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“Using God’s Gifts as He Intends”
Matthew 25:14-30

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DIVINE SERVICE 3 WITH COMMUNION (page 184)
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PRELUDE

BELLS: "O God Beyond All Praising"

HYMN OF INVOCATION: 795 VOICES RAISED TO YOU WE OFFER

Stand

INVOCATION AND EXHORTATION *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **Who made heaven and earth,**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Be Seated or Kneel as you are able—Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

P O Almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Stand

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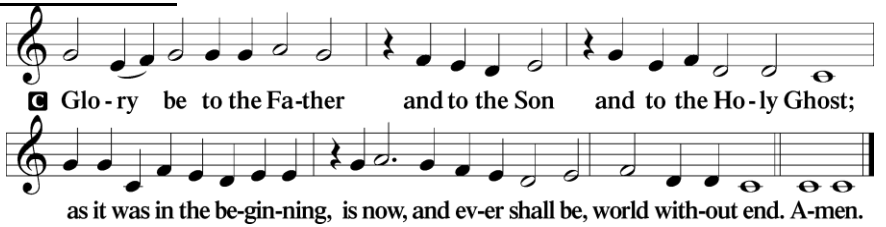
P Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

C **Enter not into judgment with your servant,**
for no one living is righteous before you.
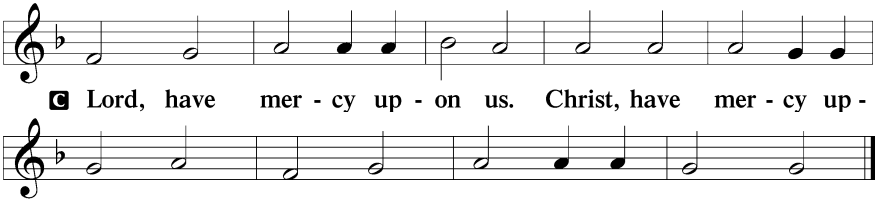
P I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done;
I ponder the work of your hands.

C I stretch out my hands to you;
my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.
P Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!
Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!
C For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!
In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!
P Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

