

**MID-WEEK 3  
LENTEN SERVICE**

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# *Jesus' Personal Passion Prophecies...*



“Then He took the twelve aside and said to them, “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man will be accomplished.”

Luke 18:31

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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** In God's Word we see the similarities and the contrasts between Moses and Jesus. Both are God's servants, but only Jesus is willing and able to save us. We hear of Moses' unwillingness to serve and save many people, even with the signs God provided. But Jesus, our Lord, is willing to do all that is necessary for all of us to be embraced by God's love. Jesus Christ came, delivered us, and set us free.

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

**OPENING HYMN** *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word* **LSB 904**



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your Word We are gath - ered  
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est  
3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light of Light, from  
△ 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Lord, Praise to You and



all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
dark - ness shroud - ed Till Your Spir - it breaks our night  
God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;  
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we may trust Your Word,



Now to seek and love and fear You, By Your teach-ings,  
 With the beams of truth un-cloud - ed. You a - lone to  
 Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry Your  
 Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -



sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.  
 God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.  
 Church now rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.  
 low must wan - der, Till we sing Your prais - es yon - der.

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## VESPERS

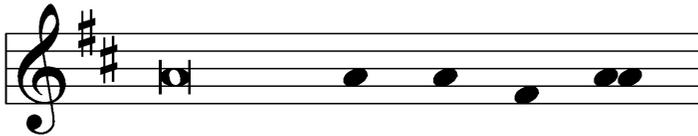
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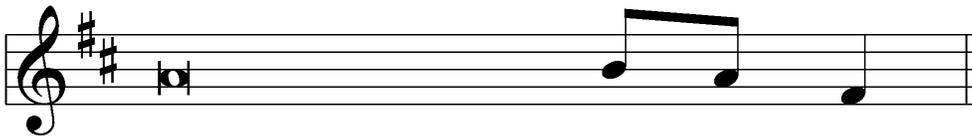
**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

**C** Amen.

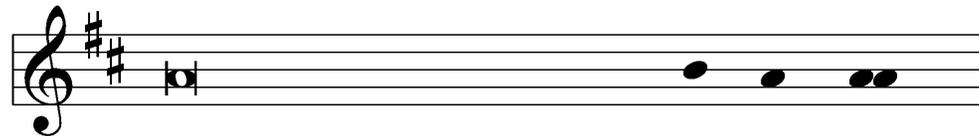
### RESPONSE



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



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



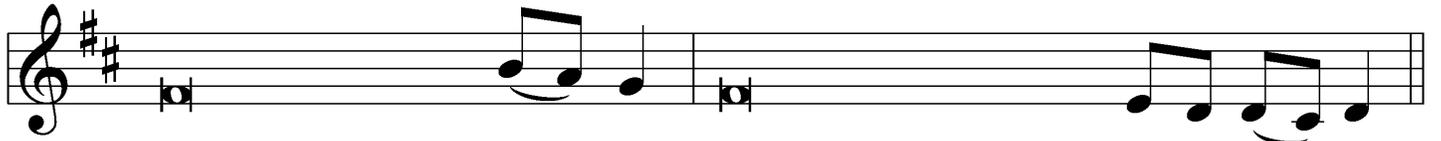
**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**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 56*

**P** Be merciful to me, O God, for man would swallow me up; fighting all day he oppresses me.

**C** **My enemies would hound me all day, for there are many who fight against me, O Most High.**

**P** Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You.

**C** **In God (I will praise His word), in God I have put my trust; I will not fear. What can flesh do to me?**

**P** All day they twist my words; all their thoughts are against me for evil.

**C** **They gather together, they hide, they mark my steps, when they lie in wait for my life.**

**P** Shall they escape by iniquity? In anger cast down the peoples, O God!

**C** **You number my wanderings; put my tears into Your bottle; are they not in Your book?**

**P** When I cry out to You, then my enemies will turn back; this I know, because God is for me.

**C** **In God (I will praise His word), in the Lord (I will praise His word),**

**P** In God I have put my trust; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?

**C** **Vows made to You are binding upon me, O God; I will render praises to You,**

P For You have delivered my soul from death. Have You not kept my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?

