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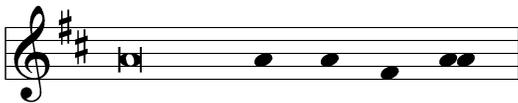
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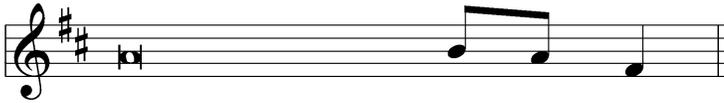
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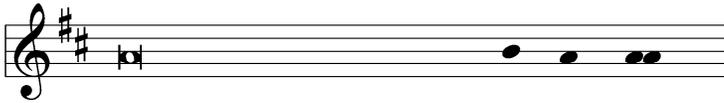
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3 Hail, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!  
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
All your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



Of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!  
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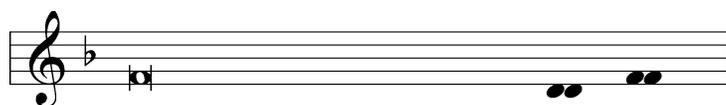
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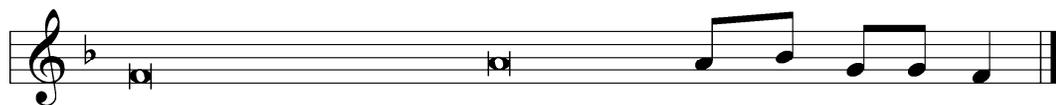
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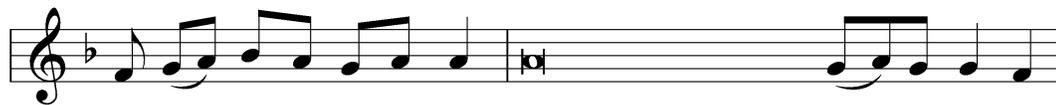


**I** Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,



**C** and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

## MAGNIFICAT



**C** My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Sav-ior;



**I** for He has re-gard - ed the lowliness of His hand-maid - en.



**II** For be - hold, from this day all generations will call me bless - ed.



**I** For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;



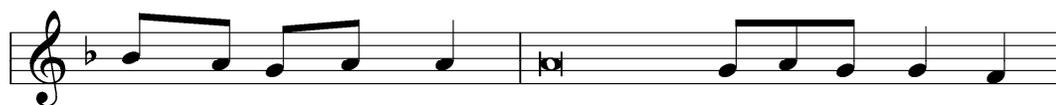
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and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.

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## PRAYER

### KYRIE

**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

### LORD'S PRAYER

Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,

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COLLECTS

**L** O Lord, hear my prayer.

**C** And let my cry come to You.

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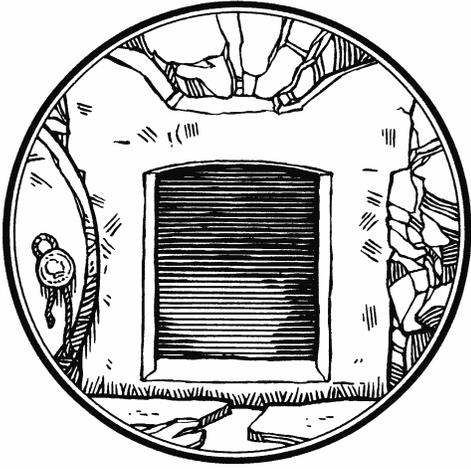
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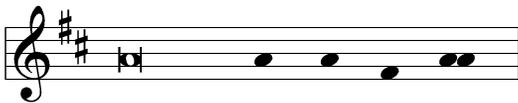
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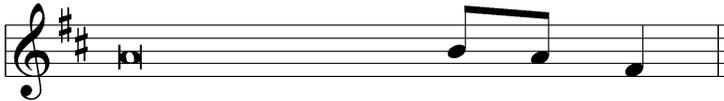
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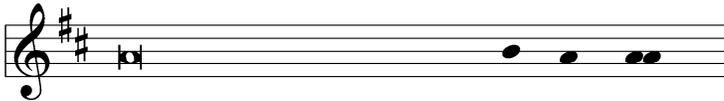
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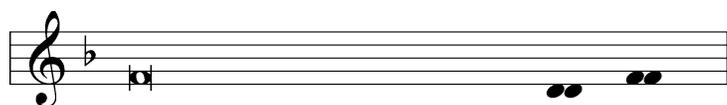
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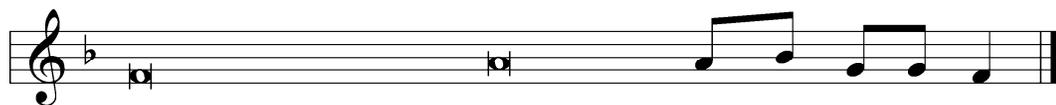
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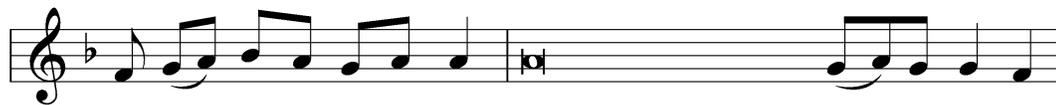


