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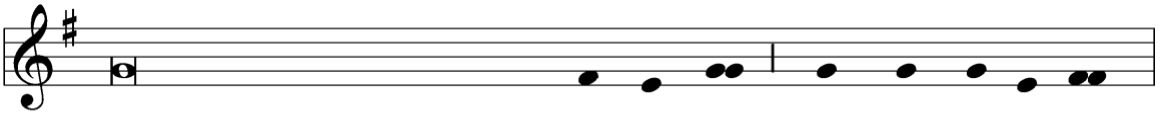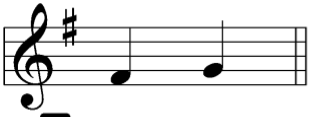


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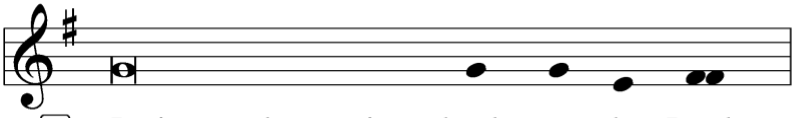
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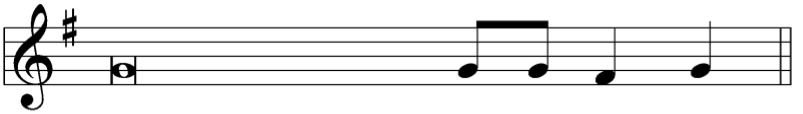
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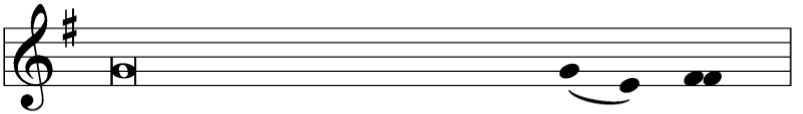
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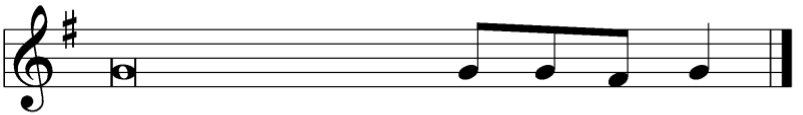












Psalm 92:1

Confession LSB pg. 254

L Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for self-examination.

L I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

C The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.

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C Amen.

Reading 1 Corinthians 5:1-13

It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife. And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you.

For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if present, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did such a thing. When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.

Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people— not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one. For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? God judges those outside. "Purge the evil person from among you."

R This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.



