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HYMN

“These Are the Holy Ten Commands,” 581 (stanzas 1, 11-12)



1 These are the ho - ly Ten Com-mands God gave to us by
11 You have this Law to see there - in That you have not been
12 Our works can - not sal - va - tion gain; They mer - it on - ly



Mo - ses' hands When high on Si - nai's mount he stood,
free from sin But al - so that you clear - ly see
end - less pain. For - give us, Lord! To Christ we flee,



Re - ceiv - ing them for our good. Have mer - cy, Lord!
How pure toward God life should be. Have mer - cy, Lord!
Who pleads for us end - less - ly. Have mer - cy, Lord!

Text: Martin Luther (1483-1546); tr. Joseph Herl (b. 1959), st. 1; tr. Michael A. Penikis (b. 1964), st. 2; tr F. Samuel
Janzow (1913-2001), sts. 3-5, 7, 11, alt.; tr. *Christian Worship*, 1993, sts. 6, 8-10, 12, alt.

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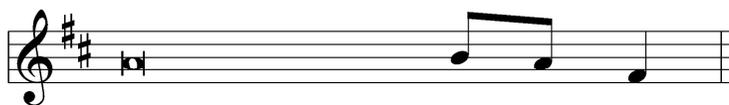
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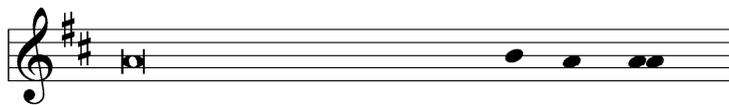
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L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



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



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



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



Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

PSALMODY

PSALM 43 (antiphon: v.3)

P Oh, send out Your light and Your truth!

Let them lead me; let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your tabernacle.

P Vindicate me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation;

Oh, deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man!

C For You are the God of my strength;

Why do You cast me off? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

P Oh, send out Your light and Your truth!

Let them lead me; let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your tabernacle.

C Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy;

and on the harp I will praise You, O God, my God.

P Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me?

Hope in God; for I shall yet praise Him, the help of my countenance and my God.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Oh, send out Your light and Your truth!

Let them lead me; let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your tabernacle.



1 The Law of God is good and wise And sets His
 2 Its light of ho - li - ness im - parts The knowl - edge
 3 To those who help in Christ have found And would in
 4 But those who scorn - ful - ly dis - dain God's Law shall



will be - fore our eyes, Shows us the way of righ - teous -
 of our sin - ful hearts That we may see our lost es -
 works of love a - bound It shows what deeds are His de -
 then in sin re - main; Its ter - ror in their ear re -



ness, And dooms to death when we trans - gress.
 tate And turn from sin be - fore too late.
 light And should be done as good and right.
 sounds And keeps their wick - ed - ness in bounds.

5 The Law is good; but since the Fall
 Its holiness condemns us all;
 It dooms us for our sin to die
 And has no pow'r to justify.

6 To Jesus we for refuge flee
 Who from the curse has set us free,
 And humbly worship at His throne,
 Saved by His grace through faith alone.

Text: Matthias Loy (1828-1915), alt.

Tune: *Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert*, Wittenberg, 1543, ed. Joseph Klug

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READINGS

FIRST READING

Leviticus 19:1-2, 10-19

In those days, the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them: 'You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. And you shall not glean your vineyard, nor shall you gather every grape of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the stranger: I am the LORD your God.

'You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another. And you shall not swear by My name falsely, nor shall you profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.

'You shall not cheat your neighbor, nor rob him. The wages of him who is hired shall not remain with you all night until morning. You shall not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling block before the blind, but shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

'You shall do no injustice in judgment. You shall not be partial to the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty. In righteousness you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go about as a talebearer among your people; nor shall you take a stand against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

'You shall not hate your brother in your heart. You shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

'You shall keep My statutes. You shall not let your livestock breed with another kind. You shall not sow your field with mixed seed. Nor shall a garment of mixed linen and wool come upon you.'"

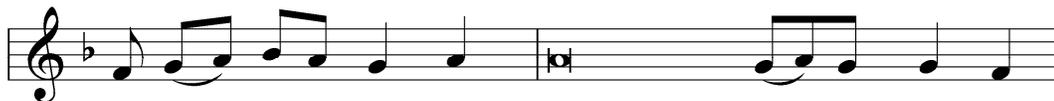
P O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C Thanks be to God.

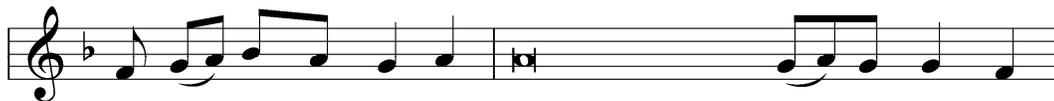
MAGNIFICAT



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;



II and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to gen - er - a - tion.



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



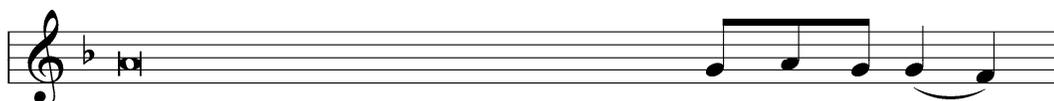
imagination of their hearts. **II** He has cast down the



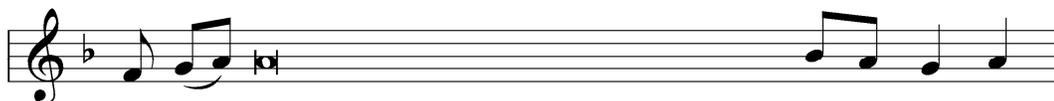
might-y from their thrones and has ex - alt - ed the low - ly.



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



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



II He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mer - cy

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

C 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.

PRAYER

- P** O Lord,
C have mercy upon us.
P O Christ,
C have mercy upon us.
P O Lord,
C have mercy upon us.
- 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.
- C** 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 From thence He will 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.
- P** Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers:
C and greatly to be praised and glorified forever.
P Bless we the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit:
C we praise and magnify Him forever.

P Blessed are You, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven:
C and greatly to be praised and glorified and highly exalted forever.

P The almighty and merciful Lord bless and preserve us.

C Amen.

P Grant, O Lord, this night:

C to keep us without sin.

P O Lord, have mercy upon us,

C have mercy upon us.

P O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us:

C as our trust is in You.

P Hear my prayer, O Lord,

C and let my cry come unto You.

P We beseech You, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon Your people, that by Your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore both in body and soul; 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 Heavenly Father, we commend to Your care those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work. Grant that the wealth and resources of this rich land be profitably used so that all persons may find suitable and fulfilling employment and receive just payment for their labor; through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

C Amen.

P We thank You, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept us this day; and we pray You that You would graciously forgive us all our sins where we have done wrong, and graciously keep us this night. For into Your hands we commend ourselves, our bodies and souls, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with us that the wicked foe may have no power over us.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS



L Let us bless the Lord.

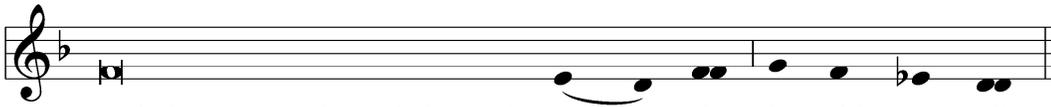


C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION



L The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with us all.



C A - men.

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