*Please sit*

**FIRST READING**      *Luke 18:31-34*

31 Then He took the twelve aside and said to them, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man will be accomplished. 32 For He will be delivered to the Gentiles and will be mocked and insulted and spit upon. 33 They will scourge Him and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again."

34 But they understood none of these things; this saying was hidden from them, and they did not know the things which were spoken.

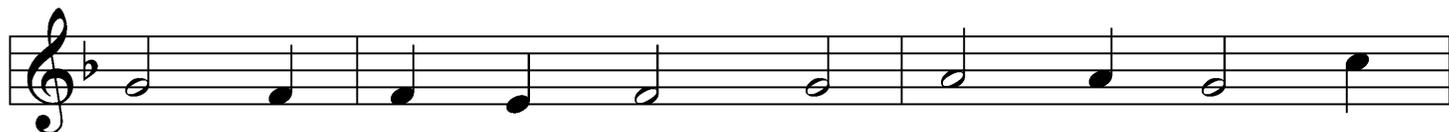
P O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**      *The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace*      **LSB 580**



1 The Gos - pel shows the Fa - ther's grace,      Who sent His  
2 It sets the Lamb be - fore our eyes,      Who made the a -  
3 It brings the Sav - ior's righ - teous - ness      To robe our  
4 It is the pow'r of God to save      From sin and



Son to save our race,      Pro - claims how Je - sus  
ton - ing sac - ri - fice,      And calls the souls with  
souls in roy - al dress;      From all our guilt it  
Sa - tan and the grave;      It works the faith which



lived and died      That we might thus be jus - ti - fied.  
guilt op - pressed      To come and find e - ter - nal rest.  
brings re - lease      And gives the trou - bled con - science peace.  
firm - ly clings      To all the trea - sures which it brings.

- 5 It bears to all the tidings glad  
And bids their hearts no more be sad;  
The weary, burdened souls it cheers  
And banishes their guilty fears.
- 6 May we in faith its message learn  
Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;  
May we in faith its truth confess  
And praise the Lord, our righteousness.

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### **Harmony of the Gospels Reading of the *Passion and Death of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ***

John 18:12-16; John 18:18; Mark 14:66-68a; John 18:19-25a; Mark 14:68b; Matthew 26:71; John 18:25b; Luke 22:58; Matthew 26:72; Luke 22:59; Mark 14:70b; John 18:26; Mark 14:71; Luke 22:60b, Mark 14:72a(add the phrase "second time"); Luke 22:61-62; Mark 14:55-56; Matthew 26:60b-61; Mark 14:58-59 (begin with "and the other"); Mark 14:60-61; Matthew 26:63b-66a; Mark 14:64b; Matthew 26:66b; Luke 22:63-64a; Matthew 26:67-68; Luke 22:65; Matthew 27:1; Luke 22:66b-71 (begins "And they led...)

12 Then the detachment of troops and the captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him. 13 And they led Him away to Annas first, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas who was high priest that year. 14 Now it was Caiaphas who advised the Jews that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

15 And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest. 16 But Peter stood at the door outside. Then the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to her who kept the door, and brought Peter in.

18 Now the servants and officers who had made a fire of coals stood there, for it was cold, and they warmed themselves. And Peter stood with them and warmed himself.

66 Now as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came. 67 And when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You also were with Jesus of Nazareth."

68 But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you are saying."

19 The high priest then asked Jesus about His disciples and His doctrine.

20 Jesus answered him, "I spoke openly to the world. I always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where the Jews always meet, and in secret I have said nothing. 21 Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them. Indeed they know what I said."

22 And when He had said these things, one of the officers who stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, "Do You answer the high priest like that?"

23 Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil; but if well, why do you strike Me?"

24 Then Annas sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

25 Now Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. Therefore they said to him, "You are not also one of His disciples, are you?"

68 And he went out on the porch, and a rooster crowed.

71 And when he had gone out to the gateway, another girl saw him and said to those who were there, "This fellow also was with Jesus of Nazareth."

25 "You are not also one of His disciples, are you?"