Gospel Reading John 20:19-22

L The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.
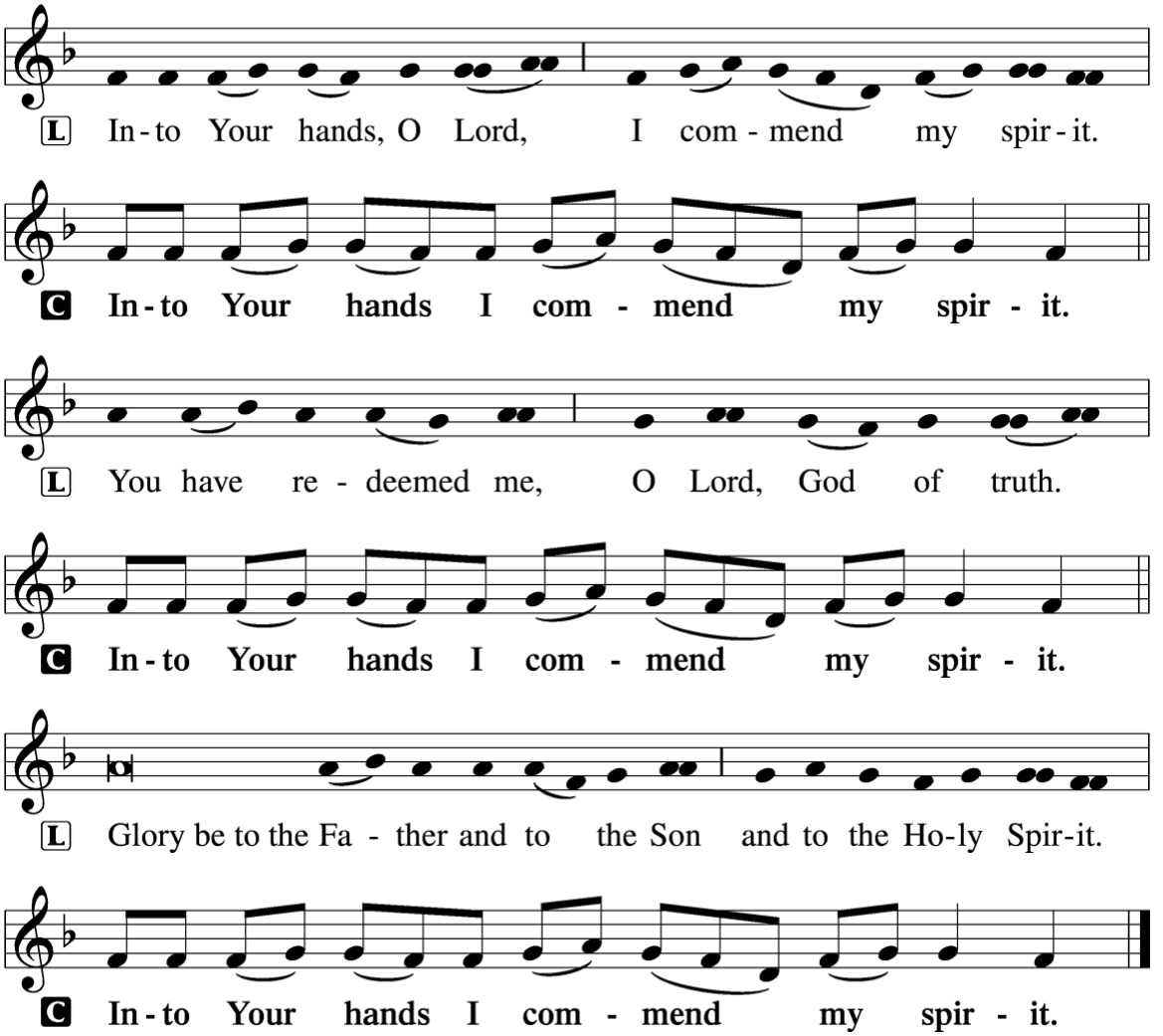
C Glory to You, O Lord.

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Responsory Psalm 31:5 LSB pg. 255

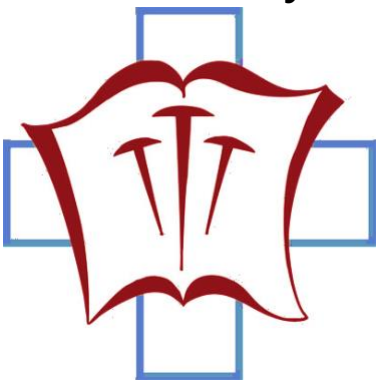


Sermon "Holy Absolution and Church Discipline" based on 1 Corinthians 5:1-13

The following are referenced in the sermon. The service continues on page 8

Sermon reference 1:

Restoration to the Holy Christian Church



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

C Amen. Matthew 28:19b

Restoration

P Beloved in the Lord, Christ our Lord says in the Gospel according to St. Luke: "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance." Luke 15:4-7

Because *[name],* having been under excommunication for a time, has now by the grace of God come to repentance and has received the forgiveness of sins in the holy absolution, I joyfully announce that *[his/her]* excommunication is removed and that *[he/she]* is restored to the holy Christian Church. *[He/She]* may once again share the Lord's Supper with us, serve as a sponsor at Holy Baptism, and engage in all the rights and privileges of the Church.

