

### Prayers before Any Office

Grant, O Lord, that what we say with our lips we may believe in our hearts and practice in our lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Open, O Lord, my mouth to bless Thy holy Name; cleanse my heart from all vain, foolish, wandering thoughts; enlighten my understanding; enkindle my affections that I may say this office with attention and devotion and so may be meet to be heard before the presence of Thy divine majesty; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Guide us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help that in all our work begun, continued, and ended in Thee we may glorify Thy holy Name and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

To Thee, O Lord, I commend the service which I, an unworthy sinner, have offered up unto Thee, God, be merciful to me, a sinner, and according to the fulness of Thy love and wisdom fulfill my petitions; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### Collect for Reminiscere

O God, who seest that of ourselves we have no strength: Keep us both outwardly and inwardly; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end.

### Collect for the Season Lent

Almighty and Everlasting God, Who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end.

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Midweek Lenten Vespers  
March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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*“And oft-times it hath cast him both into the fire and into the waters, to destroy him: but if Thou canst do anything, have compassion on us, and help us.” St. Mark 9:22*

## The Office of Vespers

<b>The Ringing of the Bell</b>		
<b>Silent Prayer</b>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“O Christ, Thou Lamb of God”</i>	TLH 147
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Opening Versicles</b>		TLH p. 41
<b>The Gloria Patri</b>	<i>(Omit Hallelujah)</i>	TLH p. 41
<b>The Psalmody</b>	Psalm 25	The Psalter, p. 31
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Lection</b>		James 5:13-20 St. Mark 9:17-29
<b>The Response</b>	<i>(After each reading)</i>	TLH p. 42
<b>The Responsory</b>		INSERT
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“Lord Jesus, Thou art Going Forth”</i>	TLH 150
<b>The Sermon</b>	<i>From a Child</i>	
<b>The Office Hymn</b>	<i>“The Royal Banners Forward Go”</i>	Δ TLH 168
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Versicle</b>		TLH p. 43
<b>The Canticle</b>	<i>“The Magnificat”</i>	TLH p. 43
<b>The Litany</b>		INSERT
<b>The Salutation</b>		TLH p. 45
<b>The Collect for Reminiscere</b>		Back Cover
<b>The Collect for the Season of Lent</b>		Back Cover
<b>Other Collects</b> <i>(if necessary)</i>		
<b>The Collect for Peace</b>		TLH p. 45
<b>The Litany Collect</b>		INSERT
<b>The Benedicamus</b>		TLH p. 45
<b>The Benediction</b>		TLH p. 45
<b>Silent Prayer</b>		

### Recitation of the Catechism

The Preface to the Small Catechism, (pages 3-8) & Questions 184-193 (Of the Church, pages 98-101).

### Announcements

\*—*An Alms Basin is located next to the bulletins for any Offerings.*

Δ—*Indicates a hymn ending in a Doxological stanza; please stand.*

### James 5:13-20

<sup>13</sup> Is any among you suffering? Let him pray. Is any cheerful? Let him sing praise. <sup>14</sup> Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: <sup>15</sup> and the prayer of faith shall save him that is sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, it shall be forgiven him. <sup>16</sup> Confess therefore your sins one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The supplication of a righteous man availeth much in its working. <sup>17</sup> Elijah was a man of like passions with us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain; and it rained not on the earth for three years and six months. <sup>18</sup> And he prayed again; and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit. <sup>19</sup> My brethren, if any among you err from the truth, and one convert him; <sup>20</sup> let him know, that he who converteth a sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall cover a multitude of sins.

### St. Mark 9:17-29

<sup>17</sup> And one of the multitude answered Him, “Teacher, I brought unto Thee my son, who hath a dumb spirit; <sup>18</sup> and wheresoever it taketh him, it dasheth him down: and he foameth, and grindeth his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to Thy disciples that they should cast it out; and they were not able.”

<sup>19</sup> And He answereth them and saith, “O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him unto Me.” <sup>20</sup> And they brought him unto Him: and when he saw Him, straightway the spirit tare him grievously; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming. <sup>21</sup> And He asked his father, “How long time is it since this hath come unto him?” And he said, “From a child. <sup>22</sup> And oft-times it hath cast him both into the fire and into the waters, to destroy him: but if Thou canst do anything, have compassion on us, and help us.” <sup>23</sup> And Jesus said unto him, “If thou canst! All things are possible to him that believeth.” <sup>24</sup> Straightway the father of the child cried out, and said, “I believe; help Thou mine unbelief.” <sup>25</sup> And when Jesus saw that a multitude came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying unto him, “Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I command thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.” <sup>26</sup> And having cried out, and torn him much, he came out: and *the boy* became as one dead; insomuch that the more part said, “He is dead.” <sup>27</sup> But Jesus took him by the hand, and raised him up; and he arose. <sup>28</sup> And when He was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, “*How is it* that we could not cast it out?” <sup>29</sup> And He said unto them, “This kind can come out by nothing, save by prayer.”

