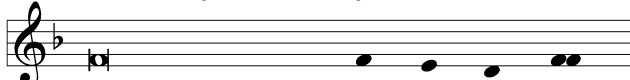


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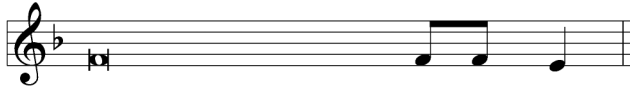
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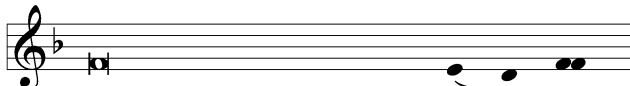
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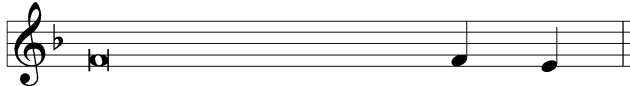
**L** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,



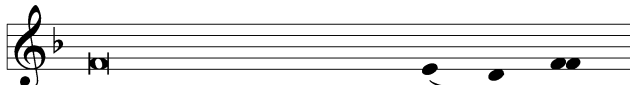
**C** the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



**L** Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve - ning,



**C** and the day is almost o - ver.



**L** Let Your light scatter the dark - ness



**C** and il - lu - mine Your Church.

**PHOS HILARON**

LSB 244



**L** Joy - ous light of glo - ry:



**C** of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther; heav - en - ly, ho - ly,



bles - ed Je - sus Christ. We have come to the



set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.



We sing to God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it:

You are wor - thy of be - ing praised with pure voic - es for -  
 ev - er. O Son of God, O Giv - er of life:  
 the u - ni - verse pro - claims Your glo - ry.

**THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT**

LSB 245

**L** Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the u - ni - verse,  
 who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of  
 fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ;  
 may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;  
 for You are mer - ci - ful, and You love Your whole cre - a - tion  
 and we, Your creatures, glo - ri - fy You, Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it.  
**C** A - men.

(Stand)

## PSALM

Psalm 1



<sup>1</sup>Blessèd is the man  
who walks not in the counsel of the | wicked,\*  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the seat of | scoffers;  
<sup>2</sup>but his delight is in the law | of the LORD,\*  
and on his law he meditates | day and night.  
<sup>3</sup>He is like a tree  
planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season,  
and its leaf does not | wither.\*  
In all that he does, he | prospers.  
<sup>4</sup>The wicked | are not so,\*  
but are like chaff that the wind | drives away.  
<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked will not stand in the | judgment,\*  
nor sinners in the congregation of the | righteous;  
<sup>6</sup>for the LORD knows the way of the | righteous,\*  
but the way of the wicked will | perish.

**(Lights are turned on.)**

*(Sit)*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 1:1–5

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

2 Peter 3:8–14

<sup>8</sup>But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. <sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

<sup>11</sup>Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup>waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! <sup>13</sup>But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*(Stand)*

## HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

<sup>2</sup>As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,  
who will prepare your way,

<sup>3</sup>the voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight,’”

<sup>4</sup>John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>5</sup>And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” <sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

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 living 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.**

(Sit)

## ACROSS THE SKY THE SHADES OF NIGHT

LSB 899



1 A - cross the sky the shades of night This New Year's Eve are  
2 Be - fore the cross sub - dued we bow, To You our prayer ad -  
3 We gath - er up in this brief hour The mem - 'ry of Your  
4 We now re - mem - ber, as we pray, Our dear ones in Your  
5 Then, gra - cious God, in years to come, We pray Your hand may



