

**MID-WEEK 3 LENT  
SERVICE**

**MARCH 19, 2025  
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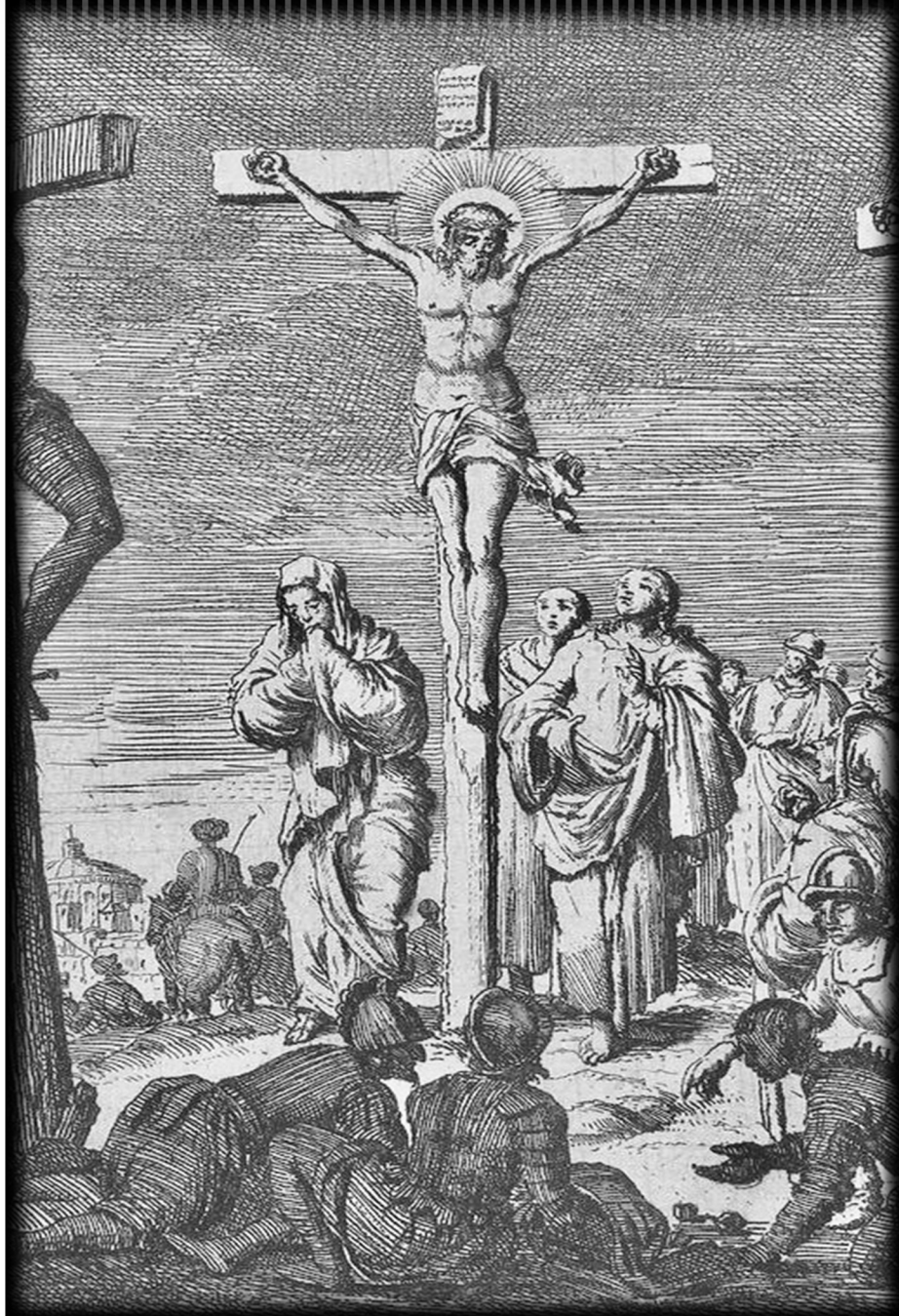
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# *“Crucifixion Character Contrasts”*



