

THE THEME OF TODAY'S LITURGY

The Word of Life who was manifest (*Epistle*) is the Son of God who is born in our flesh. Yet, it is not His birth that saves us. So we beg Our Lord to cast the bright beams of His Christ light upon us (*Collect*) so we might hear, take to heart and live from the benefits of His birth, life, death and resurrection. The Apostle John is one of those who opens his mouth in our midst so that we might receive this spirit of wisdom and understanding (*Introit*). Through this Evangelist the Spirit teaches us that we do not die but live, because we are clothed in His glory and nourished by the Bread of Life which He is (*Old Testament*).

THE PREPARATION

Please **STAND**.

OPENING HYMN

"By All Your Saints in Warfare," 517



1 By all Your saints in war - fare, For
2 For Your be - lov'd dis - ci - ple Ex -
△ 3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther And



all Your saints at rest, Your ho - ly name, O
iled to Pat - mos' shore, And for his faith - ful
wor - ship God the Son And sing to God the



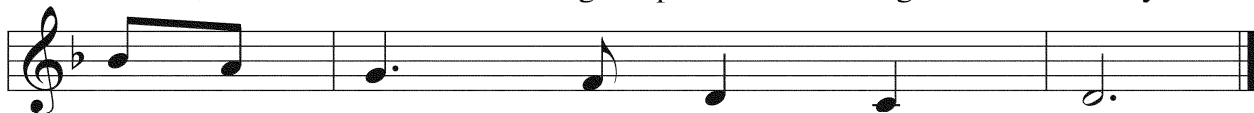
Je - sus, For - ev - er - more be blest! For
rec - ord, We praise You ev - er - more. Praise
Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One, Till



You have won the bat - tle That they might wear the
for the mys - tic vi - sion Through him to us re -
all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the



crown; And now they shine in glo - ry
vealed; May we, in pa - tience wait - ing,
throne, As - crib - ing pow'r and glo - ry



Re - flect - ed from Your throne.
With Your e - lect be sealed.
And praise to God a - lone.

INVOCATION; CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

C Amen.

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.

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

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 92:1-5; antiphon: Liturgical verse (Sirach 15:5)



P In the midst of the congregation he opened his mouth; and the LORD filled him with the spirit of wisdom and under- | standing. *

He clothed him with a robe of | glory.

P It is good to give thanks | to the LORD, *
to sing praises to Your name, | O Most High;

C **to declare Your steadfast love in the | morning, ***
and Your faithful- | ness by night,

P to the music of the lute | and the harp, *
to the melody | of the lyre.

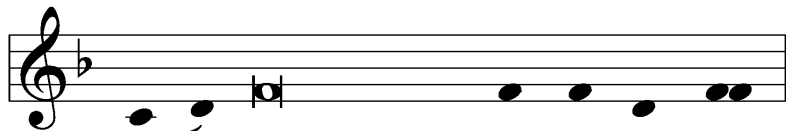
C **For You, O LORD, have made me glad | by Your work; ***
at the works of Your hands I | sing for joy.

P How great are Your works, | O LORD! *
Your thoughts are | very deep!

C 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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 He clothed him with a robe of | glory.

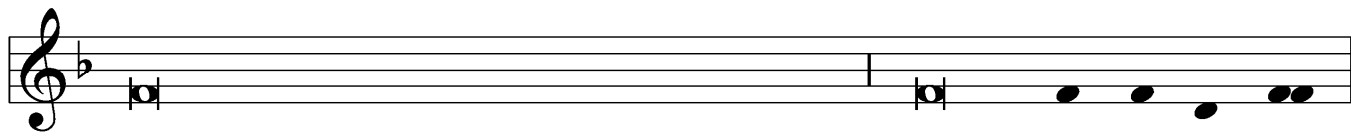
KYRIE



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



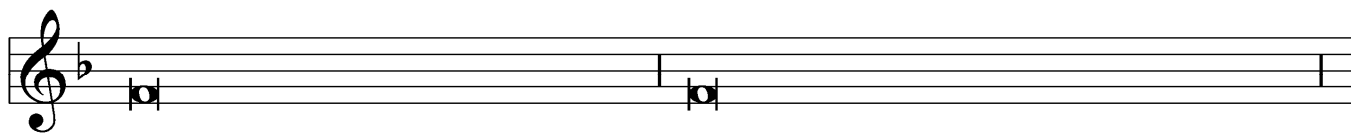
C Lord, have mer - cy.



