

LUTHERAN Church of the CROSS

The First Sunday in Advent



November 27, 2016

"Say to the Daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you'."

✠ Matthew 21:5 ✠

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WELCOME in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! You are invited to grow together with us in the eternal fellowship of Christ and His Church as you join in the gift of the Divine Liturgy, where the Church speaks back to the Lord the promises He has given through His Word. Everything you need is printed in the worship folder.

Participation in the Liturgy:

✙ - The sign of the cross may be made, as Christians remember the forgiveness of sins and name of the Triune God given to them in their baptism.

Boldface print or  - The congregation reads or sings aloud.

Hymns - LSB (Lutheran Service Book) - Burgundy hymnal in pew rack.

Sermon - There are copies of the sermon manuscript available to you, located on the table in the back of the sanctuary, as well as on our website.

THE LORD'S SUPPER is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. *For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.*

LIVING FROM THE LITURGY: This insert found in your bulletin is designed to provide you and your family a guide and help for daily meditation and prayer. In it you will find a daily reading schedule, a summary of the readings and meditations from today's liturgy, a memory verse from Scripture and the Catechism, and prayers for the week.

CHILDREN: We encourage all children to attend our worship service. It may not always be easy, but we believe and confess that our Lord has invited for ALL peoples to believe on His name. We encourage parents with small children to sit near the front of the sanctuary so that the children may see and participate in all that happens within the Divine Service.

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Prelude:

The Lamb That's Soon to Come

Charity Boyles

Confession and Absolution

Please 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** 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 congregation turns to face the back of the sanctuary and follows the processional cross to the altar.

Service of the Word

Entrance Hymn: *The Advent of Our King*

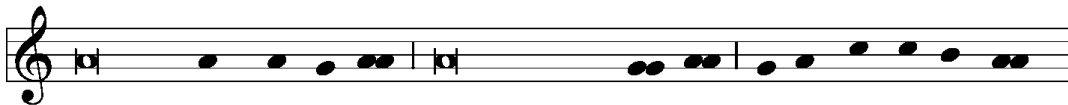
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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



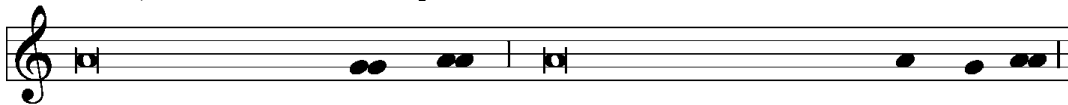
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



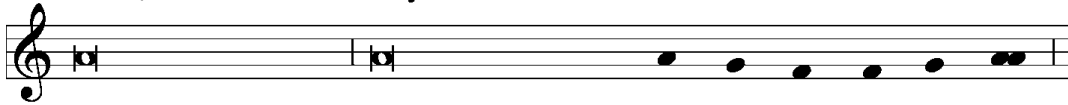
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



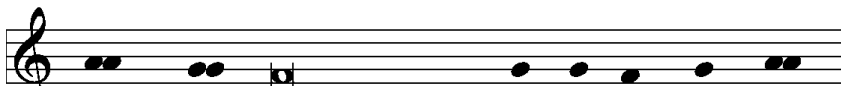
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



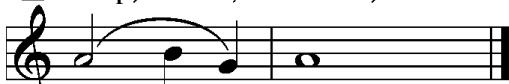
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



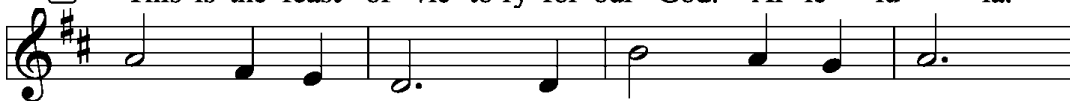
C A - men.

Hymn of Praise: *This is the Feast*

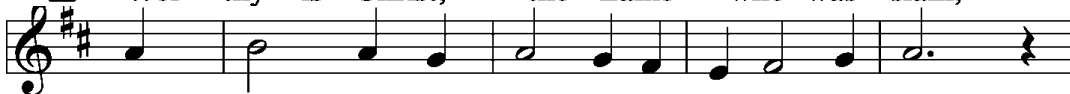
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A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



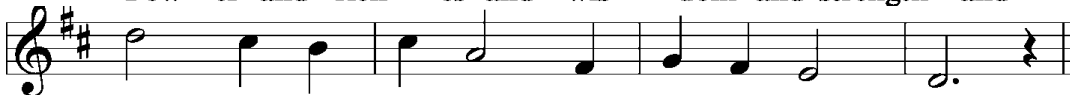
C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

The congregation may be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 2:1–5

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it,

³and many peoples shall come, and say: “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 122 (antiphon: v. 6)



¹I was glad when they | said to me,*
“Let us go to the house | of the LORD!”