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### **WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors here today. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

**AS WE GATHER**      What are the odds of getting a do-over in our lives? In the world of sports, as in many other arenas, a second opportunity to begin again in a race or other type of competition is generally not possible. A false start in a race can lead to disqualification. Repositioning a move after completing one in a chess match is simply not permitted. Rules are rules, and that's the way it is. There is no room for mercy. But it is different with our God, who offers forgiveness again and again to those who repent and turn to Him with contrite hearts. In his explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed in the Small Catechism, Martin Luther confidently writes, "In this Christian Church He [God] daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers" (LSB, p. 323). Thank God for His most gracious do-overs!

**PRELUDE**      *(A Quiet Time for Prayer and Meditation)*

# OPENING HYMN *Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing* LSB 421



1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In Your ho - ly  
 2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion Fas - ci - nate my  
 3 If the world my heart en - tic - es With the broad and  
 4 Ev - 'ry wound that pains or grieves me By Your wounds, Lord,  
 5 O my God, my rock and tow - er, Grant that in Your



wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that I am feel - ing Pains of  
 sin - ful mind, Draw me to Your cross and pas - sion, And new  
 eas - y road, With se - duc - tive, sin - ful vi - ces, Let me  
 is made whole; When I'm faint, Your cross re - vives me, Grant - ing  
 death I trust, Know - ing death has lost its pow - er Since You



bod - y and of mind. Should some e - vil thought with - in  
 cour - age I shall find. Or should Sa - tan press me hard,  
 weigh the aw - ful load You were will - ing to en - dure.  
 new life to my soul. Yes, Your com - fort ren - ders sweet  
 crushed it in the dust. Sav - ior, let Your ag - o - ny



Tempt my treach-'rous heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from  
 Let me then be on my guard, Say - ing, "Christ for me was  
 Help me flee all thoughts im - pure And to mas - ter each temp -  
 Ev - 'ry bit - ter cup I meet; For Your all - a - ton - ing  
 Ev - er help and com - fort me; When I die be my pro -



sin - ning Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.  
 wound - ed," That the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.  
 ta - tion, Calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.  
 pas - sion Has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.  
 tec - tion, Light and life and res - ur - rec - tion.

# VESPERS

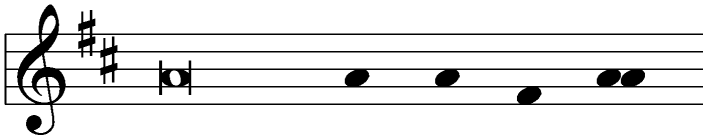
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## INVOCATION

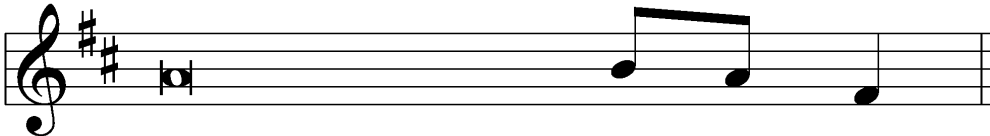
**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

**C** Amen.

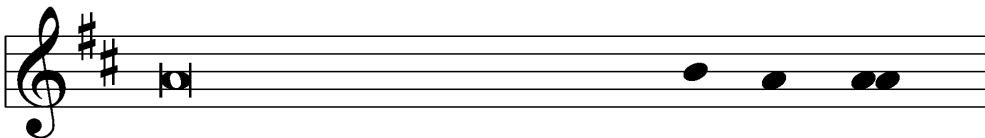
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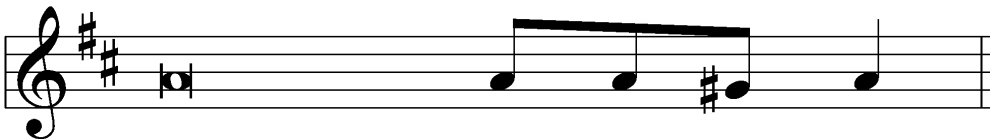
**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



