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.

Prayers after Any Office

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

We beseech Thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of Thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of Thy Majesty to be our defense against all our enemies; 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 the Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end.

Scripture quotations are from the Revised Version of the Holy Bible (1895) with Apocrypha. This work is in the Public Domain.

Midweek Lenten Vespers
March 11th, 2026

Sts. Peter & Paul Ev. Luth. Church, U.A.C.
A Parish Affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Diocese of North America
215 N. Main St., Ste. 1-D
Simpsonville, SC 29681
(864) 412-6330
www.spplc.org
Pastor Jerald P Dulas
(864) 832-9005 (home)
pastor@spplc.org
Deacon Floyd P Smithey, Jr.
(865) 202-9634 (cell)
deacon@spplc.org

"Which of you convicteth me of sin?"
St. John 8:46

The Office of Vespers

The Ringing of the Bell
Silent Prayer
The Hymn *"I Leave All Things to God's Direction"* INSERT
Stand
The Opening Versicles ASBHP p. 29
The Gloria Patri *(Omit Hallelujah)* ASBHP p. 29-30
The Psalmody Psalm 86 ASBHP p. 227-228
Sit
The Lection Revelation 2:1-7
St. John 8:42-51
The Response *(After each reading)* ASBHP p. 30
Stand
The Responsory ASBHP p. 31-32
Sit
The Hymn *"I Thank Thee, Savior, for the Grief"* INSERT
The Sermon *He Sent Me*
(An Alms Basin is located next to the bulletins for any Offerings.)
Stand
The Office Hymn *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"* ASBH 22
The Versicle ASBHP p. 32
The Canticle *"The Magnificat"* ASBHP p. 33-34
The Litany *(All may kneel)* INSERT
- **The Lord's Prayer** ASBHP p. 48
- **The Litany Collect** *(Collect #3)* ASBHP p. 49
- **The Collect for Oculi** ASBHP p. 65
- **The Collect for the Season of Lent** ASBHP p. 64
- **Other Collects** *(if necessary)*
- **The Collect for Peace** ASBHP p. 37
- **The Benedicamus** ASBHP p. 38
- **The Benediction** ASBHP p. 38

Silent Prayer

The Recitation of the Catechism
The Preface to the Small Catechism (pages 3-8) & Questions 282-287 (Part IV. The Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Second, What Baptism Gives or Profits, pages 128-130).

Announcements

ASBHP = The Augustana Service Book and Hymnal: The Psalter.
ASBH = The Augustana Service Book and Hymnal: 2022 Supplement.
TLH = The Lutheran Hymnal

Revelation 2:1-7

1 To the angel of the church in
Ephesus write: These things
saith He that holdeth the seven
stars in His right hand, He that
walketh in the midst of the seven
golden candlesticks: 2 I know
thy works, and thy toil and
patience, and that thou canst not
bear evil men, and didst try them
that call themselves apostles,
and they are not, and didst find
them false; 3 and thou hast
patience and didst bear for My
name's sake, and hast not grown
weary. 4 But I have this against
thee, that thou didst leave thy
first love. 5 Remember therefore
whence thou art fallen, and
repent and do the first works; or
else I come to thee, and will
move thy candlestick out of its
place, except thou repent. 6 But
this thou hast, that thou hatest
the works of the Nicolaitans,
which I also hate. 7 He that hath
an ear, let him hear what the
Spirit saith to the churches. To
him that overcometh, to him will
I give to eat of the tree of life,
which is in the Paradise of God.