²**Our feet have been | standing***
within your gates, O Je- | rusalem!

³Jerusalem—built as a | city*
that is bound firmly to- | gether,

⁴**to which the tribes go up,**
the tribes of the LORD,
as was decreed for | Israel,*
to give thanks to the name | of the LORD.

⁵There thrones for judg- | ment were set,*
the thrones of the house of | David.

⁶**Pray for the peace of Je- | rusalem!***
“May they be secure who | love you!

⁷Peace be with- | in your walls*
and security within your | towers!”

⁸**For my brothers and com- | panions’ sake***
I will say, “Peace be with- | in you!”

⁹For the sake of the house of the | LORD our God,*
I will | seek your good.

Epistle

Romans 13:11–14

¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Alleluia and Verse

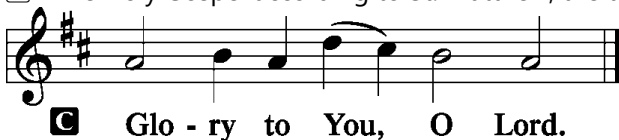


C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:1–11

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵"Say to the daughter of Zion,
'Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" ¹⁰And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" ¹¹And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

The congregation may be seated

Children's Lesson

Hymn of the Day: *Savior of the Nations, Come*

LSB 332 sts. 1–2, 4–5

Sermon for the First Sunday in Advent: Matthew 21:1–11

Anthem:

People, Look East

Traditional French Carol

Please stand

Apostles' Creed

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.**

Prayer of the Church

- P** As we have been bidden to come and go up to the mountain of our Lord and to the house of our God, let us go in prayer, confidently believing that our Lord will both hear and give answer to our petitions and supplications.
Blessed Lord, teach us Your ways, that we may walk in Your paths. Give us Your Holy Spirit, that we may abandon the ways of darkness and sin and walk in the light of Christ, doing the good works of those whom He has redeemed with His precious blood. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- A** Mighty Lord, in a world of war and violence, terror and fear, we cry to You to silence the voices of hate and bring peace to the nations. Raise up for us good and faithful leaders in this and every land who will respect and protect life as sacred, honor the sacred trust placed in them, and serve to promote and defend liberty and justice for all people. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- A** Merciful Lord, comfort those in pain of body or spirit, relieve those who suffer, and give healing to all in need [*especially _____ and those whom we name in our hearts*].
According to Your gracious will, answer the prayers of Your people who cry to You for answers, sustain them in the day of trouble and grant them patience in their afflictions. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- A** Loving God, as we remember the start of another church year and begin anew our journey to recall the birth, revelation, suffering, death and resurrection of Your dear Son and our Savior, grant us the aid of the Spirit, that we may be well instructed by Your Word, strengthened in faith and equipped for our daily vocation of love and service. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- A** Faithful Lord, You have marked us as Your own in Baptism, given us Your Spirit to teach our hearts to believe and destined us for everlasting life in Christ. Give us lips to testify to Your goodness and words to speak in witness to the love that has saved us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered

P Gracious Lord, as once Your people welcomed Your Son with palms and hosannas, so grant us faith to welcome Him who comes to us now in His Word and Sacrament and who will come again in glory as Lord and Judge to bring to completion all that He began. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P All these things, O Lord, we pray, knowing that You, in Your fatherly wisdom and care, will grant us what is good and right for us and for our salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Sharing of the Peace

P The Peace of the Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

The congregation may be seated

Offering

Voluntary:

From Heaven to Earth I Come

Max Reger

Please stand

Offertory

LSB 176



C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my

vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 177

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.