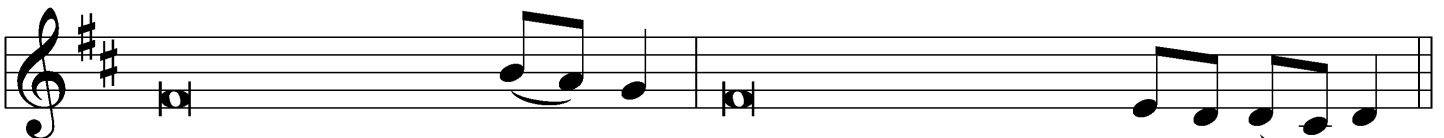
**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



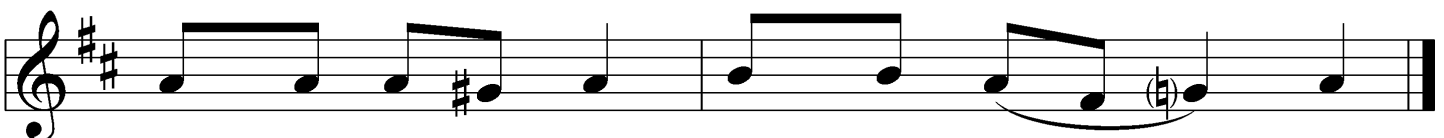
**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**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.

**PSALM**      *Psalm 2*

P Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing?

**C The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying,**

P “Let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away Their cords from us.”

**C He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall hold them in derision.**

P Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, and distress them in His deep displeasure:

**C “Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion.”**

P “I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, ‘You are My Son, today I have begotten You.

**C Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession.**

P You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter’s vessel.’ ”

**C Now therefore, be wise, O kings; be instructed, you judges of the earth.**

P Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

**C Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.**

*Please sit*

**FIRST READING**      *Acts 2:36-40*

36 “Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and

said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

40 And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation."

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING**      *Luke 22:46-65*

46 Then He said to them, "Why do you sleep? Rise and pray, lest you enter into temptation."

47 And while He was still speaking, behold, a multitude; and he who was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them and drew near to Jesus to kiss Him. 48 But Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

49 When those around Him saw what was going to happen, they said to Him, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?" 50 And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear.

51 But Jesus answered and said, "Permit even this." And He touched his ear and healed him.

52 Then Jesus said to the chief priests, captains of the temple, and the elders who had come to Him, "Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs? 53 When I was with you daily in the temple, you did not try to seize Me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness."

54 Having arrested Him, they led Him and brought Him into the

high priest's house. But Peter followed at a distance. 55 Now when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. 56 And a certain servant girl, seeing him as he sat by the fire, looked intently at him and said, "This man was also with Him."

57 But he denied Him, saying, "Woman, I do not know Him."

58 And after a little while another saw him and said, "You also are of them."

But Peter said, "Man, I am not!"

59 Then after about an hour had passed, another confidently affirmed, saying, "Surely this fellow also was with Him, for he is a Galilean."

60 But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are saying!" Immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed.

61 And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." 62 So Peter went out and wept bitterly.

63 Now the men who held Jesus mocked Him and beat Him.

64 And having blindfolded Him, they struck Him on the face and asked Him, saying, "Prophecy! Who is the one who struck You?"

65 And many other things they blasphemously spoke against Him.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C Thanks be to God.**



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*Refrain*

The musical notation for the Refrain is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of the following notes: a whole note F#4, followed by a quarter note G#4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G#4, a quarter note F#4, and a final whole note F#4. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

The first staff of music is written on a five-line staff with a treble clef. The key signature consists of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, and A-flat), indicating the key of D-flat major or B-flat minor. The melody begins on the second line (F4) and proceeds through the notes G4, A-flat4, B-flat4, and C5 in the first measure. The second measure contains a dotted quarter note on B-flat4, an eighth note on A-flat4, and a half note on G4. The third measure consists of a quarter note on F4, a quarter note on E-flat4, a quarter note on D-flat4, and a quarter note on C4.