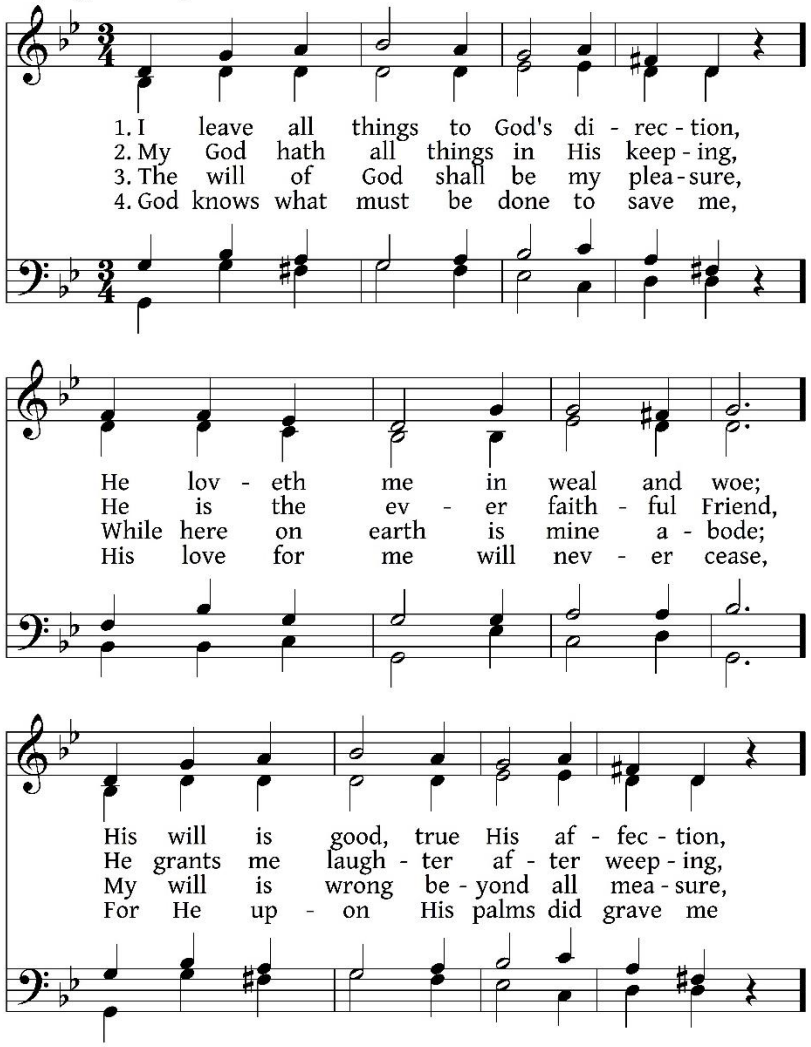
St. John 8:42-51

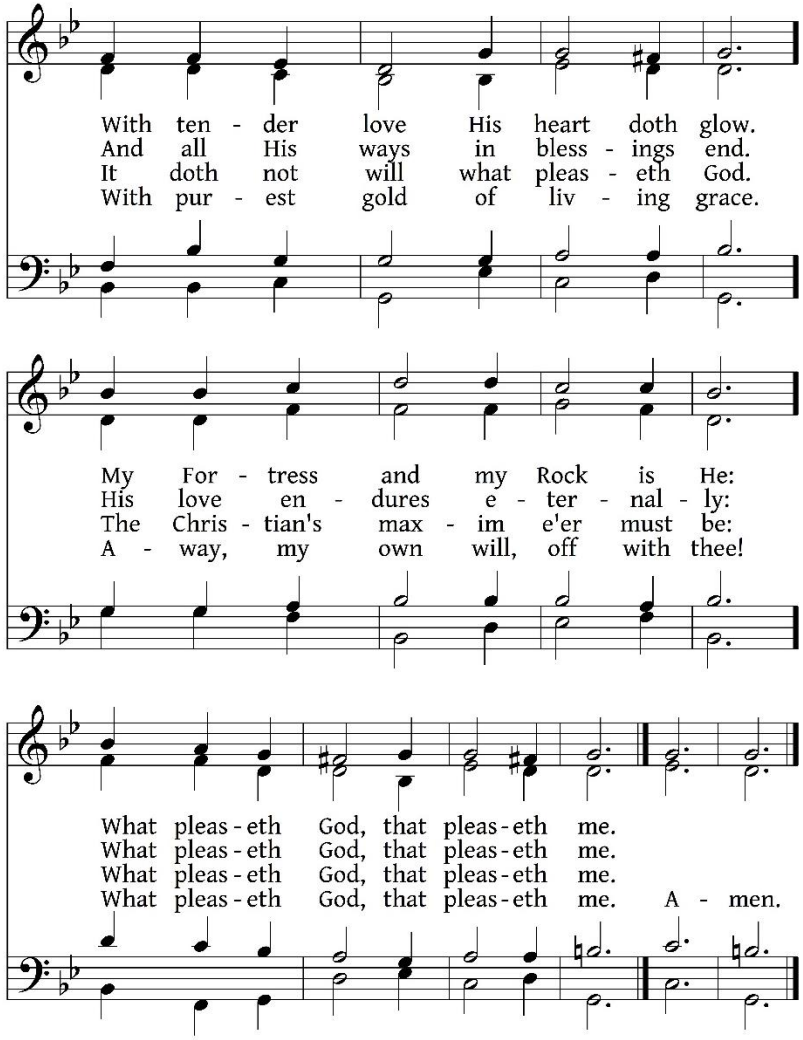
42 Jesus said unto them, "If
God were your Father, ye would
love Me: for I came forth and am
come from God; for neither have
I come of Myself, but He sent
Me. 43 Why do ye not
understand My speech? Even
because ye cannot hear My word.
44 Ye are of your father the devil,
and the lusts of your father it is
your will to do. He was a
murderer from the beginning,
and standeth not in the truth,
because there is no truth in him.
When he speaketh a lie, he
speaketh of his own: for he is a
liar, and the father thereof. 45 But
because I say the truth, ye
believe Me not. 46 Which of you
convicteth Me of sin? If I say
truth, why do ye not believe Me?
47 He that is of God heareth the
words of God: for this cause ye
hear them not, because ye are
not of God." 48 The Jews
answered and said unto Him,
"Say we not well that Thou art a
Samaritan, and hast a demon?"
49 Jesus answered, "I have not a
demon; but I honor My Father,
and ye dishonor Me. 50 But I
seek not Mine own glory: there
is one that seeketh and judgeth.
51 Verily, verily, I say unto you,
'If a man keep My word, he shall
never see death.'"