## Psalm 25

Psalm Tone II

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P: THE SE- || cret of the Lord is with those who | fear | Him, \*

C: And He will show them | His | *cov-e- ·* | nant.

P: || To You, O | Lord, | - \*

C: I lift | up | my | soul.

P: || O my God, I trust in | You; | - \*

C: Let me not be ashamed; Let not my enemies triumph | o- | ver | me.

P: || Indeed, let no one who waits on You be a- | shamed; | - \*

C: Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously | with- | out | cause.

P: || Show me Your ways, O | Lord; | - \*

C: Teach | me | Your | paths.

P: || Lead me in Your truth and | teach | me, \*

C: For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait | all | the | day.

P: || Remember, O Lord, Your tender mercies and Your loving- | *kind-ness- ·* | es, \*

C: For they are | from | of | old.

P: || Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my trans- | gres- | sions; \*

C: According to Your mercy remember me, for Your goodness' | sake, | O | Lord.

P: || Good and upright is the | Lord; | - \*

C: Therefore He teaches sinners | in | the | way.

P: || The humble He guides in | just- | ice, \*

C: And the humble He teach- | es | His | way.

P: || All the paths of the Lord are mercy and | truth, | - \*

C: To such as keep His covenant and His tes- | ti- | mo- | nies.

P: || For Your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my in- | *i-qui- ·* | ty, \*

C: For | it | is | great.

P: || Who is the man that fears the | Lord? | - \*

C: Him shall He teach in the way | He | choos- | es.

P: || He himself shall dwell in pros- | *per-i- ·* | ty, \*

C: And his descendants shall inher- | it | the | earth.

P: || The secret of the Lord is with those who | fear | Him, \*

C: And He will show them | His | *cov-e- ·* | nant.

P: || My eyes are ever toward the | Lord, | - \*

C: For He shall pluck my feet out | of | the | net.

P: || Turn Yourself to me, and have mercy | on | me, \*

C: For I am desolate and | af- | flict- | ed.

P: || The troubles of my heart have en- | larged; | - \*

C: Bring me out of my | dis- | tress- | es!

P: || Look on my affliction and my | pain, | - \*

C: And forgive | all | my | sins.

P: || Consider my enemies, for they are | ma- | ny; \*

C: And they hate me with cru- | el | hat- | red.

P: || Keep my soul, and de- | *liv-er ·* | me; \*

C: Let me not be ashamed, for I put my | trust | in | You.

P: || Let integrity and uprightness pre- | serve | me, \*

C: For I | wait | for | You.

P: || Redeem Israel, O | God, | - \*

C: Out of all | their | trou- | bles!

**ALL:** GLO- RY || be to the Father, and to the | Son: | - \*

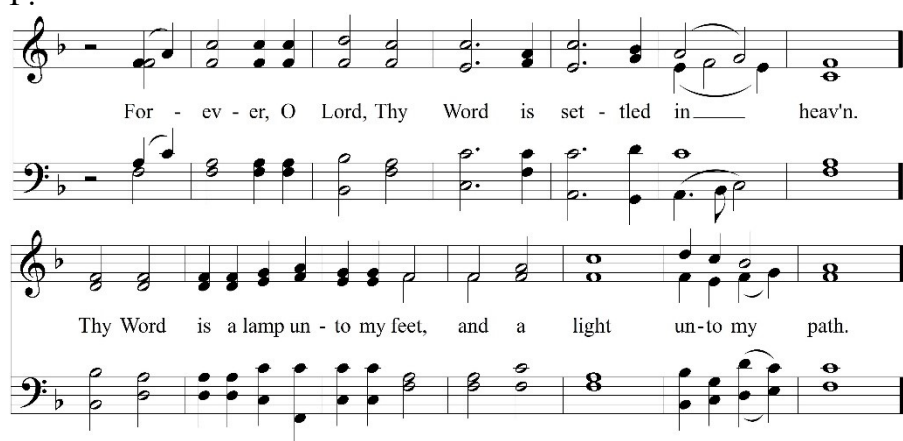
And to the | Ho- | ly | Ghost;

AS IT || was in the begin -*ning*, (+) is now, and ever | shall | be: \*

World without | end. | A- | men.