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griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.  
hear Him cry; Learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

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## SERMON

## *A Mob Falling/Shouting*

John 18:1-9 and Luke 22:20-23

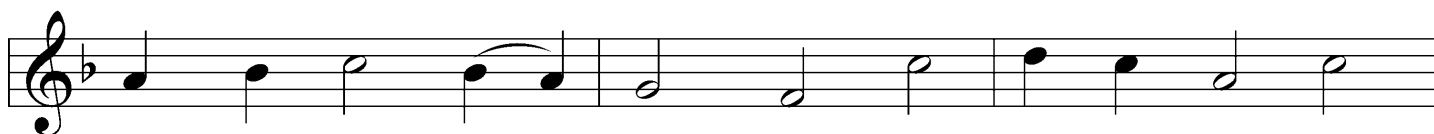
## OFFERING

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## OFFERTORY *A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth* **LSB 438**



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, The



guilt of sin - ners bear - ing And, lad - en with the



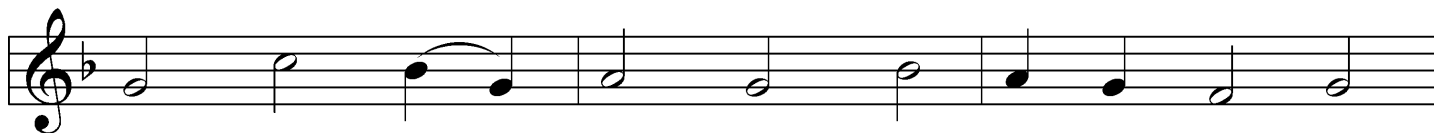
sins of earth, None else the bur - den shar - ing; Goes