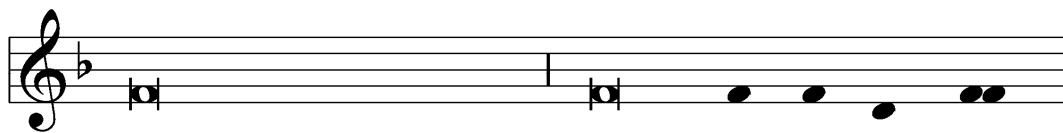
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



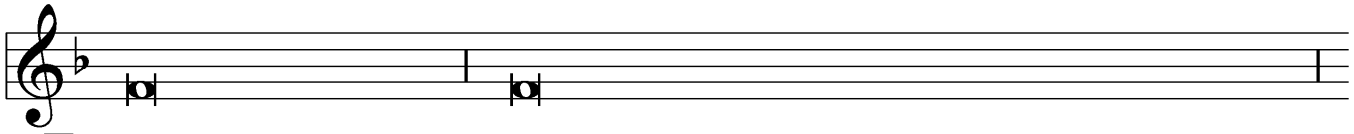
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



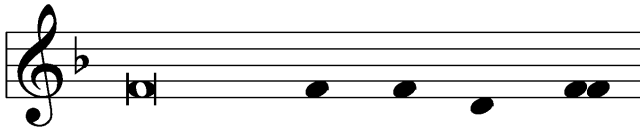
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



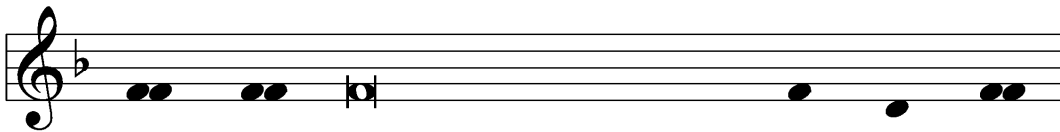
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



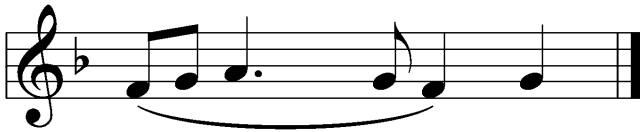
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

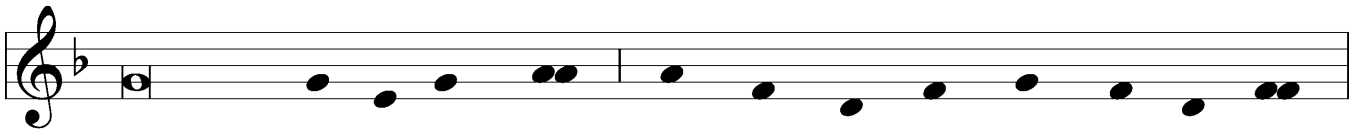


A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

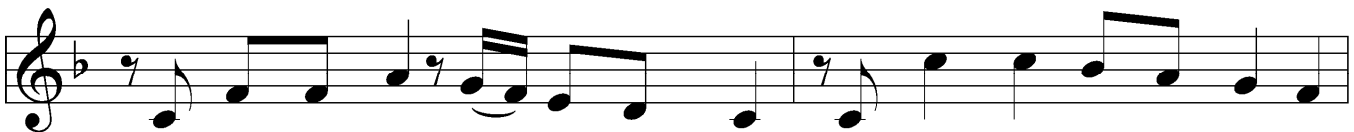
HYMN OF PRAISE - GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



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



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



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



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



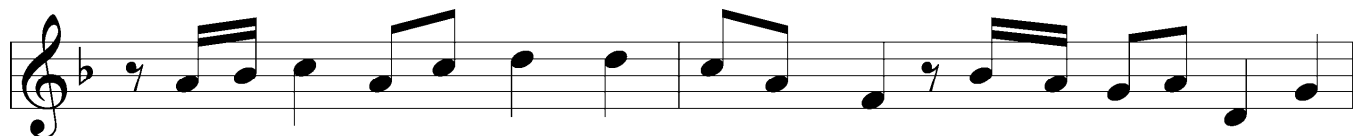
You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



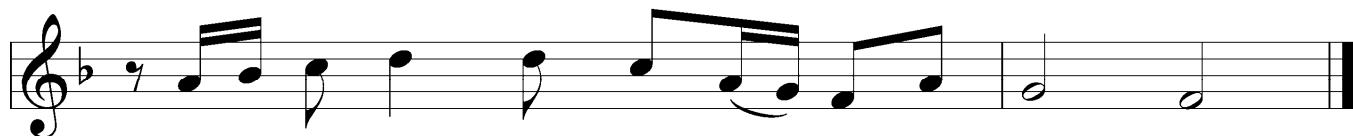
You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