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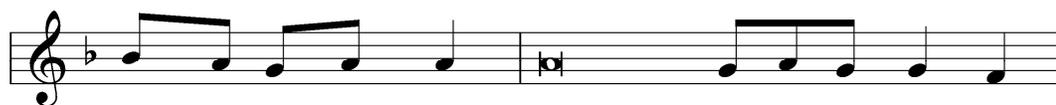
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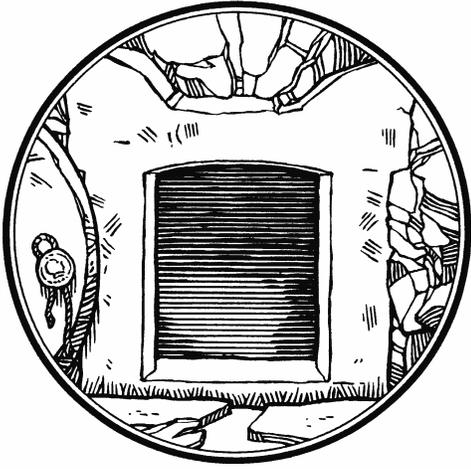
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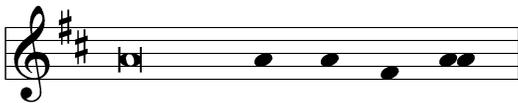
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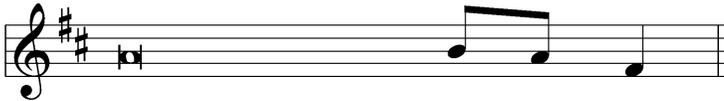
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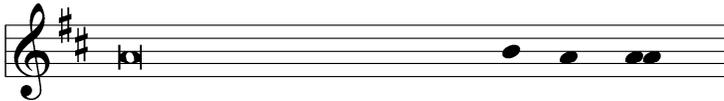
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OFFICE HYMN

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!" 463



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3 Hail, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!  
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
All your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



Of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!  
When con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!  
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At the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!  
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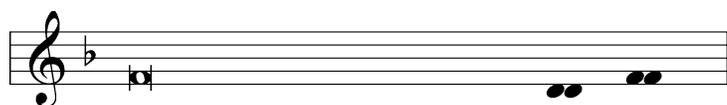
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**P** O Lord, have mercy upon us.

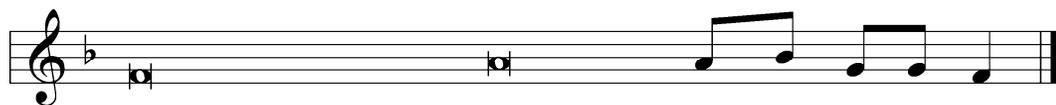
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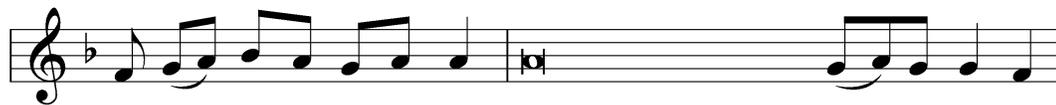


**I** Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,



**C** and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

## MAGNIFICAT



**C** My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Sav-ior;



**I** for He has re-gard - ed the lowliness of His hand-maid - en.



**II** For be - hold, from this day all generations will call me bless - ed.



**I** For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;



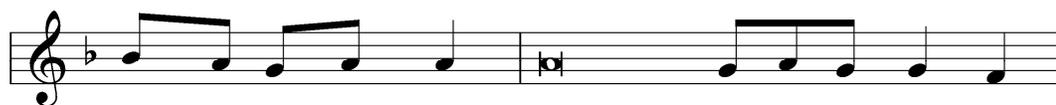
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**I** He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the



imagination of their hearts. **II** He has cast down the



might-y from their thrones and has ex - alt - ed the low - ly.