# The Responary

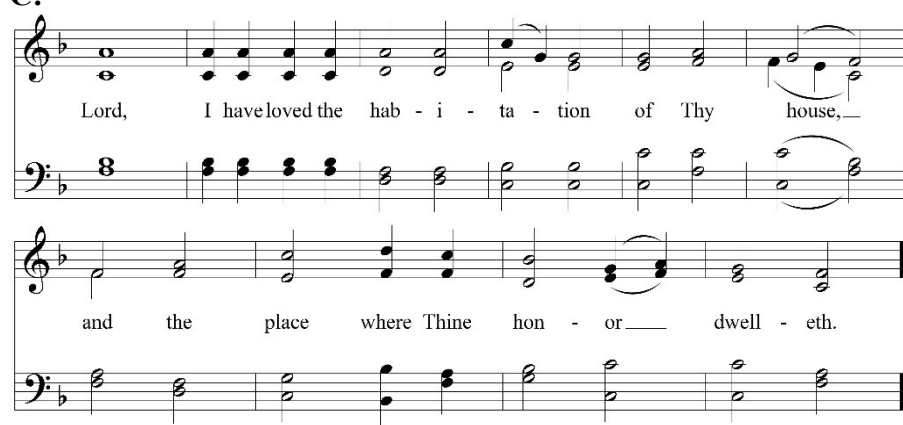
**P:**



For - ev - er, O Lord, Thy Word is set - tled in heav'n.

Thy Word is a lamp un - to my feet, and a light un-to my path.

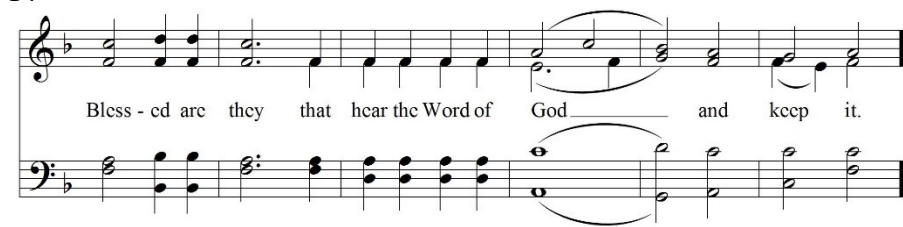
**C:**



Lord, I have loved the hab - i - ta - tion of Thy house, —

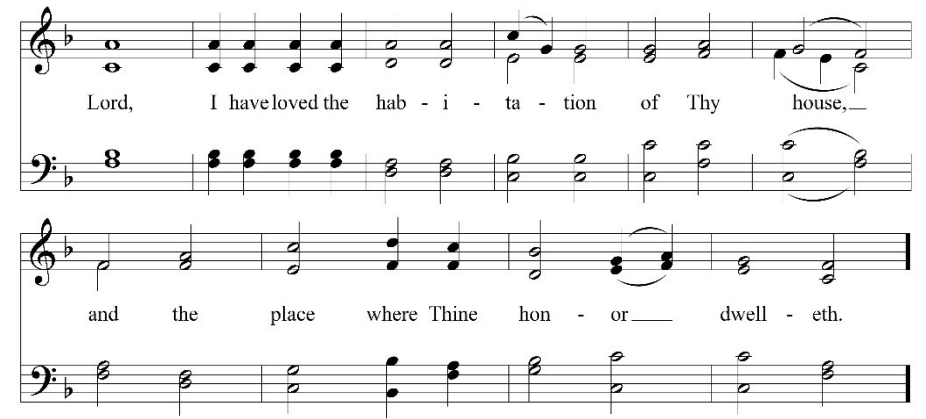
and the place where Thine hon - or dwell - eth.

**P:**



Bless - ed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it.

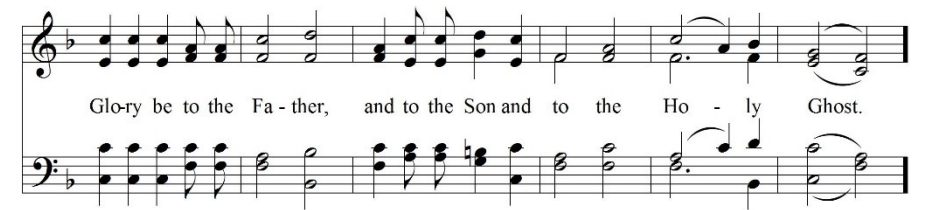
**C:**



Lord, I have loved the hab - i - ta - tion of Thy house, —


and the place where Thine hon - or dwell - eth.