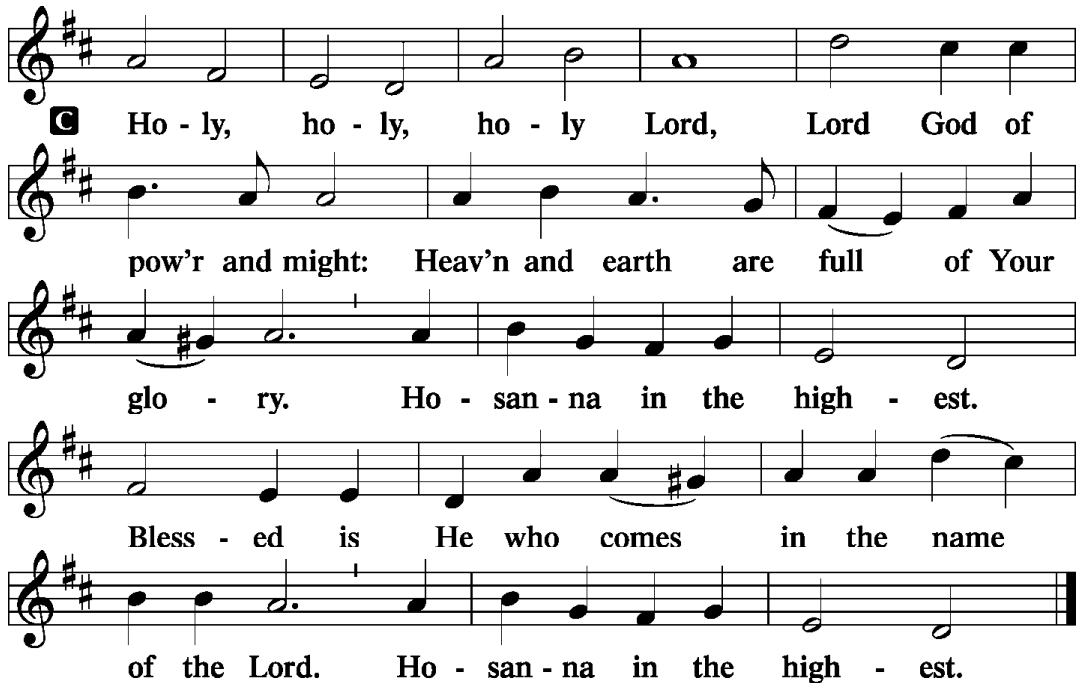
Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

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

Sanctus

LSB 178



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. 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 (Abbreviated)

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth...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.

The 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."
- P** 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."

Proclamation of Christ

LSB 179

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

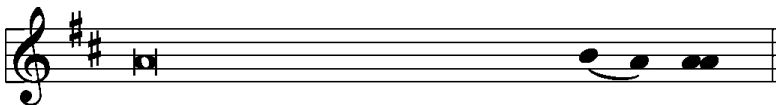
Lord's Prayer

LSB 179

- 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.**

Pax Domini

LSB 180



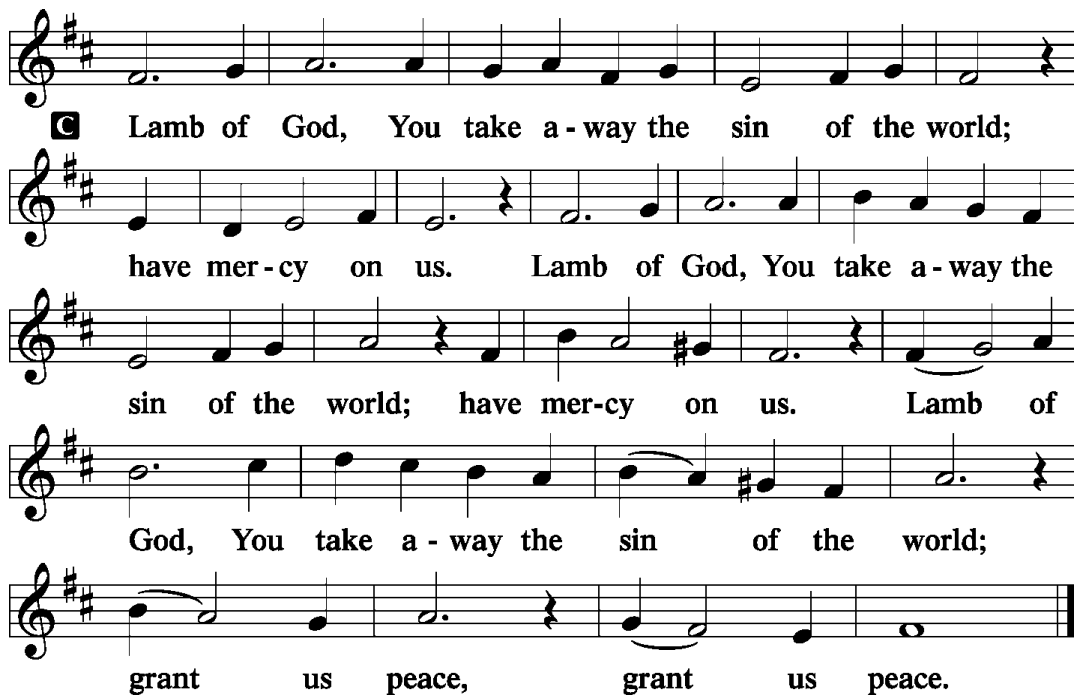
P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 180