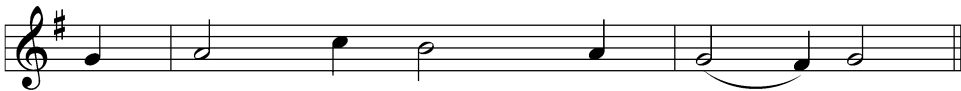
fleet - ing. We deck Your al - tar, Lord, with light, In  
dress - ing, Re - count - ing all Your mer - cies now, And  
mer - cies: Your won - drous good - ness, love, and pow'r Our  
car - ing Who bright - ly shine in end - less day, Past  
guide us, And, on - ward through our jour - ney home, Your



sol - emn wor - ship meet - ing; And as the year's last  
all our sins con - fess - ing; Be - seech - ing You this  
grate - ful song re - hears - es; For You have been our  
death and all de - spair - ing. At our life's end, Lord,  
mer - cy walk be - side us Un - til at last our



hours go by, We raise to You our ear - nest cry,  
com - ing year To keep us in Your faith and fear  
strength and stay In man - y a dark and drea - ry day  
as Your own, Bring us with them a - round Your throne,  
ran - somed life Is safe from per - il, toil, and strife



Once more Your love en - treat - ing,  
And crown us with Your bless - ing.  
Of sor - row and re - vers - es.  
The joys of heav - en shar - ing,  
When heav'n it - self shall hide us.

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## SERMON

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P I confess to almighty God,

C **before all the company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed through my fault, through my own fault, through my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray almighty God, for the sake of Jesus Christ, His Son, to have mercy on me, forgive me my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.**

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 to all of you. 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

(Stand)

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P Almighty and eternal God, all praise, honor, and glory be to You for Your glorious and good act of creating us and all things, Your daily provision of all we need to sustain life, and the gift of deliverance to an eternal inheritance in the world to come. Help all people to come in repentance and faith to the rejection of all that is false and to the praise of You as the only true God. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P O faithful God, all time rests in Your hands; nothing exists apart from Your promise or Your power; help us trust in You for all things. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P When sin had stolen us from You, You sought us out through the voice of the prophets, until Your own Son took on our flesh and blood to visit us with Your mercy and grace; guide us to be faithful in word and deed. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Help us not only to rejoice in His saving name but to call on His name in time of trouble; we pray You, Lord, deliver us from our sins and from our fears, that we may serve You with our whole heart, mind, and will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Shine down Your peace to a world at war and bring calm amid the violent areas of the world; especially be with those who serve our nation, here and everywhere. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Touch the sick and suffering with peace and hope, and give to the troubled and dying the strength to be faithful unto death that they may receive the crown of everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Remove the guilt of this past year's failures and fears, forgive our sins and errors, and lead us to begin anew to serve You in the gift of this coming year. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**

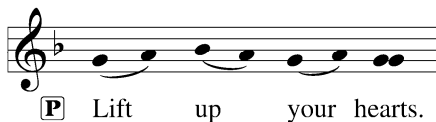
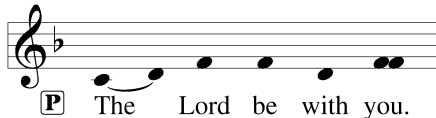
*Additional petitions may be included.*

- P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

## + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

### PREFACE

LSB 160



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**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; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**THIS IS THE FEAST**

LSB 155

**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*  
**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us 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.**

## 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 T 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 T 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

LSB 197



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



**G** A - men.

## AGNUS DEI

LSB 198



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.



(Sit)

## DISTRIBUTION

### IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR LSB 366



1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, That glo-rious song of old,  
 2 Still through the clo-ven skies they come With peace-ful wings un-furled,  
 3 All you, be-neath your heav-y load, By care and guilt bent low,  
 4 For lo, the days have come to pass By proph-ets seen of old,



From an-gels bend-ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold:  
 And still their heav'n-ly mu-sic floats O'er all the wea-ry world.  
 Who toil a-long a drea-ry way With pain-ful steps and slow:  
 When down in-to the cir-cling years Came Christ as was fore-told.



"Peace on the earth, good-will to all, From heav'n's all-gra-cious king."  
 A-bove its sad and low-ly plains They bend on hov-'ring wing,  
 Look up, for gold-en is the hour, Come swift-ly on the wing,  
 His word of peace shall to the earth God's an-cient prom-ise bring,

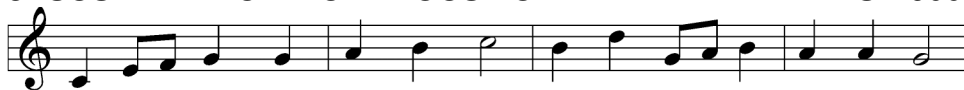


The world in sol-ern still-ness lay To hear the an-gels sing.  
 And ev-er o'er its ba-bel sounds The bless-ed an-gels sing.  
 The Prince was born to bring you peace; Of Him the an-gels sing.  
 And all who take this gift will hear The song the an-gels sing.