**P:**



Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost.

**C:**




Lord, I have loved the hab - i - ta - tion of Thy house, —


and the place where Thine hon - or dwell - eth.

# The Litany

## Minister:




1 O Lord,  
2 O Christ,  
3 O Lord,  
4 O Christ,



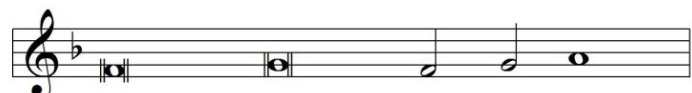
5 O God the Fa ther in heaven,  
6 O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
7 O God the Ho - ly Ghost,



1 Be gra - cious un - to us.  
2 Be gra - cious un - to us.



From all sin;  
From all error;  
From all evil:



From the crafts and assaults of the devil;  
From sudden and e - vil death;  
From pesti - lence and famine;  
From war and bloodshed;  
From se - dition and re - bellion;  
From light - ning and tempest;  
From all ca - lamity by fire and water;  
And from ever - last - ing death:


## Congregation:




1 Have mercy up - on us.  
2 Have mercy up - on us.  
3 Have mercy up - on us.  
4 Hear Thou us.



5 Have mercy up - on us.  
6 Have mercy up - on us.  
7 Have mercy up - on us.

1 Spare us, good Lord.  
2 Help us, good Lord.



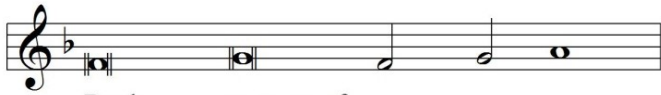

Good Lord, de - liv - er us. (3x)



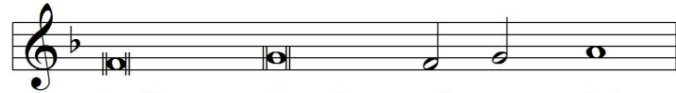

Good Lord, de - liv - er us. (8x)



**Minister:**



By the mystery of  
 Thy holy In - car - nation;  
 By Thy ho - ly Na - tivity;  
 By Thy baptism,  
 fasting, and temp - tation;  
 By Thine agony and blood - y sweat;  
 By Thy cross and Passion;  
 By Thy precious death and burial;  
 By Thy glorious res -  
 urrection and as - cension;  
 And by the coming of  
 the Holy Ghost, the Comforter:



In all time of our trib - u - lation;  
 In all time of our pros - perity;  
 In the hour of death;  
 And in the day of Judgment:

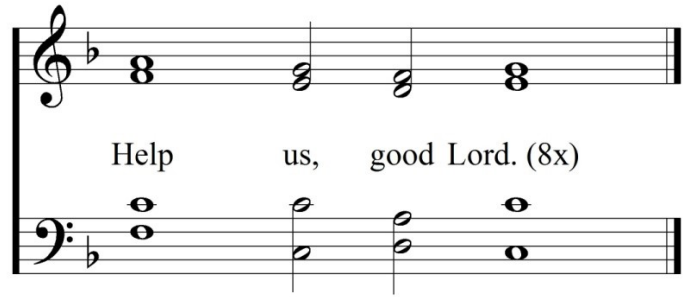


We poor sinners do be - seech Thee

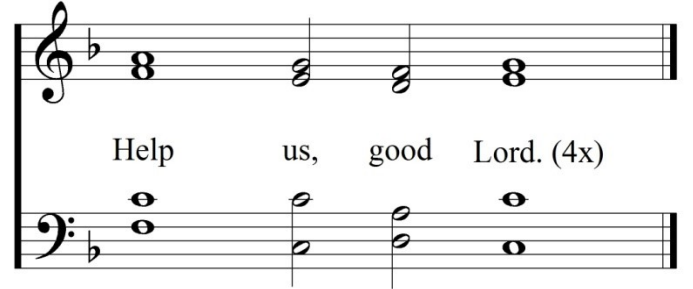


And to rule and govern  
 Thy holy Chris - tian Church;  
 To preserve all pastors and  
 ministers of Thy Church  
 in the true knowledge and  
 understanding of Thy  
 Word and in holiness of life;  
 To put an end to all schisms  
 and causes of of - fense;  
 To bring into the way of truth  
 all such as have erred and are de - ceived;  
 To beat down Satan under our feet;  
 To send faithful laborers into Thy harvest;  
 To accompany Thy Word  
 with Thy Spirit and grace;  
 To raise up them that fall  
 and to strengthen such as do stand;  
 And to comfort and help the  
 weakhearted and the dis - tressed;