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

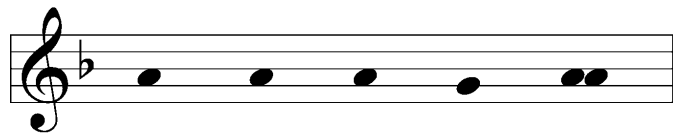


You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



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

SALUTATION AND COLLECTS



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Merciful Lord, we beseech You to cast Your bright beams upon Your Church, that, being illumined by the doctrine of Your blessed Apostle and Evangelist St. John, she may so walk in the light of Your truth, that she may at length attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

P Grant, we beseech You, almighty God, that the new birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free, who are held in the old bondage under the yoke of sin; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Please **BE SEATED**.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Hosea 11:1-4

Thus says the Lord God: "When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. The more they were called, the more they went away; they kept sacrificing to the Baals and burning offerings to idols.

Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up by their arms, but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of kindness, with the bands of love, and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws, and I bent down to them and fed them."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

John 21:23, 22



P Then this saying went out among the brethren, that this disciple | would not die, *

Yet Jesus did not say to him that he | would not die,

C but, if I will that he remain | till I come, *
you | follow Me.

EPISTLE READING

1 John 1:1-10

Beloved: 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.

This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. 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. If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His Word is not in us.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please **STAND**.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

John 6:68

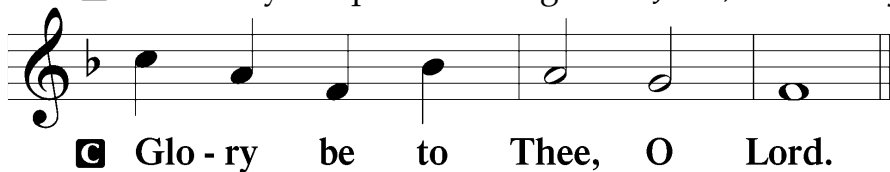


C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

St. John 21:19-24

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

At that time, Jesus said to Peter, "Follow Me." Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them, the one who also had leaned back against Him during the Supper and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray You?" When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about this man?" Jesus said to him, "If it is My will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow Me!" So the saying spread abroad among the brothers that this disciple was not to die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he was not to die, but, "If it is My will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?"

This is the disciple who is bearing witness about these things, and who has written these things, and we know that his testimony is true.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Please **BE SEATED**.

CHIEF HYMN

“Word Supreme, Before Creation,” TLH 271



1 Word Su - preme, be - fore cre - a - tion Born of God e -
2 Now 'tis come, and faith es - pies Thee; Like an ea - glet
3 Much he asked in lov - ing won - der, On Thy bos - om
4 Lo, heav'n's doors lift up, re - veal - ing How Thy judg - ments



- ter - nal - ly, Who didst will for our sal - va - tion
in the morn One in stead - fast wor - ship eyes Thee,
lean - ing, Lord. In the se - cret place of thun - der
earth - ward move; Scrolls un - fold - ed, trum - pets peal - ing,



To be born on earth and die, Well Thy saints have
Thy be - loved, Thy lat - est born. In Thy glo - ry
An - swer kind didst Thou ac - cord, Wis - dom for Thy
Wine - cups from the wrath a - bove; Yet o'er all a



kept their sta - tion, Watch - ing till Thine hour drew nigh.
he de - scribes Thee Reign - ing from the Tree of scorn.
Church to pon - der Till the day of dread a - ward.
soft voice steal - ing, “Lit - tle chil - dren, trust and love.”

△5 Thee, th'almighty King eternal,
Father of th'eternal Word,
Thee, the Father's Word supernal,
Thee, of both the Breath adored,
Heaven and earth and realms infernal
Own one glorious God and Lord.

Text: John Keble (1792-1866)

Tune: *Geistreiches Gesang-Buch*, Darmstadt, 1698

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SERMON

Please **STAND**.

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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Please **STAND**.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

after each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy, | *or* | **P** ...let us pray to the Lord.
C hear our prayer. | **C** Lord, have mercy.

the prayers conclude:

P ...one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Please **BE SEATED**.

VOLUNTARY

During the voluntary, the Celebrant prepares the Altar for the Supper. You are encouraged to prepare your heart and mind for Holy Communion. Psalms 34, 42, 84, and 116 are especially suitable.

Your offering may be deposited in the plate located near the Baptismal Font when you go to the Altar for Holy Communion.

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Please **STAND**.

PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

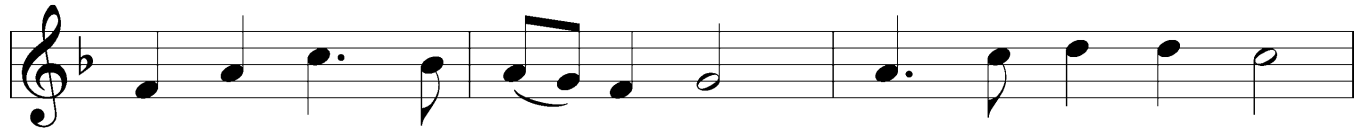
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His Body and drink His Blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

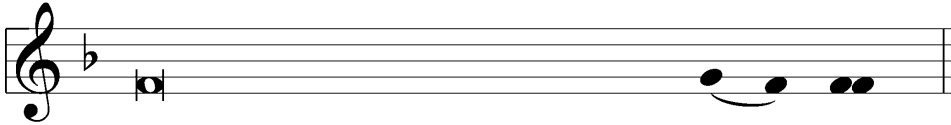
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He 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 for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI



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

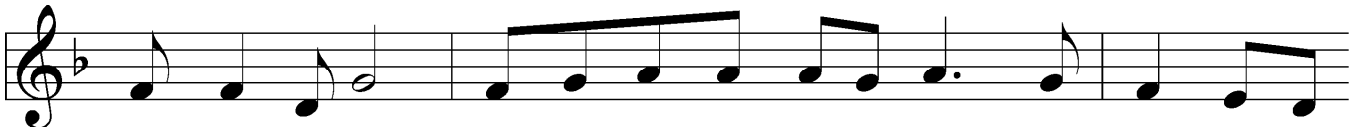


C A - men.

AGNUS DEI



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



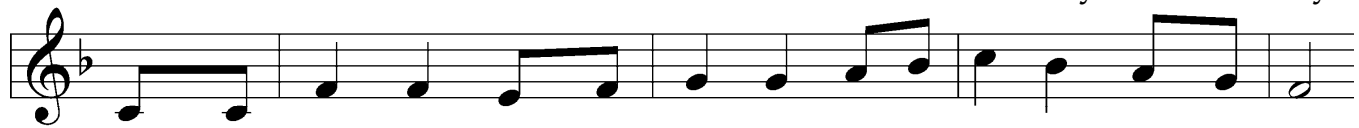
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please **BE SEATED.**

DISTRIBUTION OF OUR LORD'S BODY AND BLOOD

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly," 393



1 In - fant ho - ly, In - fant low - ly, For His bed a cat - tle stall;
2 Flocks were sleep - ing, Shep - herds keep - ing Vig - il till the morn - ing new



Ox - en low - ing, Lit - tle know - ing Christ the child is Lord of all.
Saw the glo - ry, Heard the sto - ry, Tid - ings of a Gos - pel true.



Swift - ly wing - ing, An - gels sing - ing, Bells are ring - ing, Tid - ings bring - ing:
Thus re - joic - ing, Free from sor - row, Prais - es voic - ing, Greet the mor - row:



Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

Text: Polish; tr. Edith M. G. Reed (1885-1933), alt.

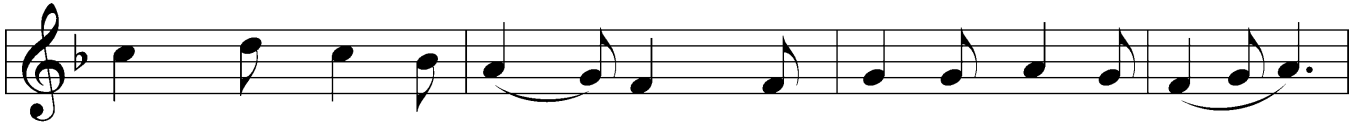
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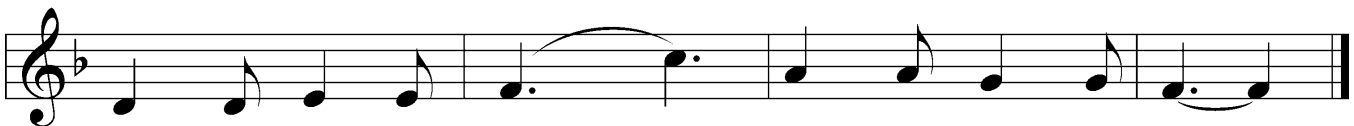
1 Now sing we, now re - joice, Now raise to heav'n our voice;
 2 Come from on high to me; I can - not rise to Thee.
 3 Now through His Son doth shine The Fa - ther's grace di - vine.
 4 Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'n - ly ground?