**I** He has filled the hun - gry with good things,

and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.

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as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for - ev - er.

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

## PRAYER

### KYRIE

III Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

### LORD'S PRAYER

Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,

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bread; and for - give us our tres - pass - es as we for - give

those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in -

to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo -

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

COLLECTS

**L** O Lord, hear my prayer.

**C** And let my cry come to You.

**P** Almighty God, who through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, has overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life, we humbly beseech You that, as You put into our mind good desires, so by Your continual help we may bring the same to good effect; 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.

**P** Almighty God, who has given us Your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon Him, grant that we, being regenerate and made Your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Your Holy Spirit; through the same Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

**C** A - men.

**P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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### BENEDICAMUS



**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

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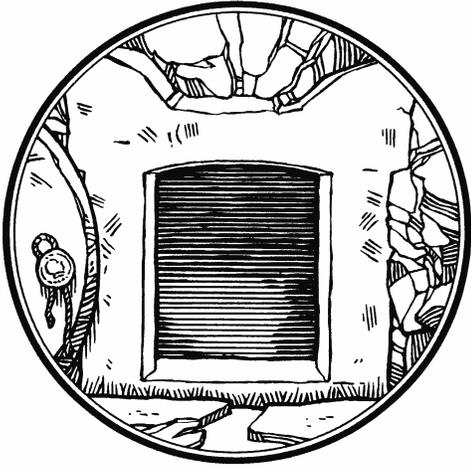
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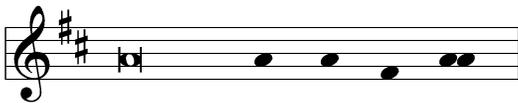
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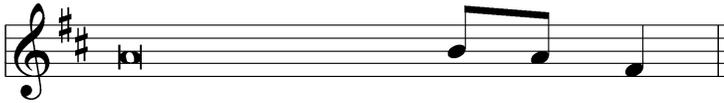
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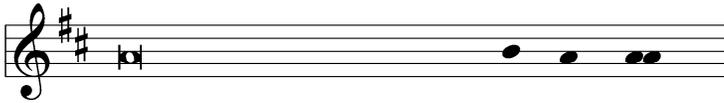
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**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



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Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PSALMODY

PSALM 139 (antiphon: v. 13)

- P** For You formed my inward parts;  
You covered me in my mother's womb.
- P** O LORD, You have searched me and known me.
- C** **You know my sitting down and my rising up;  
You understand my thought afar off.**
- P** You comprehend my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- C** **For there is not a word on my tongue,  
but behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.**
- P** You have hedged me behind and before,  
and laid Your hand upon me.
- C** **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is high, I cannot attain it.**
- P** Where can I go from Your Spirit?  
Or where can I flee from Your presence?
- C** **If I ascend into heaven, You are there;  
if I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there.**
- P** If I take the wings of the morning,  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- C** **even there Your hand shall lead me,  
and Your right hand shall hold me.**
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- C** **I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well.**
- P** My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret,  
and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.
- C** **Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed.  
And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them.**
- P** How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God!  
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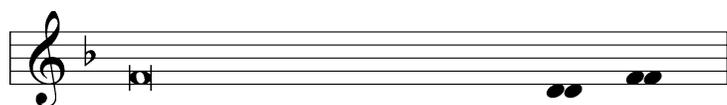
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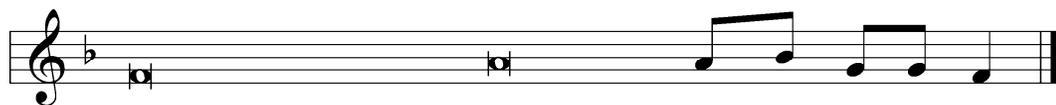
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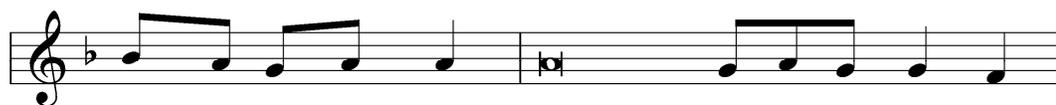
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