**Congregation:**



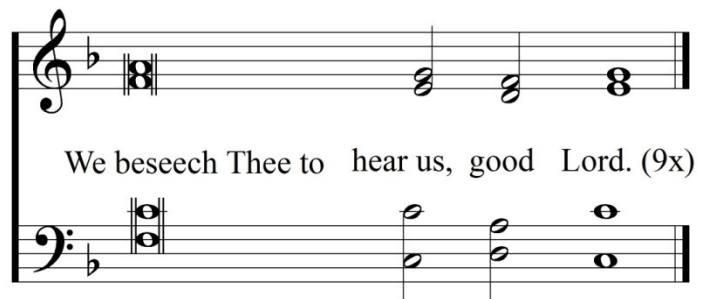
Help us, good Lord. (8x)



Help us, good Lord. (4x)

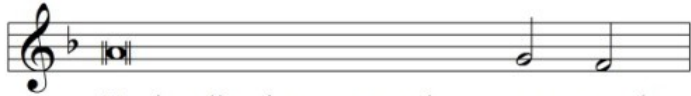


To hear us, O Lord God,



We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord. (9x)

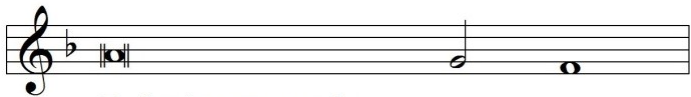
**Minster:**



To give all nations peace and con - cord;  
To preserve our country from ten - tion;  
discord and con -  
To give our nation perpetual ene - mies;  
victory over all its  
To direct and defend our  
President and all in au - thor - ity;  
And to bless and keep our  
magistrates and all our peo - ple:



To behold and succor all who  
are in danger, necessity, la - tion;  
and tribu -  
To protect all who travel by wa - ter;  
land, air, or  
To preserve all women in the  
perils of child - birth;  
To strengthen and keep all  
sick persons and young child - ren;  
To set free all who are  
innocently im - pris - oned;  
To defend and provide for  
all fatherless children  
and wid - ows;  
And to have mercy upon all men;

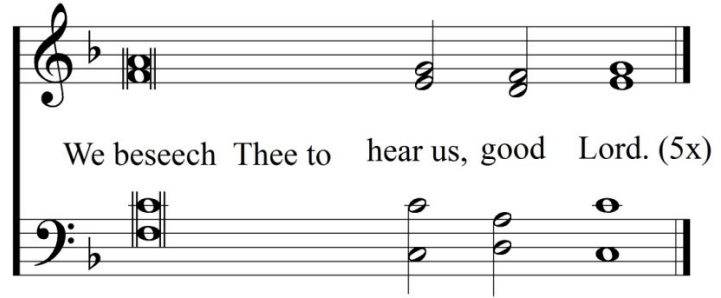


To forgive our enemies,  
persecutors, and slanderers  
and to turn their hearts;  
To give and preserve to our  
use the fruits of the earth;  
And graciously to hear our prayers:

