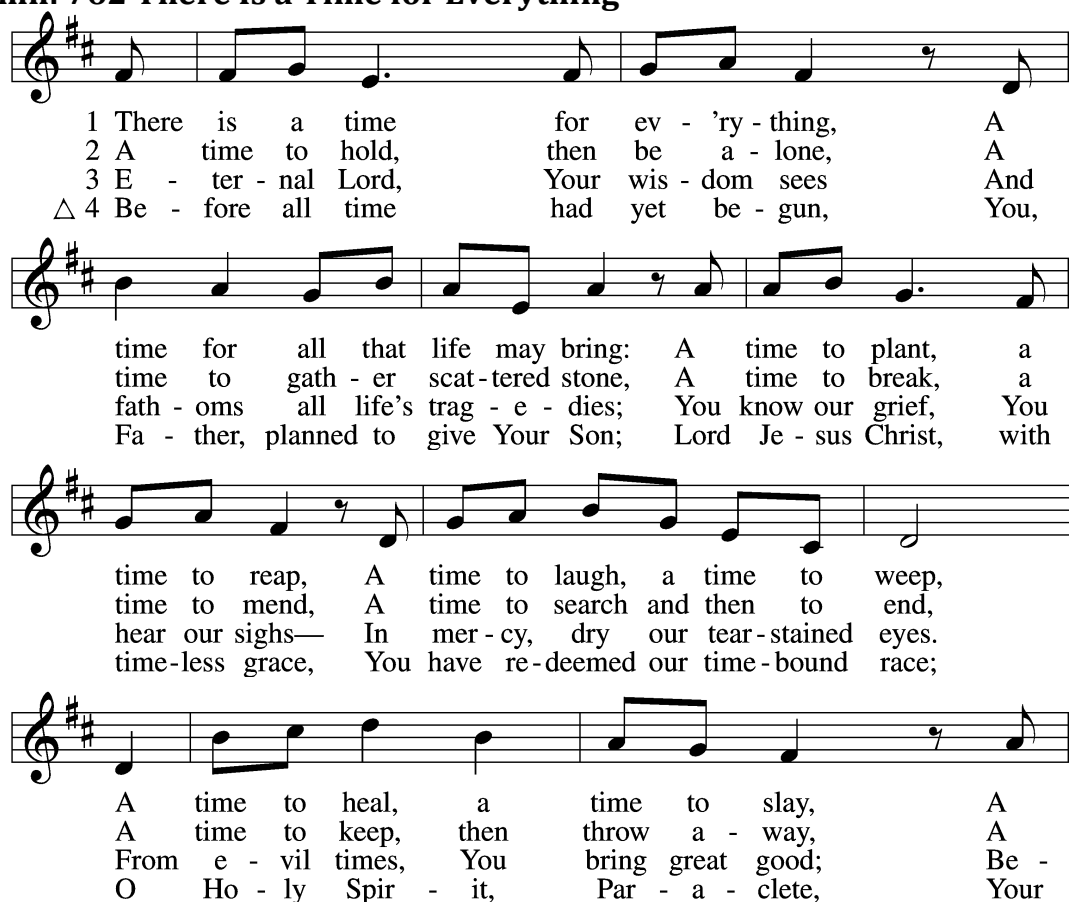
May all our lamps be burn - ing With oil e - nough and more
 The pa - tri - archs shall meet us, The proph - ets' ho - ly band;
 From sick - ness, pain, and sad - ness, From trou - bles, cares, and fears,
 While an - gel hosts are rais - ing With saints from great to least

That we, with Him re - turn - ing, May find an o - pen door!
 A - pos - tles, mar - tyrs greet us In that ce - les - tial land.
 And grant us heav'n - ly glad - ness And wipe a - way our tears.
 A might - y hymn for prais - ing The Giv - er of the feast.

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Hymn: 762 There Is a Time for Everything