GLORIA PATRI

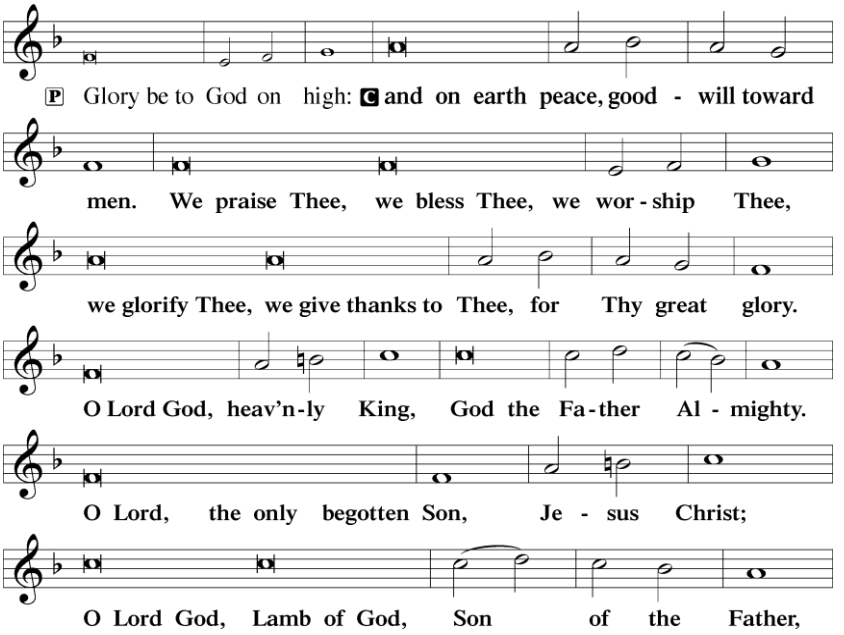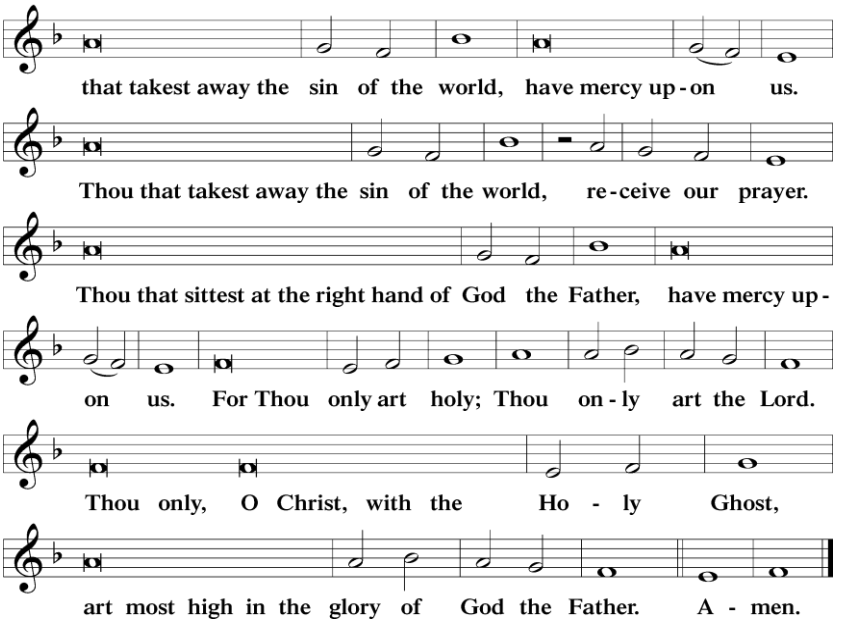


KYRIE *Mark 10:47*



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Luke 2:14; John 1:29





SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.
Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Be seated

OLD TESTAMENT READING: ZEPHANIAH 1:7-16

Be silent before the Lord GOD!
For the day of the LORD is near;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice
and consecrated his guests.
And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—
"I will punish the officials and the king's sons
and all who array themselves in foreign attire.
On that day I will punish
everyone who leaps over the threshold,
and those who fill their master's house
with violence and fraud.
"On that day," declares the LORD,
"a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,
a wail from the Second Quarter,
a loud crash from the hills.

Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!
For all the traders are no more;
all who weigh out silver are cut off.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the men
who are complacent,
those who say in their hearts,
'The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do ill.'
Their goods shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them."
The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
the mighty man cries aloud there.
A day of wrath is that day,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

P These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

EPISTLE: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11
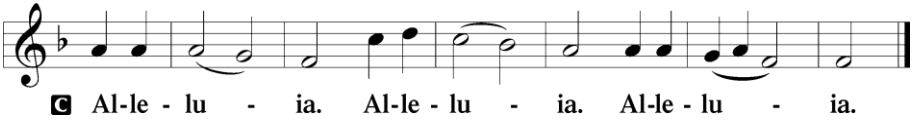
Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA



HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:14-30

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

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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 quick 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 ✢ of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

THE SMALL CATECHISM WITH EXPLANATION

P What is a good work in the sight of God?
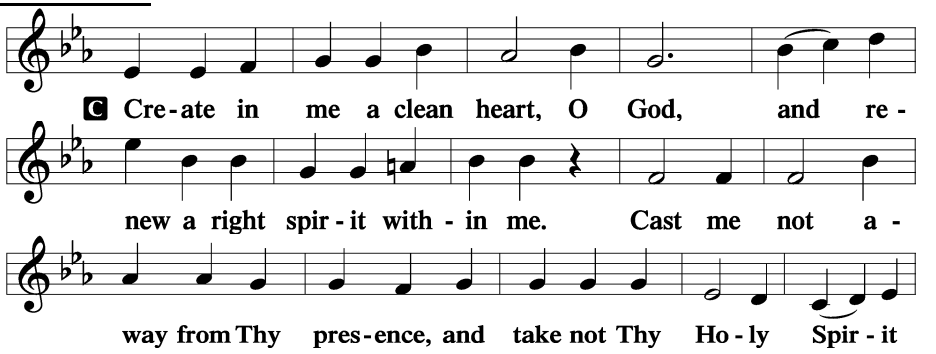
C In the sight of God a good work is everything that a child of God does, speaks, or thinks in faith according to the Ten Commandments, for the glory of God, for the benefit of neighbor. "He that abides in Me and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit; for without Me ye can do nothing." John 15:5.
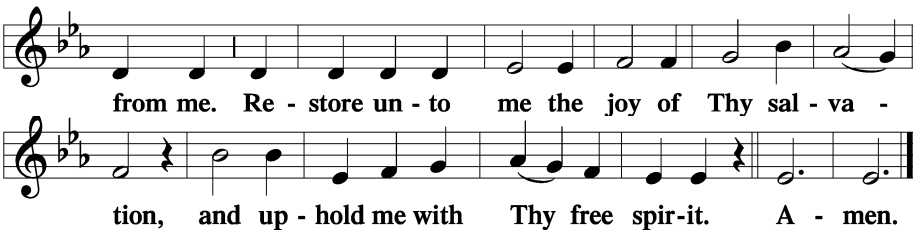
HYMN OF THE DAY: 783 TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