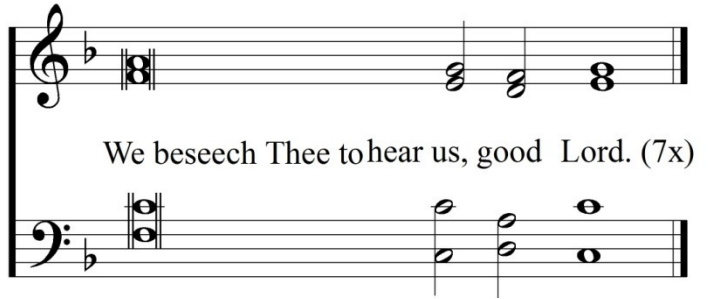


O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

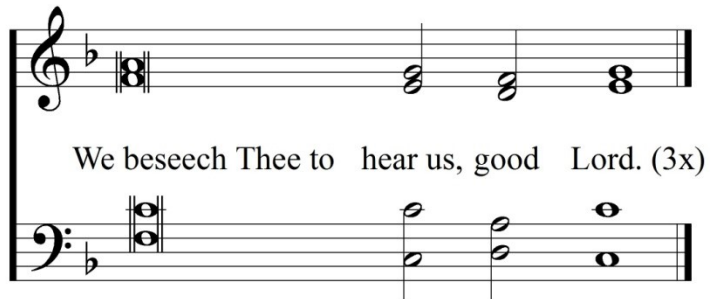
**Congregation:**



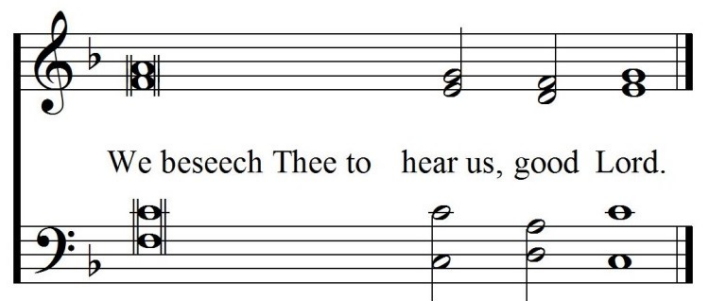
We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord. (5x)



We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord. (7x)

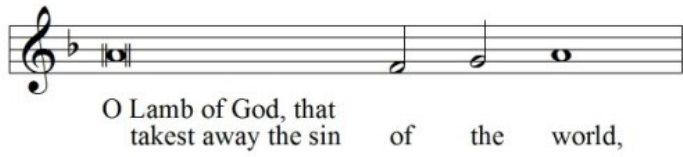


We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord. (3x)

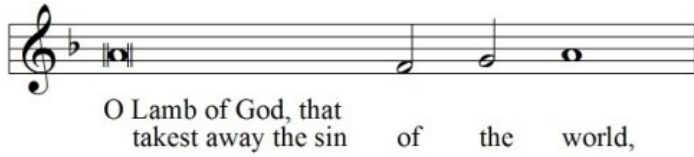


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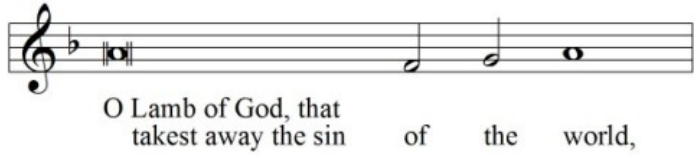
**Minister:**



O Lamb of God, that  
takest away the sin of the world,



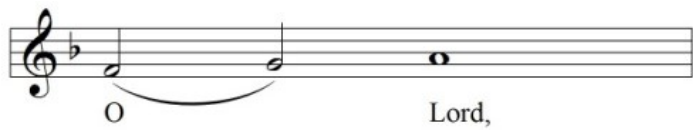
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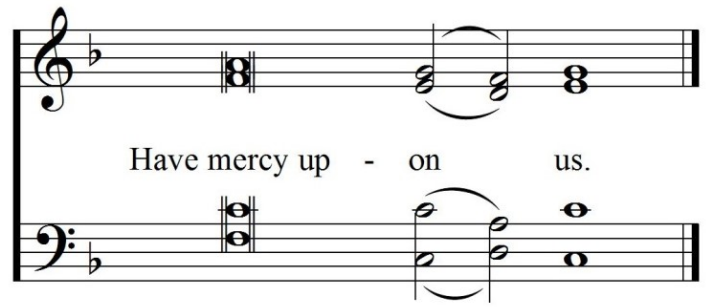