LSB 762

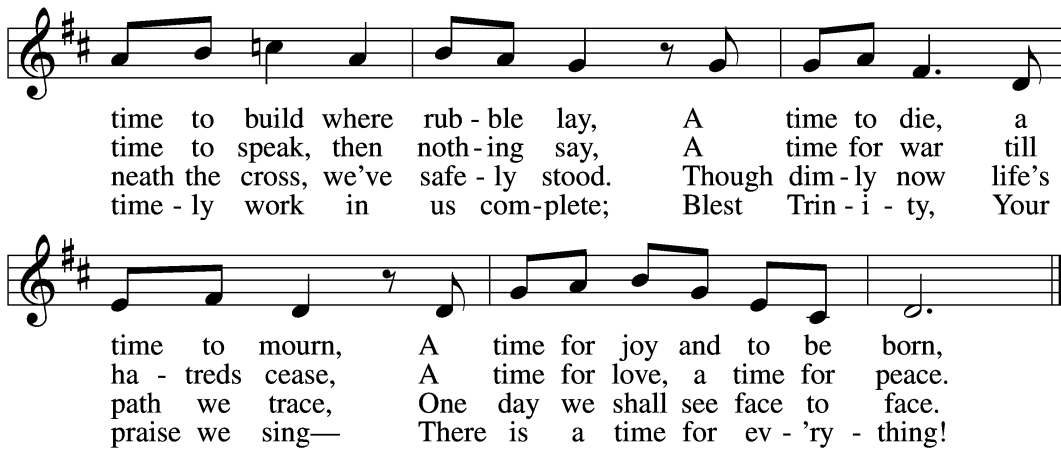


1 There is a time for ev - 'ry - thing, A
 2 A time to hold, then be a - lone, A
 3 E - ter - nal Lord, Your wis - dom sees And
 △ 4 Be - fore all time had yet be - gun, You,

time for all that life may bring: A time to plant, a
 time to gath - er scat - tered stone, A time to break, a
 fath - oms all life's trag - e - dies; You know our grief, You
 Fa - ther, planned to give Your Son; Lord Je - sus Christ, with

time to reap, A time to laugh, a time to weep,
 time to mend, A time to search and then to end,
 hear our sighs— In mer - cy, dry our tear - stained eyes.
 time-less grace, You have re - deemed our time - bound race;

A time to heal, a time to slay, A
 A time to keep, then throw a - way, A
 From e - vil times, You bring great good; Be -
 O Ho - ly Spir - it, Par - a - clete, Your



time to build where rub - ble lay, A time to die, a
time to speak, then noth - ing say, A time for war till
neath the cross, we've safe - ly stood. Though dim - ly now life's
time - ly work in us com - plete; Blest Trin - i - ty, Your
time to mourn, A time for joy and to be born,
ha - treds cease, A time for love, a time for peace.
path we trace, One day we shall see face to face.
praise we sing— There is a time for ev - 'ry - thing!

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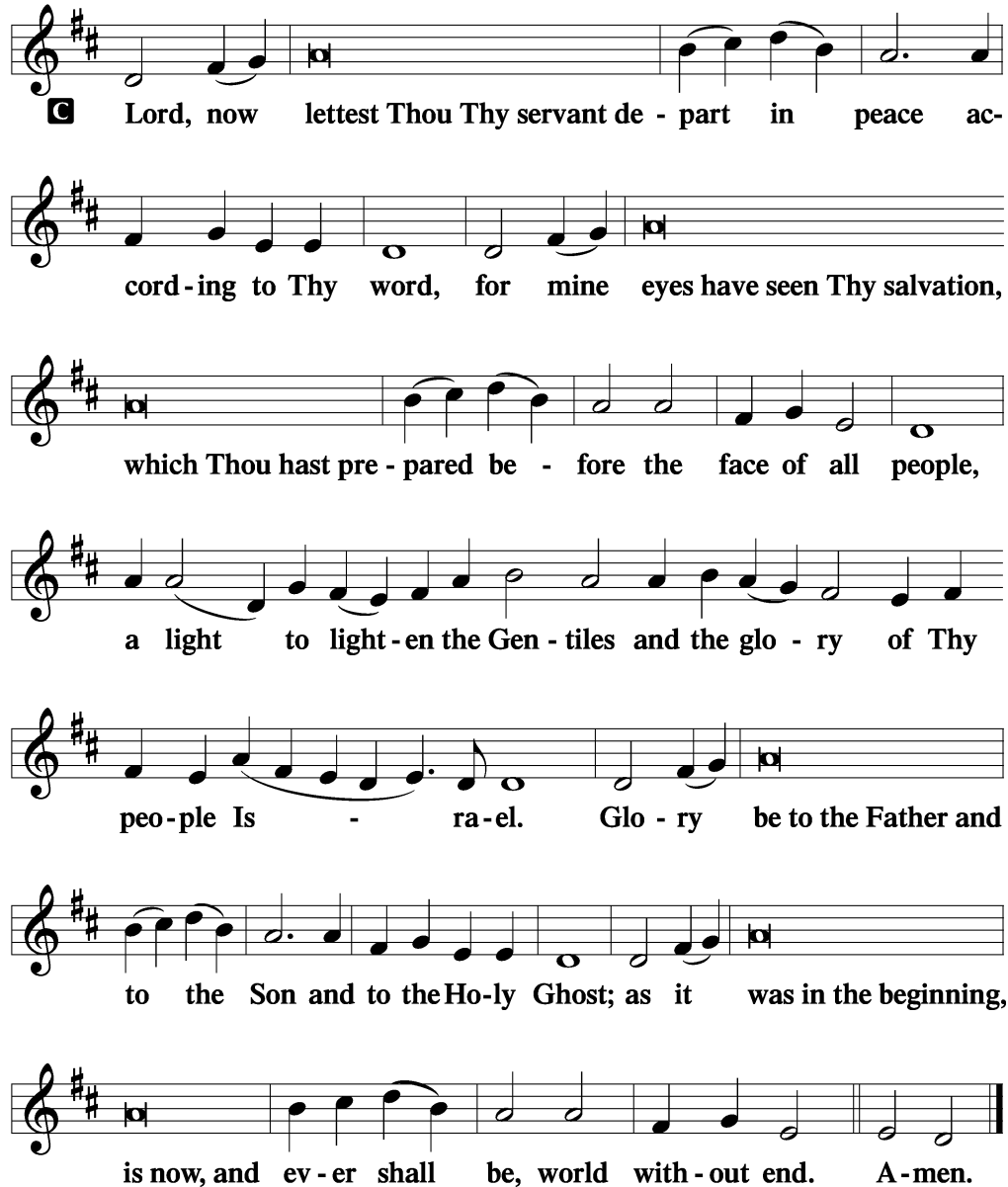
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Stand