58 And after a little while another saw him and said, "You also are of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!"

72 But again he denied with an oath, "I do not know the Man!"

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

70 And a little later those who stood by said to Peter again, "Surely you are one of them; for you are a Galilean, and your speech shows it."

26 One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of him whose ear Peter cut off, said, "Did I not see you in the garden with Him?"

71 Then he began to curse and swear, "I do not know this Man of whom you speak!"

60 Immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed

72 a second time.

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. 55 Now the chief priests and all the council sought testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, but found none. 56 For many bore false witness against Him, but their testimonies did not agree.

60 But at last two false witnesses came forward 61 and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.' "

58 and the other, "We heard Him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.' " 59 But not even then did their testimony agree.

60 And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, saying, "Do You answer nothing? What is it these men testify against You?"

61 But He kept silent and answered nothing.

Again the high priest asked Him, saying to Him, "Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?"

63 And the high priest answered and said to Him, "I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!"

64 Jesus said to him, "It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven."

65 Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, "He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? Look, now you have heard His blasphemy! 66 What do you think?"

64 And they all condemned Him to be deserving of death.

66 They answered and said, "He is deserving of death."

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!"

67 Then they spat in His face and beat Him; and others struck Him with the palms of their hands, 68 saying, "Prophecy to us, Christ! Who is the one who struck You?"

65 And many other things they blasphemously spoke against Him.

1 When morning came, all the chief priests and elders of the people



sins of earth, None else the bur - den shar - ing; Goes  
 pa - tient on, grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with -  
 out com - plaint, That spot - less life to of - fer, He bears the  
 stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mock - er - y, and  
 yet re - plies, "All this I glad - ly suf - fer."

2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend,  
 The Lamb of God, our Savior,  
 Whom God the Father chose to send  
 To gain for us His favor.  
 "Go forth, My Son," the Father said,  
 "And free My children from their dread  
 Of guilt and condemnation.  
 The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,  
 But by Your passion they will share  
 The fruit of Your salvation."

3 "Yes, Father, yes, most willingly  
 I'll bear what You command Me.  
 My will conforms to Your decree,  
 I'll do what You have asked Me."  
 O wondrous Love, what have You done!  
 The Father offers up His Son,  
 Desiring our salvation.  
 O Love, how strong You are to save!

You lay the One into the grave  
Who built the earth's foundation.

4 Lord, when Your glory I shall see  
And taste Your kingdom's pleasure,  
Your blood my royal robe shall be,  
My joy beyond all measure!  
When I appear before Your throne,  
Your righteousness shall be my crown;  
With these I need not hide me.  
And there, in garments richly wrought,  
As Your own bride shall we be brought  
To stand in joy beside You.

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**SERMON**

*"...Verify the Word"*

Luke 18:31-34

**OFFERING**

*Please stand*

**OFFERTORY**

*Glory Be to God the Father*

**LSB 506**



1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to  
2 Glo - ry be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each