188. I Leave All Things to God's Direction

Ich halte Gott in allem stille
Salomo Franck, 1685
Tr., August Crull, †1923

Wer nur den leiben Gott
Georg Neumark, 1640



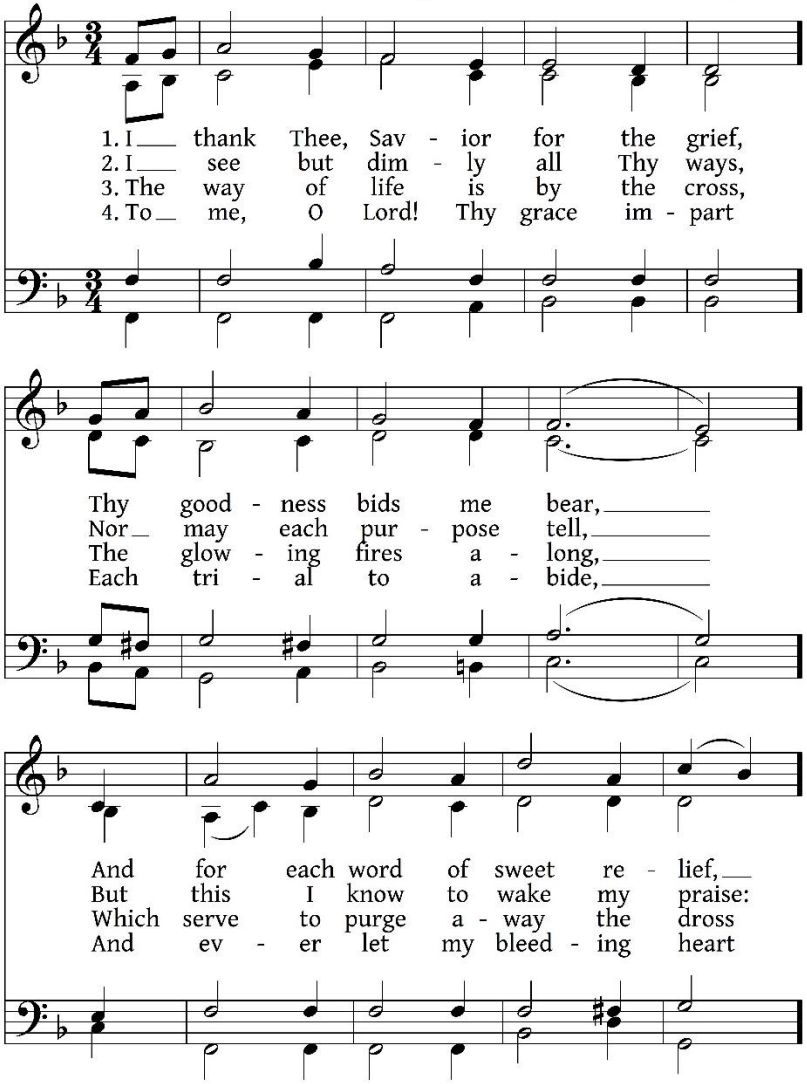


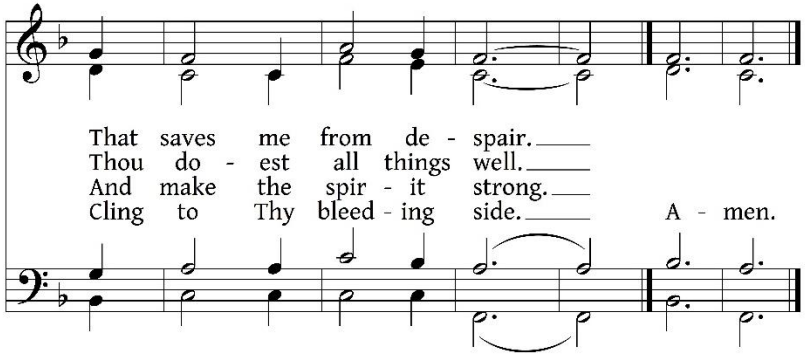
5. My God desires the soul's salvation,
Me also He desires to save;
Therefore, with Christian resignation,
All earthly troubles I will brave.