SERMON: "Using God's Gifts as He Intends" – Matthew 25:14-30

Stand

OFFERTORY





Sit

OFFERING

Stand

As the offering is placed on the Altar please join in singing:

C We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

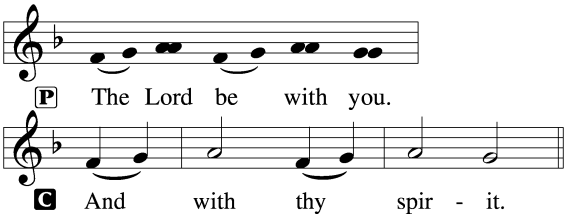
C Amen

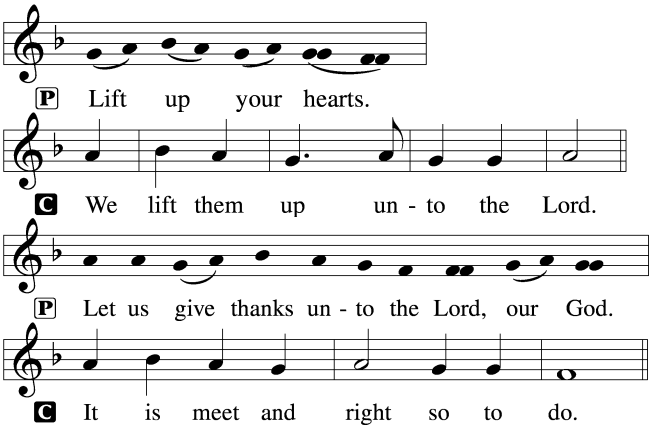
THE LORD'S SUPPER AT TRINITY

Jesus teaches us that His body and blood are truly present in the bread and wine of His holy Sacrament (Luke 22:19-20). The Apostle Paul by the Holy Spirit also teaches local congregations to carefully administer this precious meal (1Cor. 11:17-32). Therefore in the Spirit of Christian love and unity and in concern for the spiritual welfare of others Trinity practices closed communion. Members of our congregation as well as our sister churches in the LCMS and those church bodies in fellowship with us are welcome to attend. For those who do not confess this faith and unity with us, we invite you to sing the hymns and pray for the day when all divisions among Christians may cease and we may be one just as Jesus prayed (John 17:11). Thank you for respecting our beliefs concerning the Lord's Supper. If you should have any questions about this, please speak with Pastor before the service. (See also the brochure in the pew rack.) If you are physically unable to come forward to receive The Lord's Supper, please let Pastor or an Elder know before the service.

PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



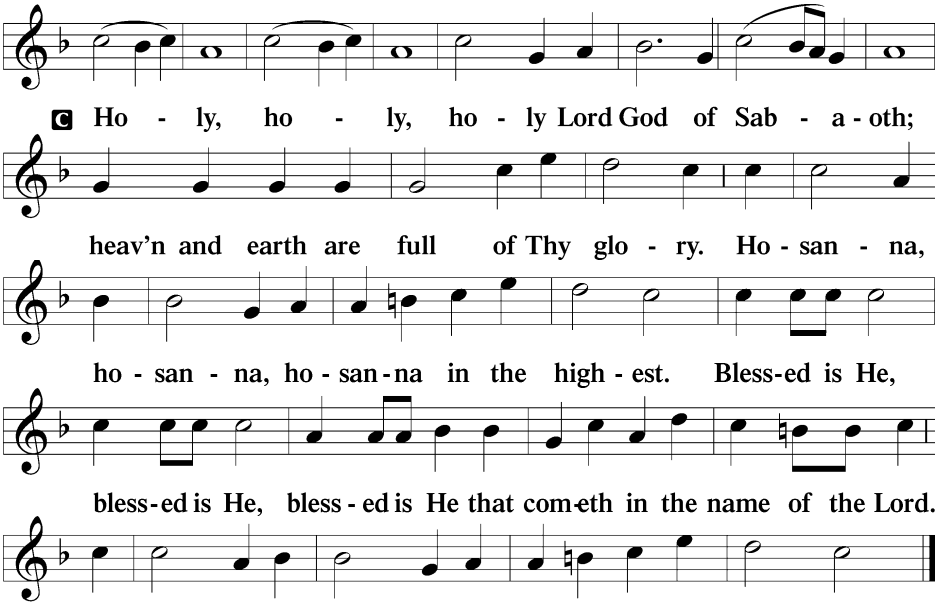


PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

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.