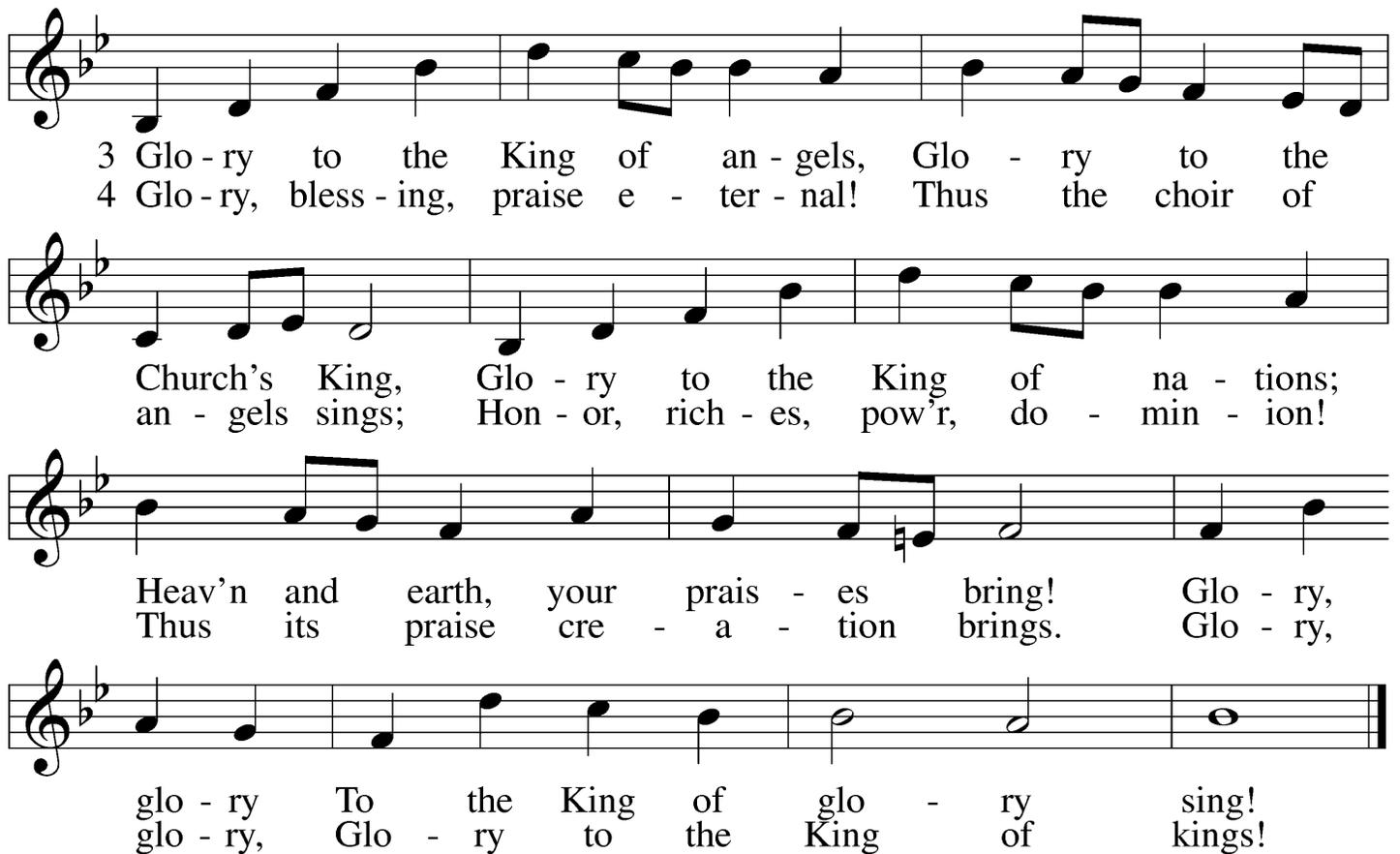
God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it:  
spot and stain; Glo - ry be to Him who bought us,



Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,  
Made us kings with Him to reign! Glo - ry,



glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!  
glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!



3 Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the  
4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal! Thus the choir of  
Church's King, Glo - ry to the King of na - tions;  
an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!  
Heav'n and earth, your prais - es bring! Glo - ry,  
Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,  
glo - ry To the King of the glo - ry of sing!  
glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

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## KYRIE



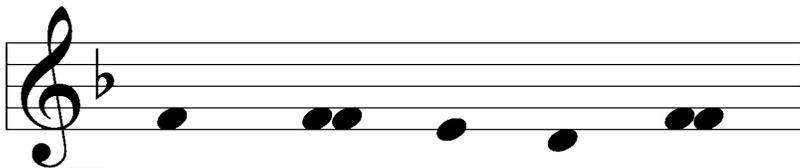
Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

## LORD'S PRAYER

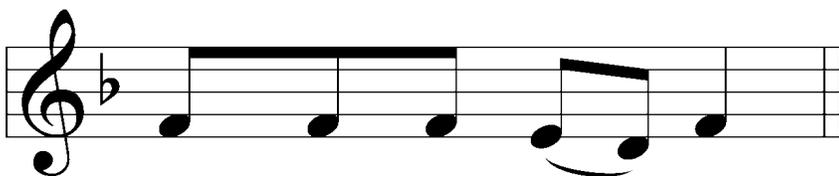
**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,**