His will be done eternally:
What pleaseth God, that pleaseth me.

190. I Thank Thee, Savior for the Grief

Matthias Loy, 1863

Manoah
adapted from Gioachimo Rossini, †1868

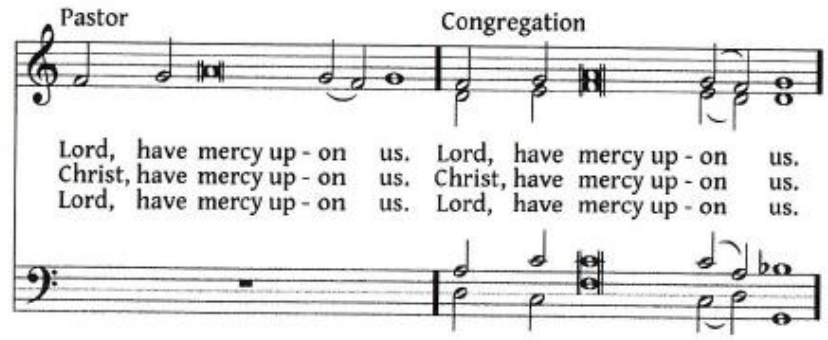


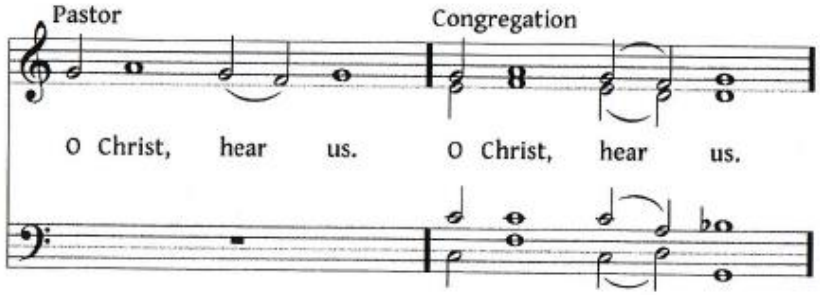


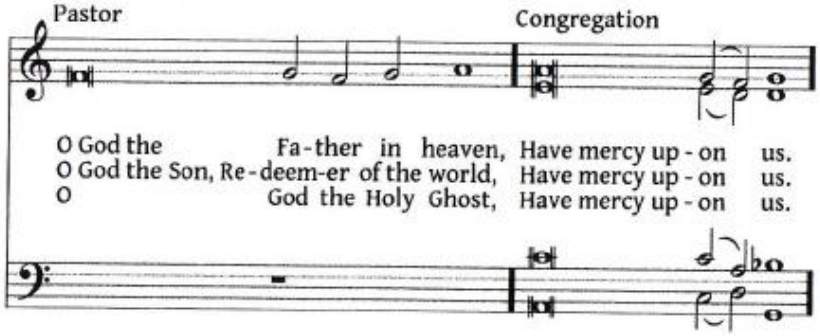
##. The Litany

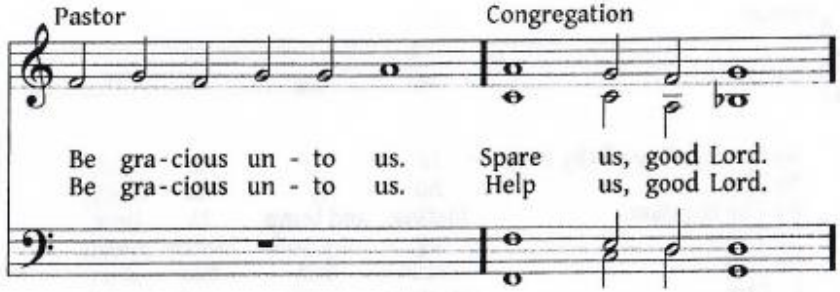
[text information]