He from whom joy stream - eth Poor in a man - ger lies;
 Cheer my wea - ried spir - it, O pure and ho - ly Child;
 Death was reign - ing o'er us Through sin and van - i - ty
 Where the an - gels sing - ing With all His saints u - nite,



Not so bright - ly beam - eth The sun in yon - der skies.
 Through Thy grace and mer - it, Blest Je - sus, Lord most mild,
 Till He o - pened for us A bright e - ter - ni - ty.
 Sweet - est prais - es bring - ing In heav'n - ly joy and light.



Thou my Sav - ior art! Thou my Sav - ior art!
 Draw me un - to Thee! Draw me un - to Thee!
 May we praise Him there! May we praise Him there!
 Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

Text: Latin and German, 14th cent.; tr. Arthur T. Russell (1806-74), alt.
 Tune: German, 14th cent.

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Please **STAND**.

NUNC DIMITTIS



Lord, now You let Your ser - vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -

pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -

veal You to the na - tions and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

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

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

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P 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 A - men.

BENEDICTION

P The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

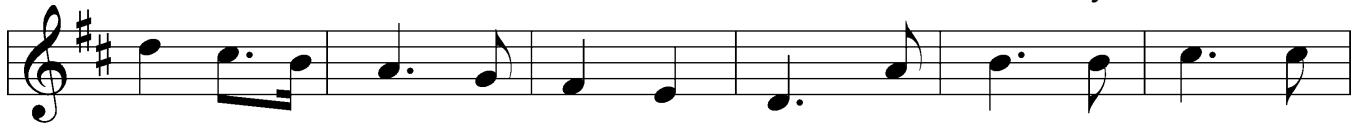
The LORD lift up look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

"Joy to the World," 387



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
joy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



ness And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Tune: George Frideric Handel (1685-1759), adapt.

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Announcements

SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday (January 3) there will be a special Voters' Meeting immediately following the Divine Service. The vote will be taken in your pew.

There are two very minor agenda items: First, approving a one-year delay of the Synod's convention, moving it from 2022 to 2023 due to COVID-19. Second, we need to approve the lay delegate for the District convention (which will likely be delayed until 2022).

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS RECESS

Sunday School and Bible Study are on a brief Christmas recess. Class will resume Sunday, January 10.

HIGHER THINGS VIDEO WATCH PARTY

You are invited to join the youth group as they watch new videos from Higher Things. They will be watching after Sunday School and Bible Study on **January 24**.

STEWARDSHIP LAST WEEK	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Communicants</i>	<i>Offerings</i>
Sunday (12/20)	58	49	\$3,456

Serving Today

Celebrant and Preacher Rev. Ryan Beffrey
Organist..... Diane Scott
Floor Elder Craig Baier
Serving Elder Paul Cook
Acolyte Jack Cook
Counters..... Sandra Hoffbeck & Kim Harmsen
Altar Guild..... Teresa Fulk & Jen Moushegian
Flowers

Serving Next Sunday

Floor Elder Paul Cook
Serving Elder Mark MacIntosh
Acolyte Titus Baier
Counters..... Philip Maass & Pam Ihle
Altar Guild..... Bev Pippis & Pam Ihle
Flowers

In Our Prayers

Those with cancer

Keri Jastifer, Ted Mattingly, Darrell Dombrowski, Bill Miller, Todd Henderson, Bobby Vollman, Cameron Scott, Pam Peterman, Charlene Moore, Raquel Steffes, Keith Lundgren.

Those with health issues, difficulties, and challenges

Ken Zyk, Carol Powell, Norma Biggs, Shanda Brennan, Hannah Kelsey, Nathan Martin, Kitty Young, Alvina Hoffbeck, Doris Uramkin, Karen Garlock, Jeri Barthel, Pam Ashley, Jill White, Lynn Hyatt, Connie Kaniewski, Janet Lundgren.

Those who are pregnant

Jordan & Julie Velie

Our church work students

Zachariah and Claire Burgdorf, Timothy and Hanna Kern, Timothy and Chelsie Schmeisser.

Those serving in our Armed Forces

Hector and Natasha Brojas, Jordan Velie, Jacob Almaguer, Joshua Cipolla, Trent Beffrey, Lucas Golm, Brittany Warf, David Mills.

Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week

Dawn Cook (12/27), *Philip & Sara Maass* (12/29), Diane Zyk (12/30), *Randy & Laurie Hiscock* (12/31)

Those celebrating Baptism birthdays this week

Toni Baier (1/1), Sheri Fredricks (1/1), Kristopher Fulk (1/1), Teresa Fulk (1/1), Rose Hancock (1/1), Sid Haskill (1/1), Vivienne VanderBaan (1/1), Patricia Velie (1/1), Diane Zyk (1/1).