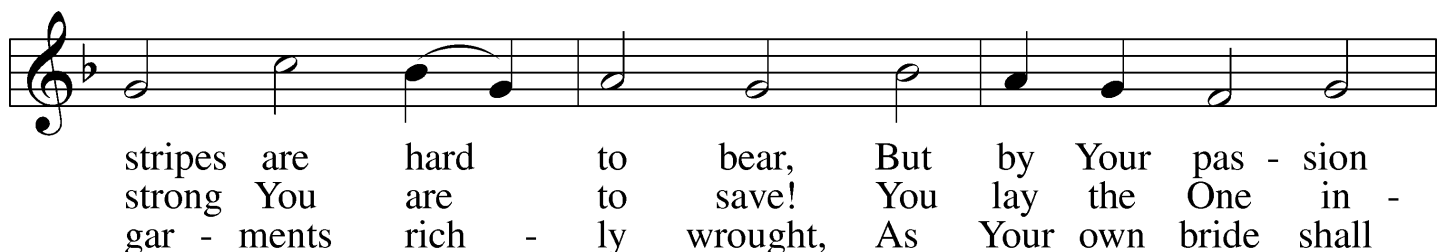
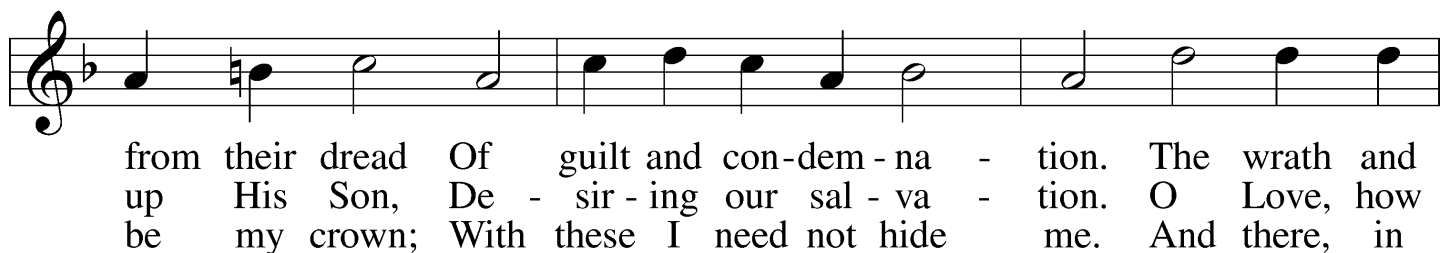
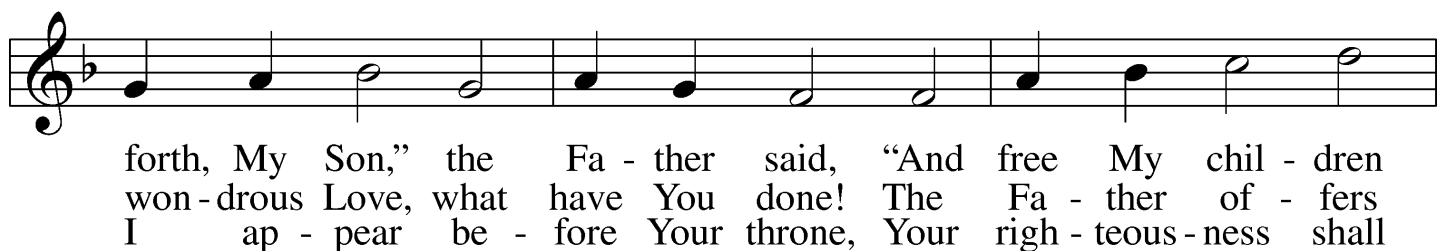
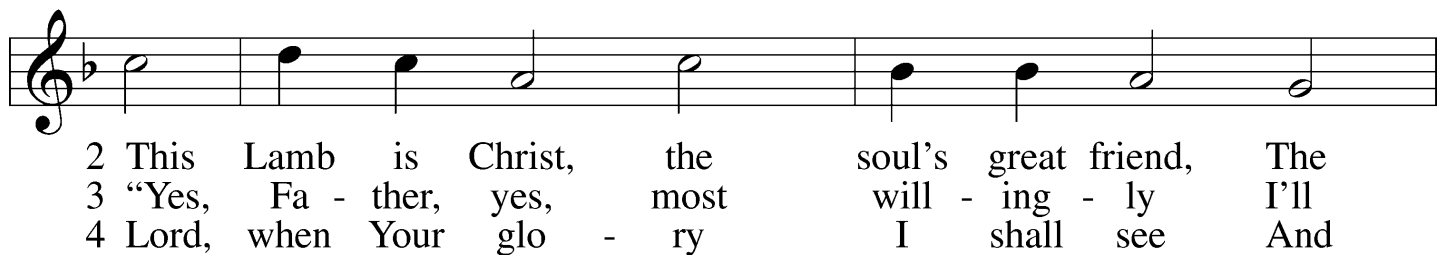
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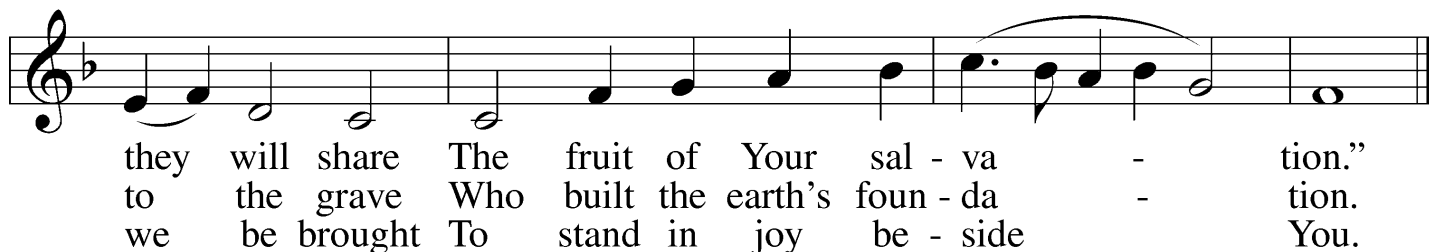