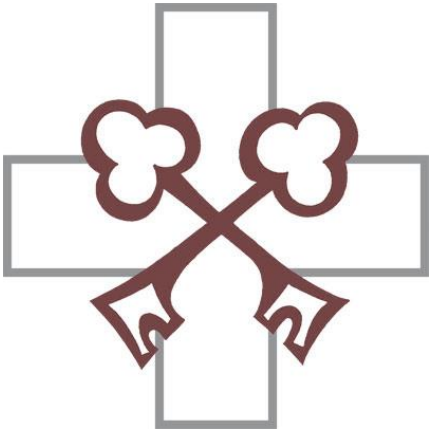
At the restoration of an excommunicant

We thank You, Father, that You have moved the heart of *[name]* to repent and receive Christ's forgiveness, so that this *[son/daughter]* of Yours who was lost is now found , who was dead is now alive again. Comfort *[him/her]* and be with *[him/her]* in all trial and temptation that *[he/she]* may continue steadfast in faith and godliness throughout *[his/her]* earthly life. Keep us all from the pride of thinking that we cannot fall, and cause us to trust solely in the strength You give through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sermon reference 2

Excommunication from the Holy Christian Church



Excommunication

P Beloved in the Lord, Christ our Lord says in the Gospel according to St. John:
"If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." John 20:23 NKJV

As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I must make known to you that our fellow member, *[name]*, has, by continued impenitence, despised *[his/her]* Baptism. *[He/She]* was under Church discipline and, although repeatedly admonished from the Word of God, has refused to repent. Following the direction of our Lord in the Gospel according to St. Matthew, I and other members of this congregation have pleaded repeatedly with *[him/her]* to receive Christ's forgiveness won for *[him/her]* on the cross, but to no avail. Finally, *[name]* also refuses to hear the Church.

In order to show the seriousness of *[his/her]* impenitence and, as a last effort to win *[him/her]* back to our Lord, I announce that *[name]* is now excommunicated from the holy Christian Church. Until *[he/she]* repents, *[name]* may not come to this or any other Christian altar for the Lord's Supper. *[He/She]* is also not permitted to serve as a sponsor at Holy Baptism nor engage in any other rights or privileges of the Church, except to hear the preaching of God's Word.

May almighty God mercifully grant *[him/her]* grace to confess *[his/her]* sin so that *[he/she]* might receive the Lord's forgiveness and be restored to communion with God in His Church.
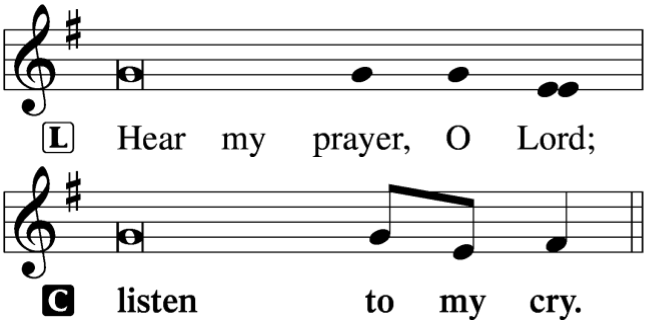
In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

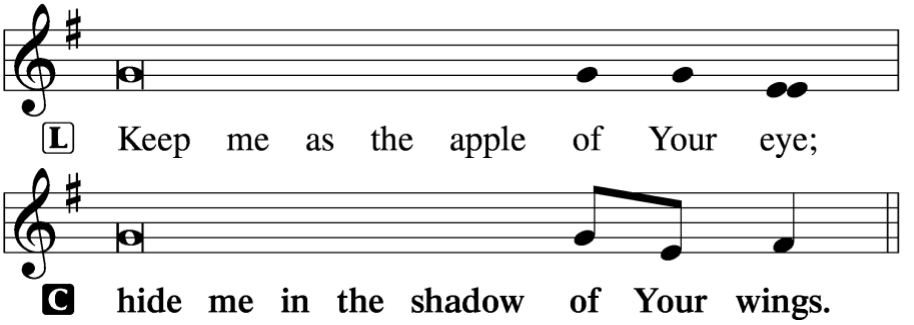
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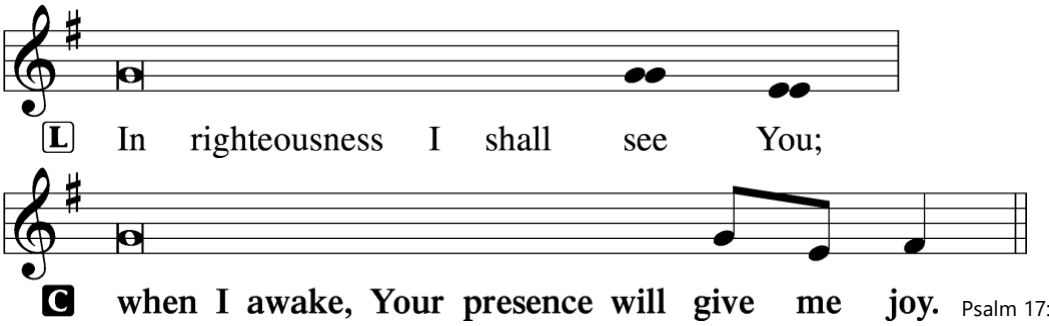
Prayer LSB pg. 256