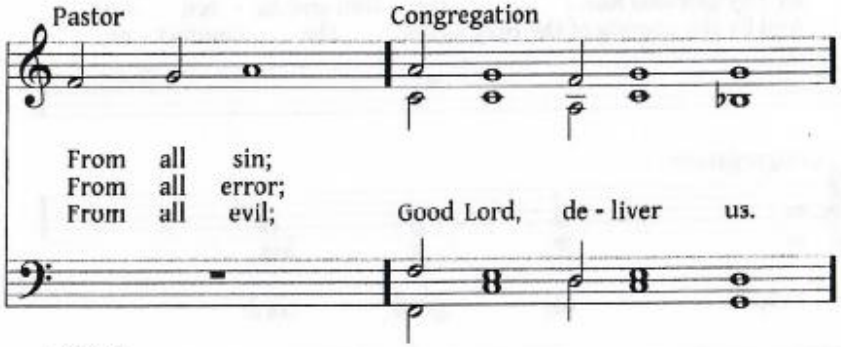
Harry Archer and Luther Reed, 1901
The Choral Service Book
arr. Benjamin Henson and Jacob Henson

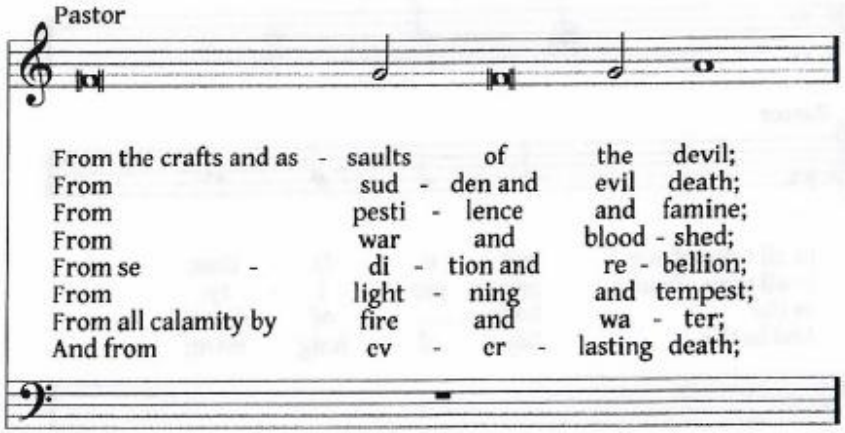


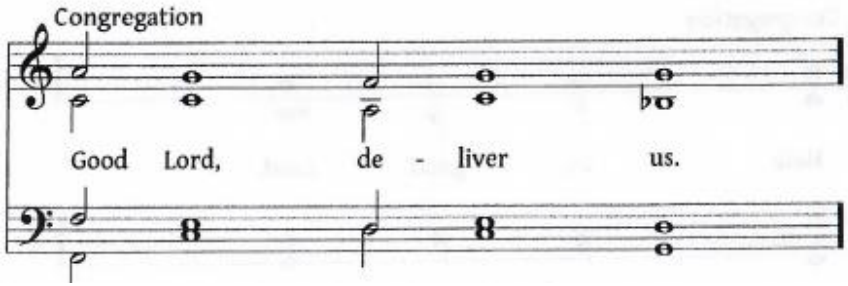












Pastor

By the mystery of Thy holy In - car - na - tion;
By Thy ho - ly Na - tivity;
By Thy Baptism, fasting, and temp - ta - tion;
By Thine ag - ony and bloody sweat;
By Thy cross and Pas - sion;
By Thy precious death and burial;
By Thy glorious Resur - rec - tion and As - cen - sion;
And by the coming of the Holy Ghost, the Comfort - er;

Congregation

Help us, good Lord.

Pastor

In all time of our trib - u - la - tion;
In all time of our pros - per - i - ty;
In the hour of death;
And in the Day of Judg - ment;

Congregation

Help us, good Lord.

Pastor

Congregation

We poor sinners do be - seech Thee To hear us, O Lord God.