☐ 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, grant us peace.

The congregation may be seated

Distribution

As Luther writes concerning the reception of the Lord's Supper in the Small Catechism, "But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: 'Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.' But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words 'for you' require all hearts to believe."

Along with the historic Christian Church, it is our confession and practice that those who have been baptized, would receive instruction regarding the doctrine of the faith and the gifts of the Lord's Table, prior to communing. If you are visiting, we ask that you would speak to the pastor prior to the Divine Service regarding the Lord's Supper.

Distribution Hymns: *Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come*

LSB 350

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

LSB 618

Please stand

Thank the Lord

LSB 181

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joyce and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-ises and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Thank the Lord'. It consists of five staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and the lyrics 'Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what'. The second staff continues with 'He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-'. The third staff continues with 'joyce and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-ises and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -'. The fourth staff continues with 'giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The fifth staff concludes the piece with a double bar line.

Post-Communion Collect

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 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.

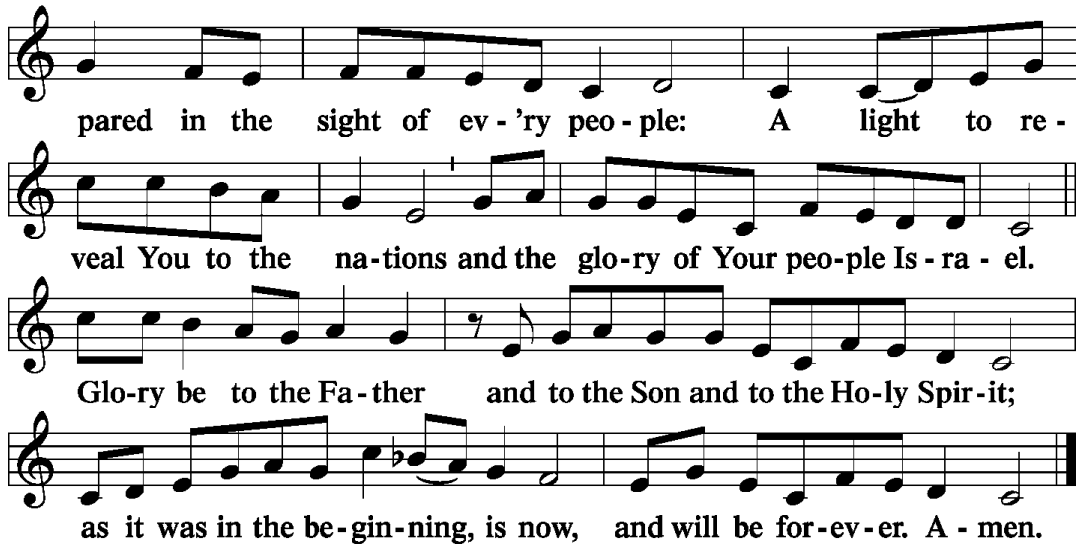
C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

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C Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-

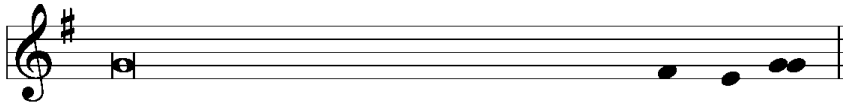
The image shows a musical score for the 'Nunc Dimittis'. It consists of two staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with the lyrics 'Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-'. The second staff continues with the lyrics 'filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-'. The piece concludes with a double bar line.



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.

Benediction

LSB 183



- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

Hymn to Depart: *Prepare the Royal Highway*

LSB 343

Announcements

Dismissal

- P** Go in peace, let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God!

Postlude:

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Rex Koury