O Christ,

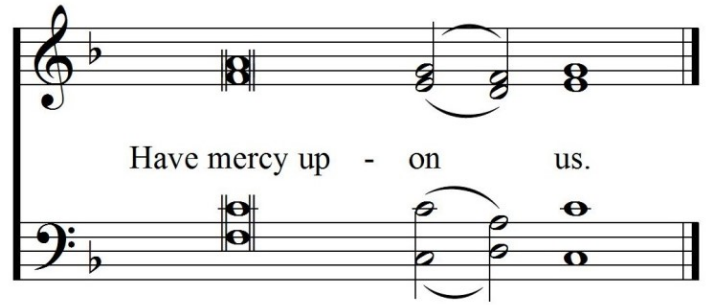


O Lord,

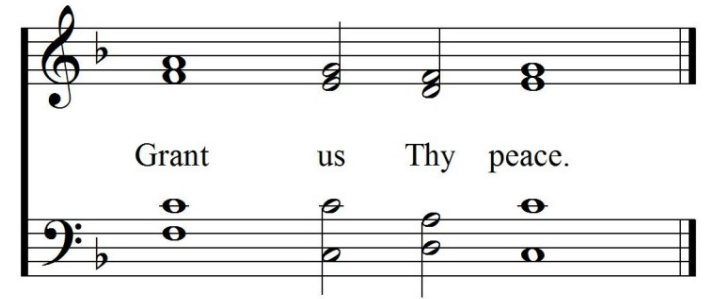
**Congregation:**



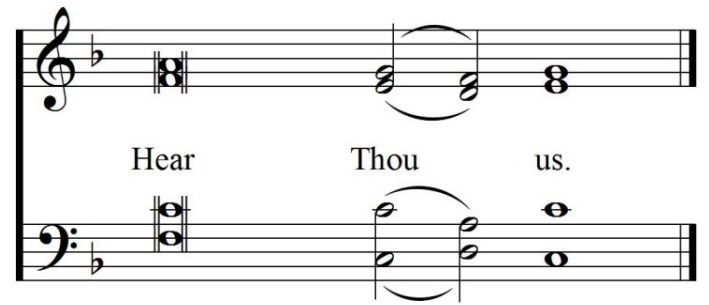
Have mercy up - on us.



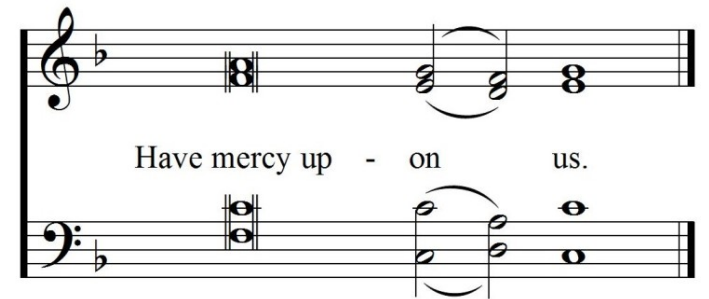
Have mercy up - on us.



Grant us Thy peace.



Hear Thou us.



Have mercy up - on us.



**Minister:**

O Christ,

**Congregation:**

Have mercy up - on us.

**Minister and Congregation:**

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. A - men.

*Then the Lord's Prayer is chanted to the Luther's setting in unison:*

**The Lord's Prayer**

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav - en, Hal-low - ed be Thy Name,  
 Thy King - dom come, Thy will be done,  
 on earth as it is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread;  
 And for-give us our tres-pass-es, as we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us;  
 And lead us not in - to temp-ta - tion, + But de - liv - er us from e - vil.  
 For Thine is the king-dom, and the pow - er, and the glo - ry,  
 for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

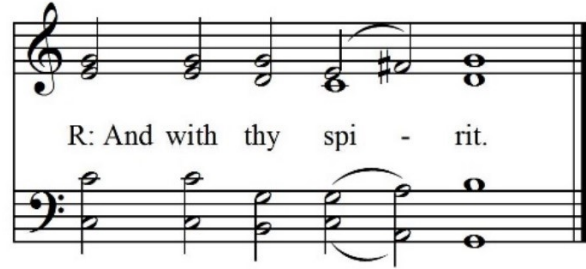
## The Salutation

*The Minister chants the Salutation:*



V: The Lord be with you.

*The Congregation responds, chanting:*



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R: And with thy spi - rit.

## The Collect of the Day

**Other Collects** (if necessary)

**The Collect for Peace**

*The Congregation responds after each Collect.*

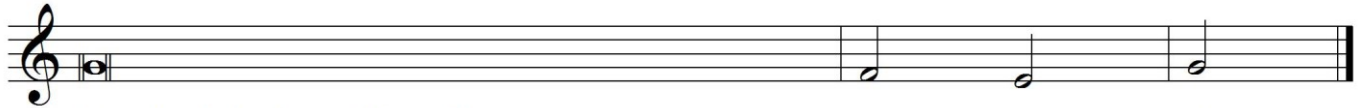


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A - - - - - men.