Pastor

And to rule and govern Thy holy Chris - tian Church;
To preserve all bishops, pastors, and deacons 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 har - vest;
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 weak-hearted and the dis- tressed;

Congregation

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Pastor

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

Congregation

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Pastor

To behold and succor all who are in danger, -
necessity, and tribu - la - tion;
To protect all who travel by land or wa - ter;
To preserve all women in the perils of child - birth;
To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young chil - dren;
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;

Congregation

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Pastor

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;

Congregation

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Pastor

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

Congregation

We beseech Thee to hear us.

Pastor

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

Congregation

Have mercy up-on us.

Pastor

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

Congregation

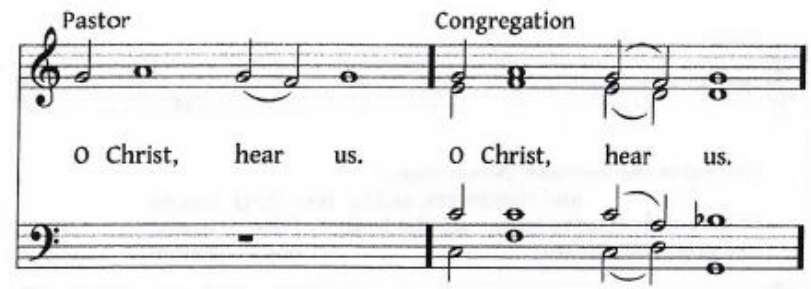
Have mercy up-on us.

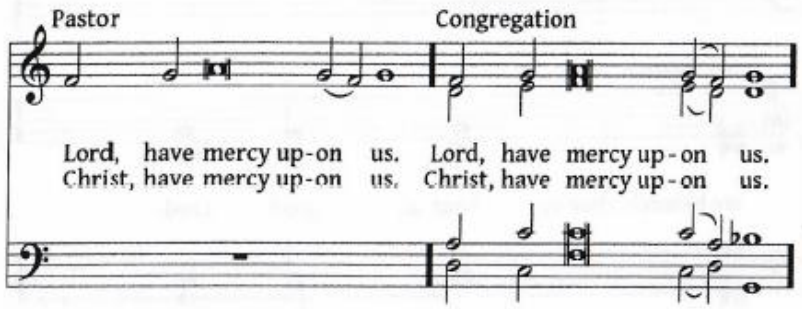
Pastor

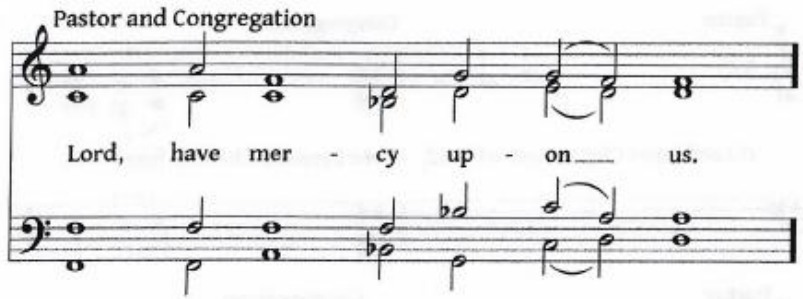
O Lamb of God, that
takest away the sin of the world,

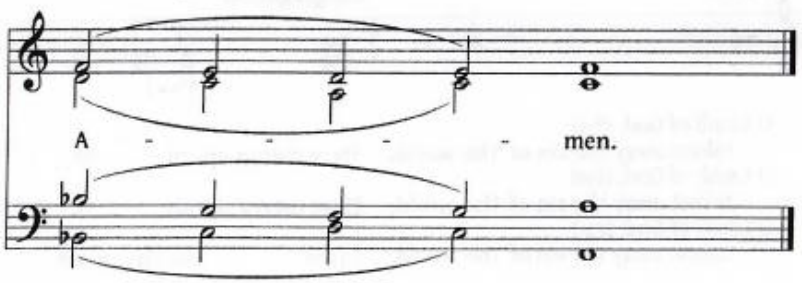
Congregation

Grant us Thy peace.


Pastor
Congregation
O Christ, hear us. O Christ, hear us.


Pastor
Congregation
Lord, have mercy up-on us. Lord, have mercy up-on us.
Christ, have mercy up-on us. Christ, have mercy up-on us.


Pastor and Congregation
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.


A - - - - men.