Nunc Dimittis

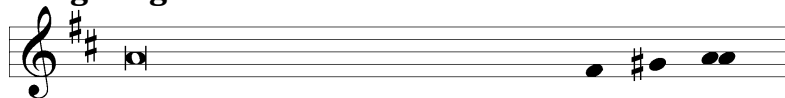
LSB 199 Luke 2:29-32



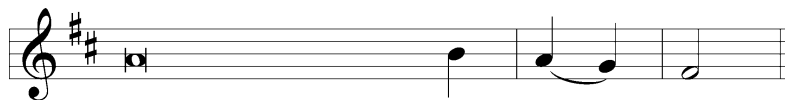
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200 Psalm 107:1



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

A Let us pray.

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

C Amen.



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

LSB 202 Psalm 103:1



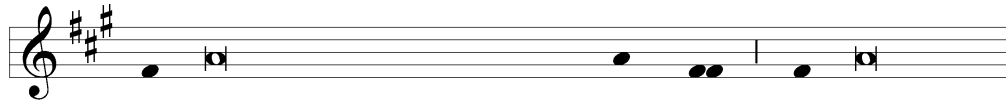
A Bless we the Lord.



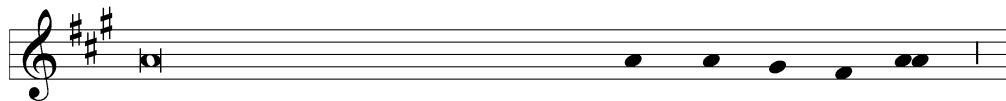
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

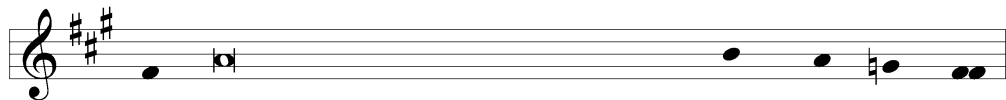
LSB 202 Numbers 6:24-26



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn to Depart: 672 Jerusalem the Golden

LSB 672



- 1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With milk and hon - ey blest—
2 With-in those walls of Zi - on Sounds forth the joy - ful song,
3 A - round the throne of Da - vid, The saints, from care re - leased,
△ 4 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The home of God's e - lect!



The prom - ise of sal - va - tion, The place of peace and rest—
As saints join with the an - gels And all the mar - tyr throng.
Raise loud their songs of tri - umph To cel - e - brate the feast.
O sweet and bless - ed coun - try That faith - ful hearts ex - pect!



We know not, oh, we know not What joys a - wait us there:
The Prince is ev - er with them; The day - light is se - rene;
They sing to Christ their lead - er, Who con - quered in the fight,
In mer - cy, Je - sus, bring us To that e - ter - nal rest



The ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, The bliss be - yond com - pare!
The cit - y of the bless - ed Shines bright with glo - rious sheen.
Who won for them for - ev - er Their gleam - ing robes of white.
With You and God the Fa - ther And Spir - it, ev - er blest.

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