## The Litany Collect

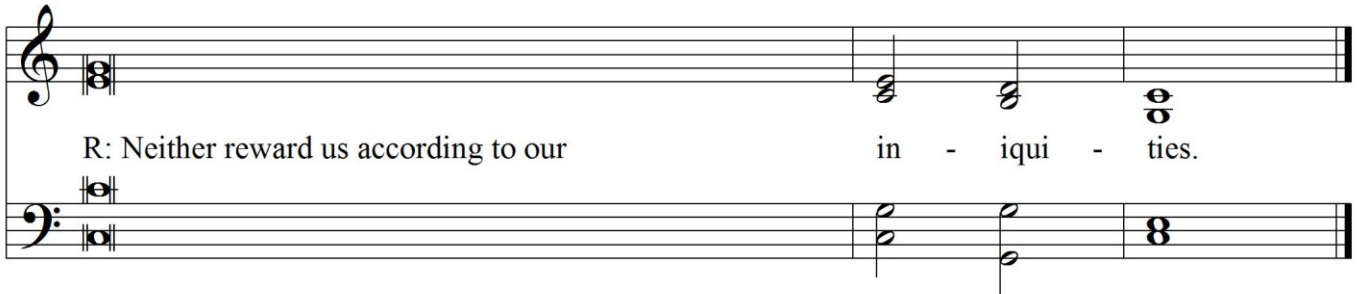
*The Minister chants the Litany Collect Versicle:*



A single staff of music in G-clef, showing a four-note melodic line: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). The notes are connected by a horizontal line.

V: O Lord, deal not with us af - - - - - ter our sins.

*The Congregation responds, chanting:*



Two staves of music. The upper staff is in G-clef and contains a four-note melodic line: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). The lower staff is in F-clef and contains a four-note bass line: G3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), B3 (quarter), G3 (quarter). The notes are connected by a horizontal line.

R: Neither reward us according to our in - iqui - ties.

*The Minister prays the Litany Collect, chanting:*



A single staff of music in G-clef, showing a four-note melodic line: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). The notes are connected by a horizontal line.

V: Let us pray: O God, Merciful Fa - ther,

Who despisest not the sighing of a con - trite heart

nor the desire of such as are sor - row - ful,

mercifully assist our prayers

which we make before Thee in all our troubles and adversities whensoever they op - press us,

and graciously hear us that those evils

which the craft and subtilty of the devil or man worketh a - gainst us

may by Thy good providence be brought to naught,

that we, Thy servants, being hurt by no per - - - - se - cu - tions,

may evermore give thanks unto Thee in Thy ho - ly Church;

through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth

with Thee and the Ho - ly Ghost, ever one God, world with - out end.

*The Congregation responds, chanting:*

A ————— men.

The musical notation consists of a treble and bass clef staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It contains a series of chords: a G2-A2-B2 triad, a G2-A2-B2 triad, a G2-A2-B2 triad, a G2-A2-B2 triad, and a G2-A2-B2 triad. The bass staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It contains a series of chords: a G2-A2-B2 triad, a G2-A2-B2 triad, a G2-A2-B2 triad, a G2-A2-B2 triad, and a G2-A2-B2 triad. A horizontal line connects the two staves, indicating a sustained note or chord.

### **The Benedicamus**

*The Minister chants the Benedicamus:*

V: Bless we the Lord.

The musical notation consists of a single treble clef staff with a common time signature (C). It contains a series of notes: a G2 note, a G2 note, a G2 note, and a G2 note.

*The Congregation responds, chanting:*

R: Thanks be to God.

The musical notation consists of a treble and bass clef staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It contains a series of chords: a G2-A2-B2 triad, a G2-A2-B2 triad, a G2-A2-B2 triad, and a G2-A2-B2 triad. The bass staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It contains a series of chords: a G2-A2-B2 triad, a G2-A2-B2 triad, a G2-A2-B2 triad, and a G2-A2-B2 triad.

### **The Benediction**

*The Minister chants the Benediction:*

The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God  
and the communion of the Ho - ly Ghost be with you all.

The musical notation consists of two treble clef staves with a common time signature (C). The first staff contains the notes: G2, G2, G2, G2, G2, G2, G2, G2, G2, G2, G2, G2. The second staff contains the notes: G2, G2, G2, G2, G2, G2, G2, G2, G2, G2, G2, G2.

*The Congregation responds, chanting:*

A ————— men.

The musical notation consists of a treble and bass clef staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It contains a series of chords: a G2-A2-B2 triad, a G2-A2-B2 triad, a G2-A2-B2 triad, and a G2-A2-B2 triad. The bass staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It contains a series of chords: a G2-A2-B2 triad, a G2-A2-B2 triad, a G2-A2-B2 triad, and a G2-A2-B2 triad. A horizontal line connects the two staves, indicating a sustained note or chord.

### **Silent Prayer**