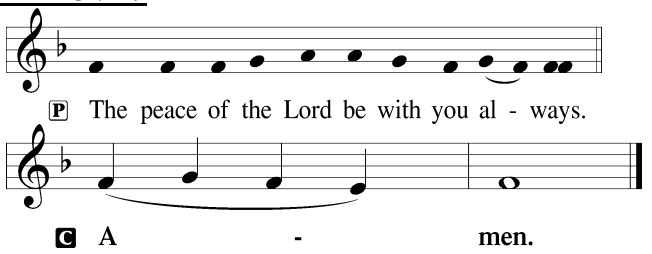
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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."

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."
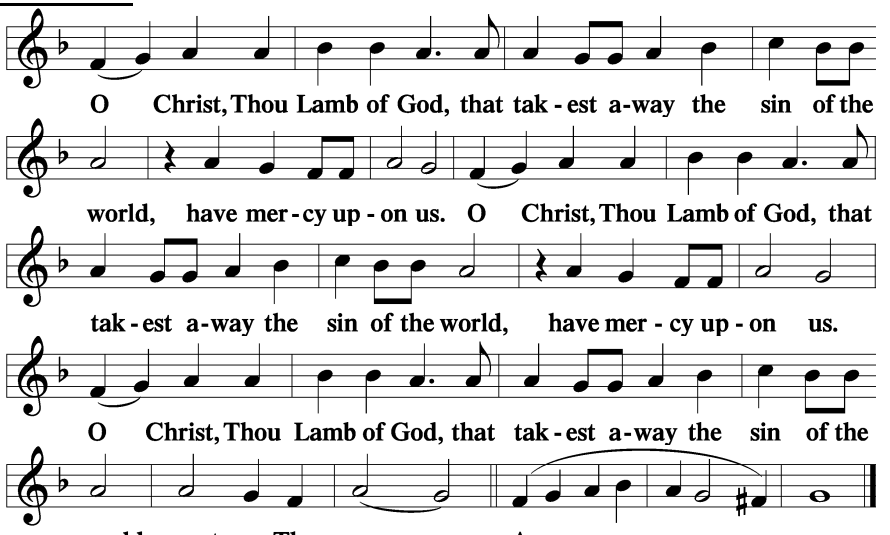
PAX DOMINI

John 20:19



AGNUS DEI

John 1:29



Be seated

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 616 BAPTISMAL WATERS COVER ME

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 619 THY BODY, GIVEN FOR ME, O SAVIOR
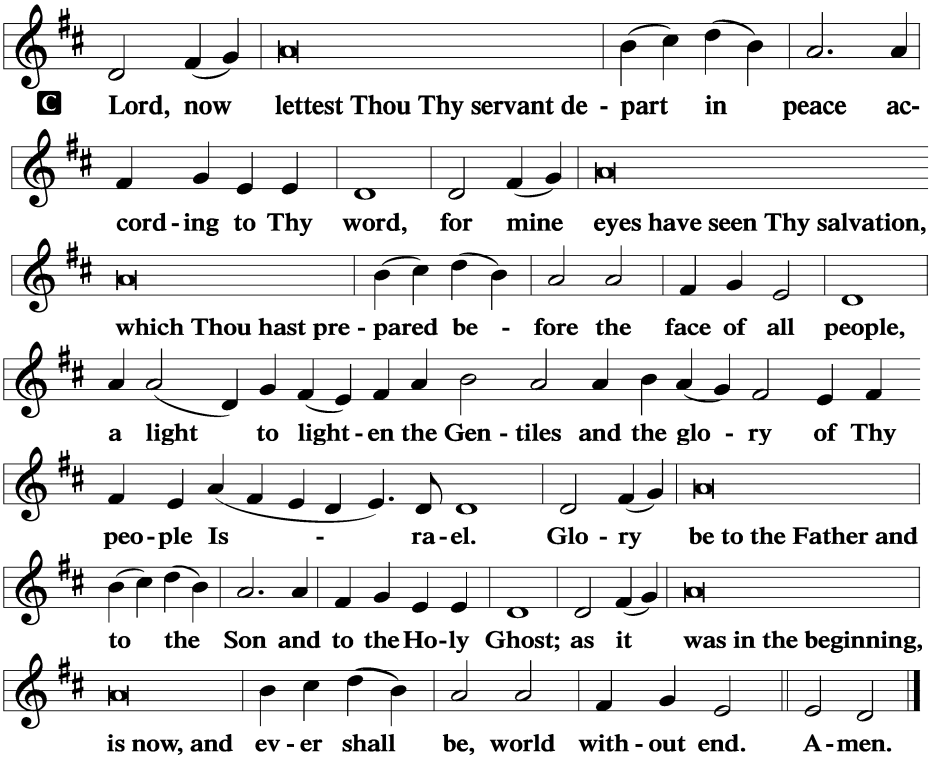
DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 620 JESUS COMES TODAY WITH HEALING