**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. Almighty God, because you know that we of ourselves have no strength, keep us both outwardly and inwardly that we may be defended from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

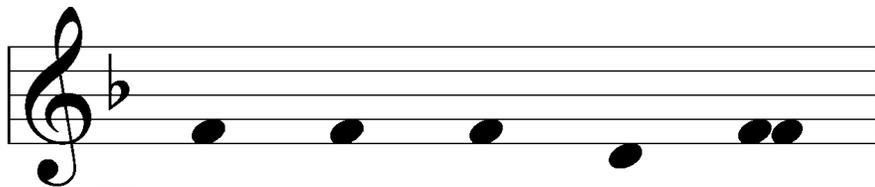
## **COLLECT FOR PEACE**

**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 Amen**

## BENEDICAMUS

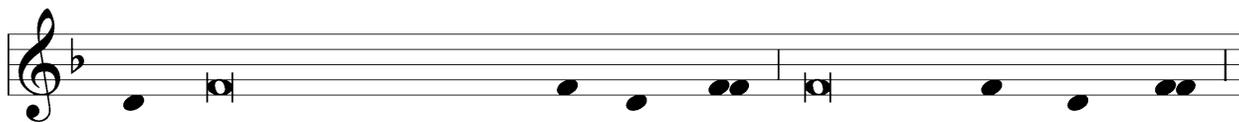


**L** Let us bless the Lord.

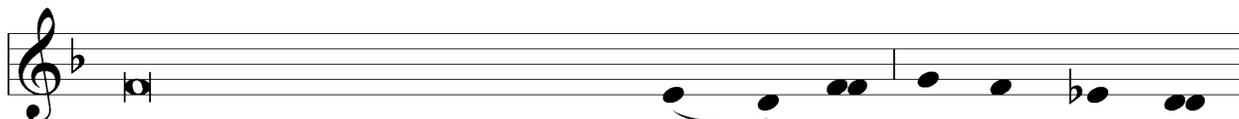


**C** Thanks be to God.

## 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.

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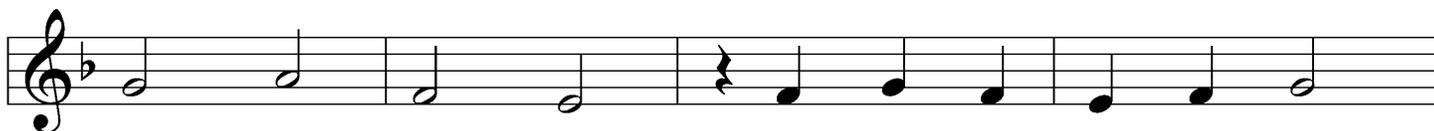
# SENDING HYMN

## *Now Rest beneath Night's Shadow*

LSB 880



1 Now rest be - neath night's shad - ow The wood - land,  
2 The ra - diant sun has van - ished, Its gold - en  
3 Now all the heav'n - ly splen - dor Breaks forth in  
4 Lord Je - sus, since You love me, Now spread Your  
5 My loved ones, rest se - cure - ly, For God this



field, and mead - ow; The world in slum - ber lies.  
rays are ban - ished From dark - 'ning skies of night;  
star - light ten - der From myr - iad worlds un - known;  
wings a - bove me And shield me from a - larm.  
night will sure - ly From per - il guard your heads.



But you, my heart, a - wak - ing And prayer and mu - sic  
But Christ, the Sun of glad - ness, Dis - pel - ling all our  
And we, this mar - vel see - ing, For - get our self - ish  
Though Sa - tan would de - vour me, Let an - gel guards sing  
Sweet slum - bers may He send you And bid His hosts at -



mak - ing, Let praise to your Cre - a - tor rise.  
sad - ness, Shines down on us in warm - est light.  
be - ing For joy of beau - ty not our own.  
o'er me: This child of God shall meet no harm.  
tend you And through the night watch o'er your beds.

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