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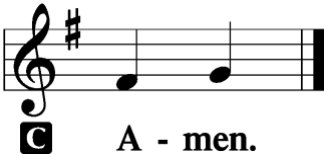


Psalm 17:8



Psalm 17:15

LSB pg. 257

L Abide with us, Lord, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. Abide with us and with Your whole Church. Abide with us at the end of the day, at the end of our life, at the end of the world. Abide with us with Your grace and goodness, with Your holy Word and Sacrament, with Your strength and blessing. Abide with us when the night of affliction and temptation comes upon us, the night of fear and despair, the night when death draws near. Abide with us and with all the faithful, now and forever.
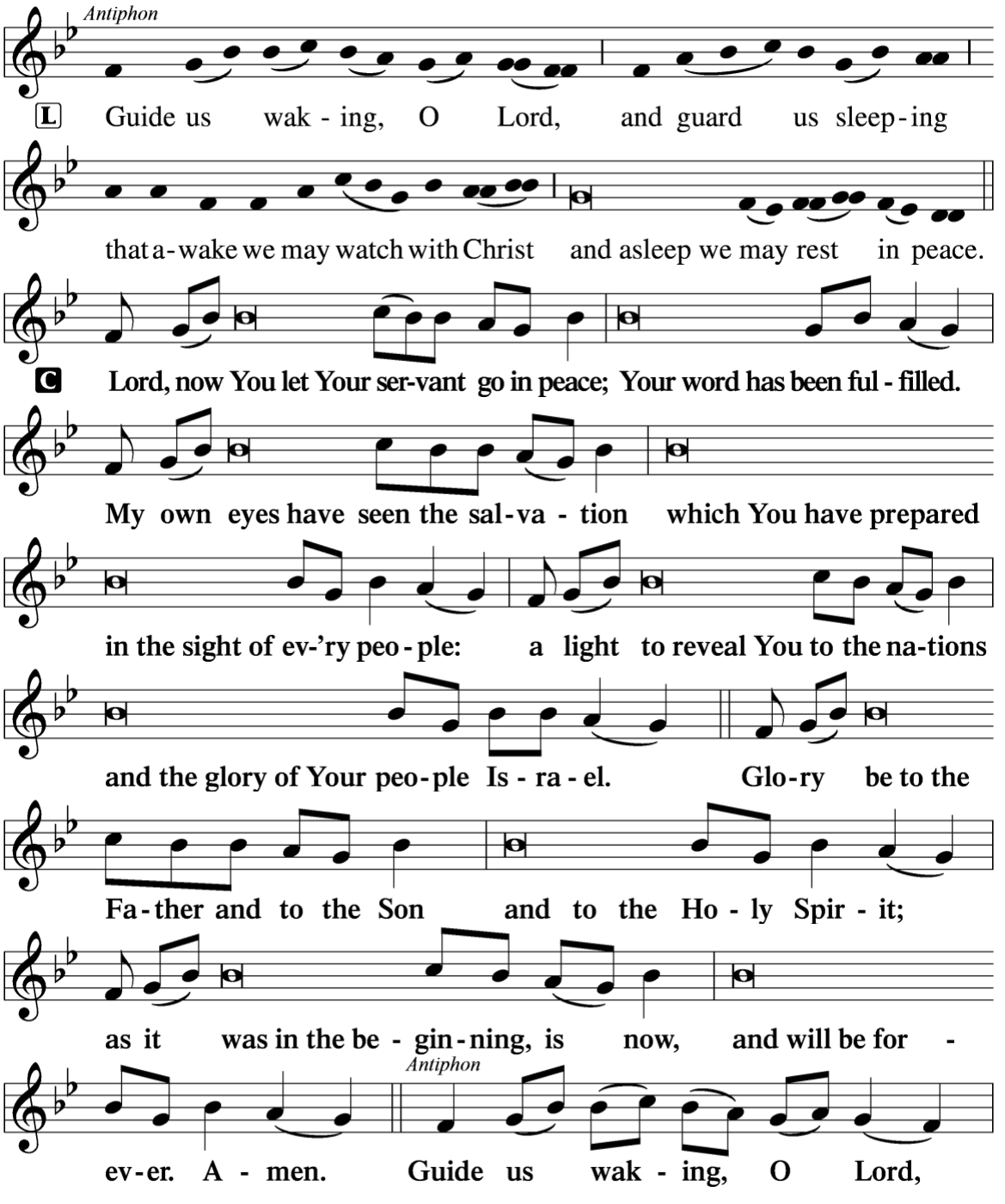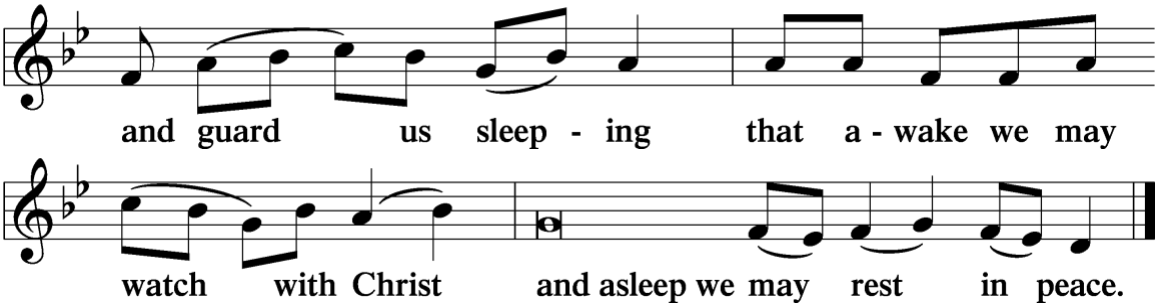


Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9-13; LSB pg. 257

L Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.

Nunc Dimittis *Song of Simeon* Matthew 2:29-32; LSB pg. 258

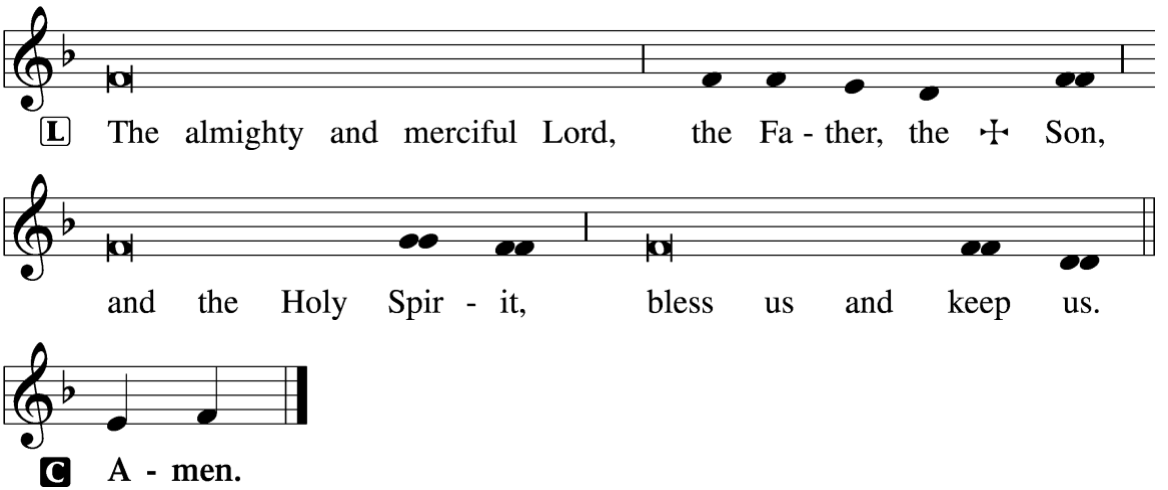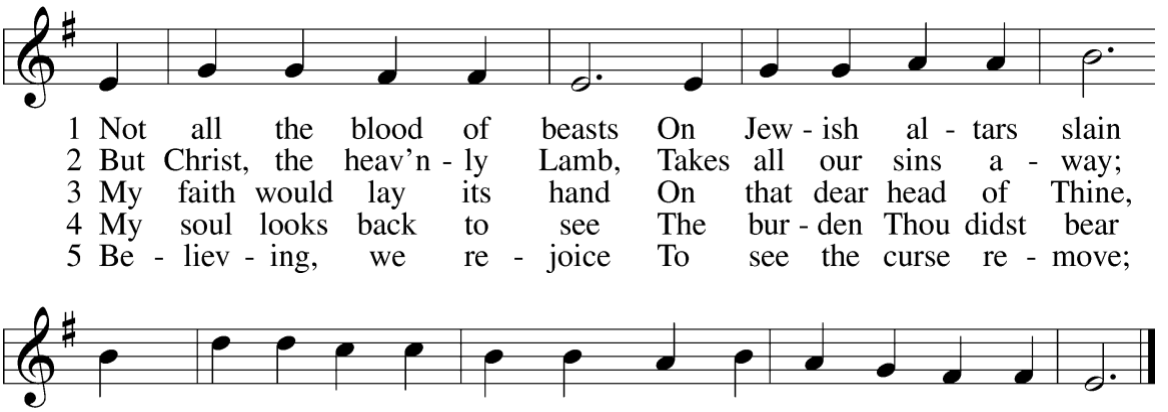




Nunc Dimittis

SONG OF SIMEON

Benediction LSB pg. 259



Closing Hymn LSB 431 *Not All the Blood of Beasts* SOUTHWELL



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Lent

"Marks of the Church"

Feb. 17th Ash Wednesday 12:00 & 7:00 pm
"The Holy Word of God"
Joel 2:12-19, 2 Cor. 5:20b-6:10, Matt. 6:1-6, 16-21

Mid-Week Wednesday Services

Signing-up is not required
for the Mid-Week Services
Hymn sing -10 minutes before mid-week services.

Feb. 24th Wednesday 12:00 & 7:00 pm
"Holy Baptism"
Titus 3:1-11, Matt. 28:7-20

March 3rd Wednesday 12:00 & 7:00 pm
"Holy Communion"
1 Corinthians 10:1-22, Mark 14:12-26

March 10th Wednesday 12:00 & 7:00 pm
"The Office of Holy Ministry"
1 Peter 5:1-11, John 21:1-19

March 17th Wednesday 12:00 & 7:00 pm
"Holy Absolution and Church Discipline"
1 Corinthians 5:1-13, John 20:19-22

March 24th Wednesday 12:00 & 7:00 pm
"God's Holy People in Worship"
Colossians 3:1-17, Lule 4:16-30



Holy Week

March 28th Palm Sunday
8:00, 10:45 am & 1:30pm
"Possession of the Holy Cross"
Zechariah 9:9-12, 1 Peter 3:8-4:19, Matthew 5:11-12

April 1st Maundy Thursday
12:00 & 7:00 pm

April 2nd Good Friday
12:00, 6:00 & 8:00 pm

April 3rd Easter Vigil
Saturday 6:00 – 8:00 pm at the Shelter House

The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 4th Easter Sunday 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am & 1:30 pm
Is. 25:6-9, 1 Cor. 15:1-11, Mark 16:1-8

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday April 3rd 11:00 am at the Shelter House

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Call, text or email to sign-up in advance for all Holy Week and Easter Services.