out com-plaint, That spot-less life to of - fer, He bears the



stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mock - er - y, and





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## KYRIE

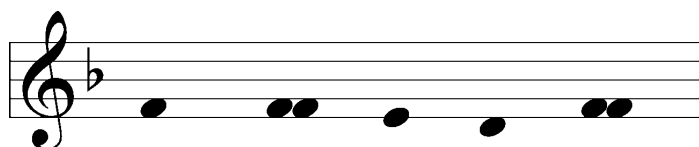


**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

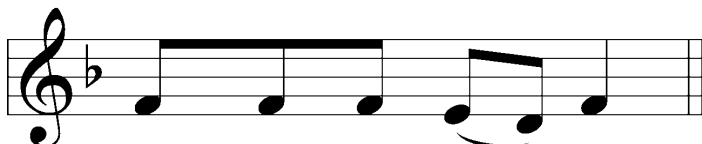
## LORD’S PRAYER

**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.**

## COLLECTS



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with your spir - it.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. Heavenly Father, by the death and resurrection of Your only Son, You have shown the world that the way of self-sacrifice is the way of life. Give us such a strong faith in Your providence that we will not shrink from any sacrifice You ask of us but rejoice to offer our lives to Him who gave His life for us—that is, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

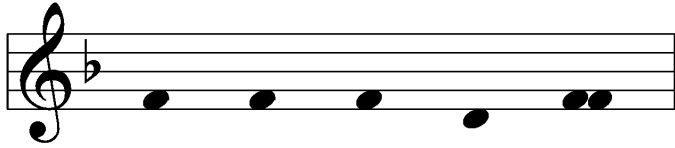
## COLLECT FOR PEACE

**P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

# BENEDICAMUS



**L** Let us bless the Lord.

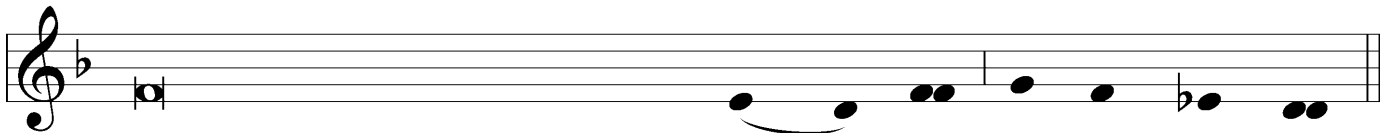


**C** Thanks be to God.

# BENEDICTION



**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ and the love of God



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



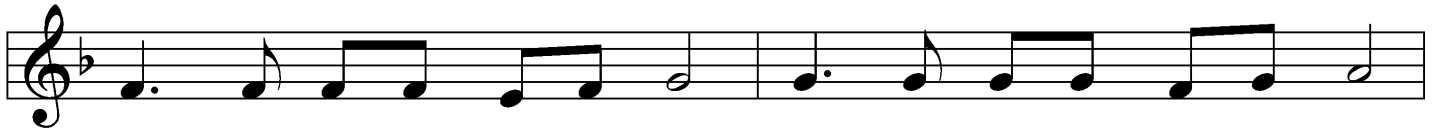
**C** A - men.

*Please sit*

**SENDING HYMN**

*Now the Light Has Gone Away*

**LSB 877**



1 Now the light has gone a - way; Fa - ther, lis - ten while I pray,  
2 Je - sus, Sav - ior, wash a - way All that has been wrong to - day;  
3 Let my near and dear ones be Al - ways near and dear to Thee;  
4 Now my eve - ning praise I give; Thou didst die that I might live.  
5 Thou, my best and kind - est Friend, Thou wilt love me to the end.



Ask - ing Thee to watch and keep And to send me qui - et sleep.  
Help me ev - 'ry day to be Good and gen - tle, more like Thee.  
O bring me and all I love To Thy hap - py home a - bove.  
All my bless - ings come from Thee; Oh, how good Thou art to me!  
Let me love Thee more and more, Al - ways bet - ter than be - fore.

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