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 623 LORD JESUS CHRIST, WE HUMBLY PRAY

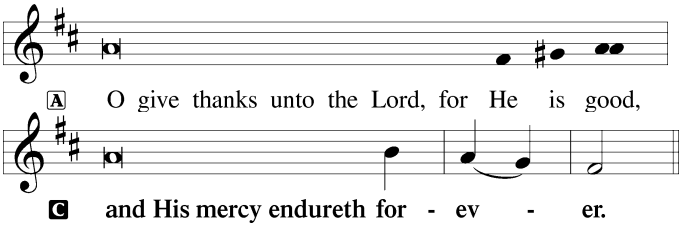
DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 625 LORD JESUS CHRIST, LIFE-GIVING BREAD

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS *Luke 2:29–32*
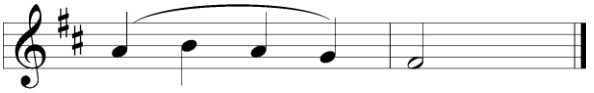


THANKSGIVING *Psalm 107:1*



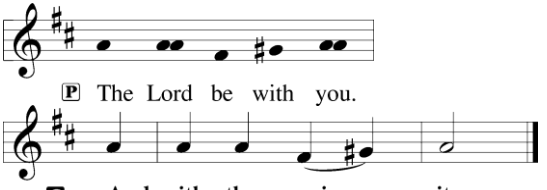
POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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 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.



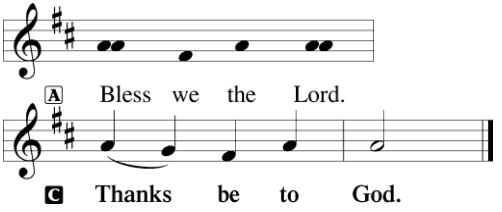
SALUTATION

2 Timothy 4:22



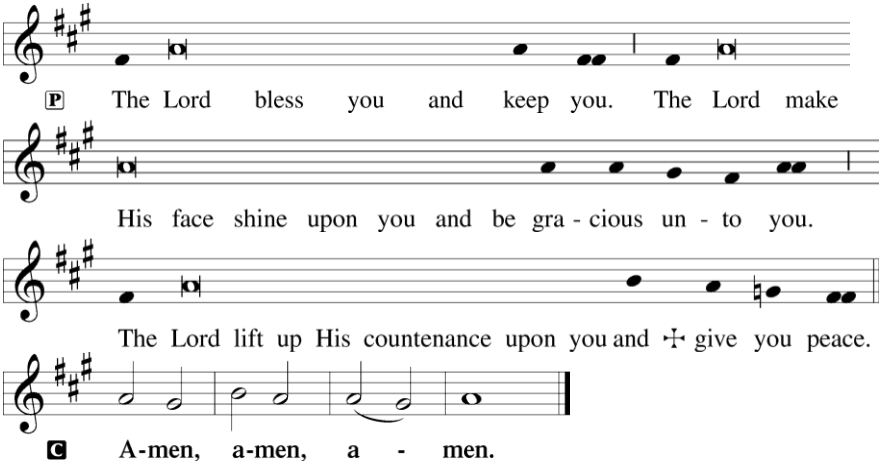
BENEDICAMUS

Psalm 103:1



BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26



HYMN TO DEPART: 782 GRACIOUS GOD, YOU SEND GREAT BLESSINGS