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### JESUS! NAME OF WONDROUS LOVE

LSB 900



1 Je-sus! Name of won-drous love, Name all oth-er names a-bove,  
 2 Je-sus! Name de-creed of old, To the maid-en moth-er told,  
 3 Je-sus! Name of price-less worth To the fall-en of the earth  
 4 Je-sus! Name of mer-cy mild, Giv-en to the ho-ly Child



Un-to which must ev-'ry knee Bow in deep hu-mil-i-ty.  
 Kneel-ing in her low-ly cell, By the an-gel Ga-bri-el.  
 For the prom-ise that it gave, "Je-sus shall His peo-ple save."  
 When the cup of hu-man woe First He tast-ed here be-low.

5 Jesus! Only name that's giv'n  
 Under all the mighty heav'n  
 Whereby those to sin enslaved  
 Burst their fetters and are saved.

6 Jesus! Name of wondrous love,  
 Human name of God above;  
 Pleading only this, we flee  
 Helpless, O our God, to Thee.

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## NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 165



**C** Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -



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.



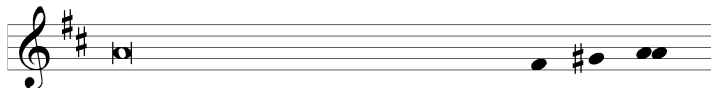
Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;



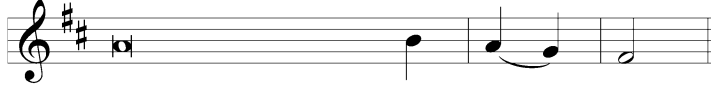
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

## THANKSGIVING

LSB 200



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

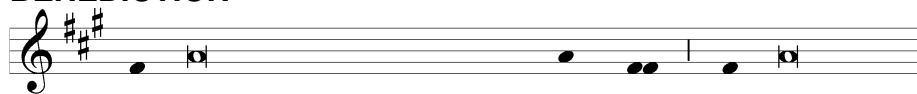
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**P** Let us pray.

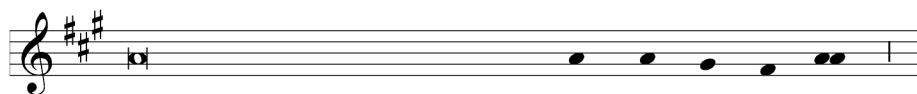
O God of grace and mercy, in Christ, the light of the world, You have shined Your light into the darkness of our sin. Grant us Your Spirit that we not surrender to fear or despair but live in hope the days You give us, and, kept by Your mercy, receive us into Your arms, where we shall rest until the day of resurrection, when in glorious flesh we shall behold You face-to-face and dwell in Your presence forevermore; through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

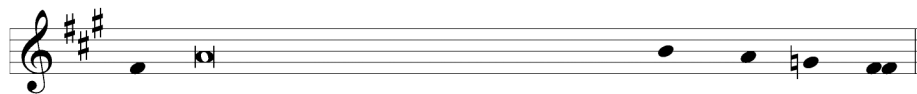
# BENEDICTION



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

# LET CHILDREN HEAR THE MIGHTY DEEDS

LSB 867



1 Let chil - dren hear the might - y deeds Which God per -  
 2 So make to them His glo - ries known, His works of  
 3 Our sons and daugh - ters we shall tell And they a -  
 4 O teach them with all dil - i - gence The truths of  
 5 To learn that in our God a - lone Their hope se -



formed of old, Which in our youn - ger  
 pow'r and grace; And we'll con - vey His  
 gain to theirs That gen - er - a - tions  
 God's own Word, To place in Him their  
 cure - ly stands, That they may nev - er



days we saw, And which our par - ents told.  
 won - ders down Through ev - 'ry ris - ing race.  
 yet un - born May teach them to their heirs.  
 con - fi - dence, To fear and trust their Lord,  
 doubt His love But walk in His com - mands.

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