

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.

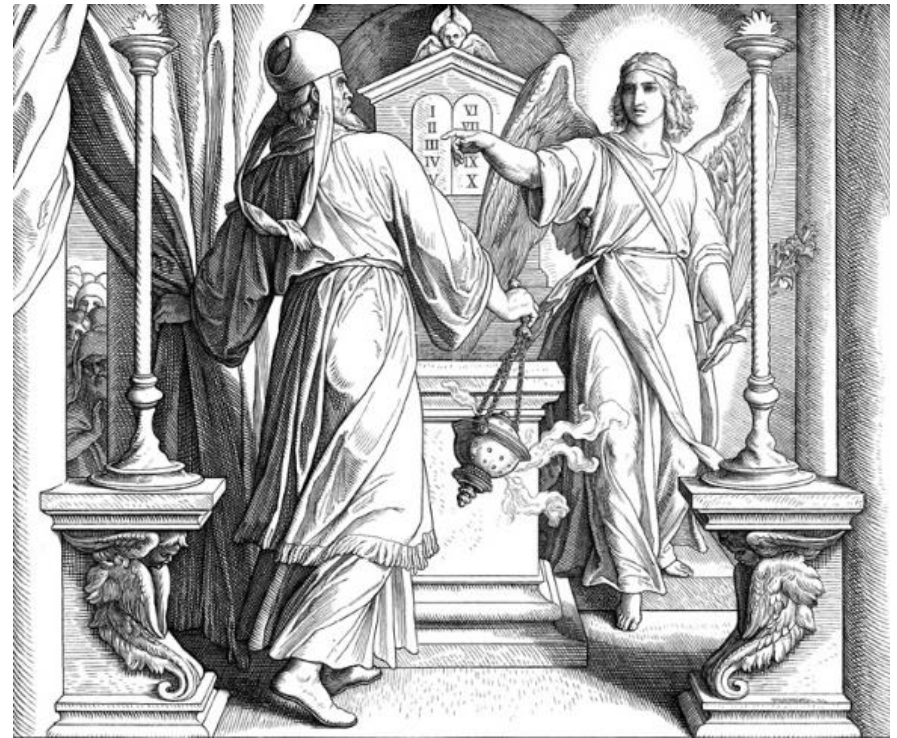
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Guide us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help that in all our work begun, continued, and ended in Thee we may glorify Thy holy Name and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through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

Stir up, we beseech Thee, Thy power, O Lord, and come, that by Thy protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins, and saved by Thy mighty deliverance; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end.



Midweek Advent Vespers
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“Fear not, Zacharias: because thy supplication is heard, and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.”

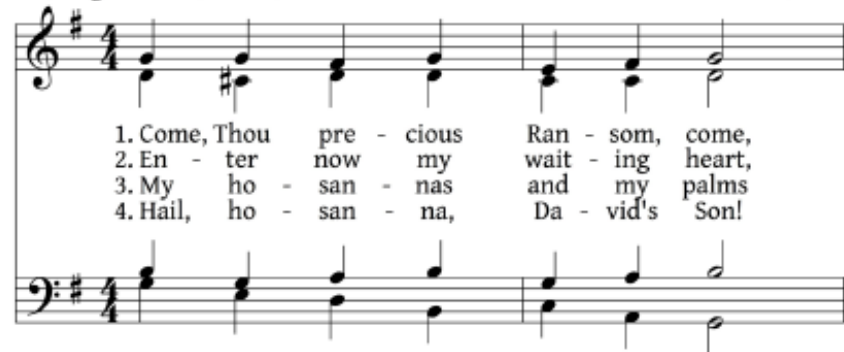
St. Luke 1:13

²⁴And after these days Elisabeth his wife conceived; and she hid herself five months, saying, ²⁵“Thus hath the Lord done unto me in the days wherein He looked upon me, to take away my reproach among men.”

##. Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come

Komm, du wert'es Lösegeld
Johann G. Olearius, 1664
Tr., August Crull, †1923, alt.

Meinen Jesum lass' ich nicht
"Neuverfertigtes Gesangbuch"
Darmstadt, 1699



1. Come, Thou pre - cious Ran - som, come,
2. En - ter now my wait - ing heart,
3. My ho - san - nas and my palms
4. Hail, ho - san - na, Da - vid's Son!



On - ly Hope for sin - ful mor - tals!
Glo - rious King and Lord most ho - ly.
Gra - cious - ly re - ceive, I pray Thee;
Help, Lord, hear our sup - pli - ca - tion!



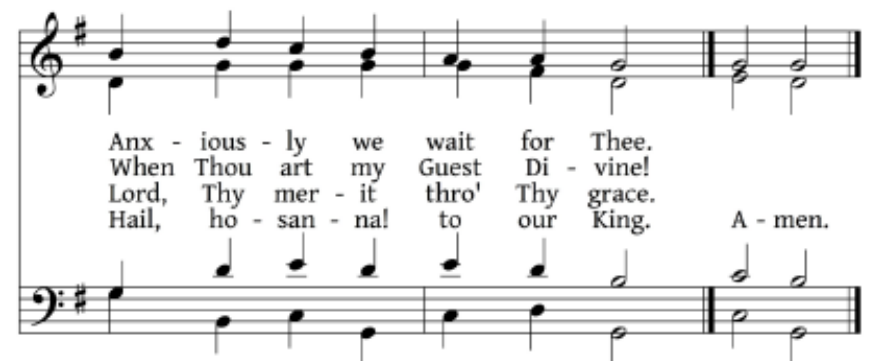
Come, O Sav - ior of the world!
Dwell in me and ne'er de - part!
Ev - er - more, as best I can,
Let Thy king - dom, scep - ter, crown,



O - pen are to Thee all por - tals.
Tho' I am but poor and low - ly.
Sav - ior, I will hom - age pay Thee,
Bring us bless - ing and sal - va - tion,



Come, Thy beau - ty let us see;
Ah, what rich - es will be mine
And in faith I will em - brace,
That for - ev - er we may sing:



Anx - ious - ly we wait for Thee.
When Thou art my Guest Di - vine!
Lord, Thy mer - it thro' Thy grace.
Hail, ho - san - na! to our King. A - men.

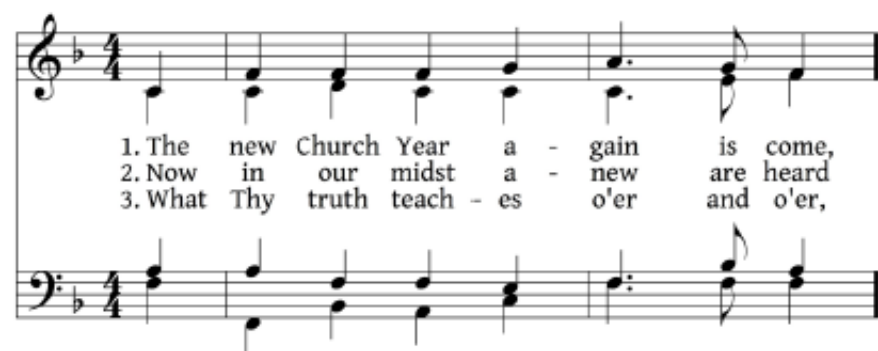
The New Church Year Again Is Come

Johann Olearius, 1671

Ormiston

Tr., Emanuel Cronenwett, 1880

John H. Spielman, 1881




1. The new Church Year a - gain is come,
2. Now in our midst a - new are heard
3. What Thy truth teach - es o'er and o'er,



This wakes the joy of Chris - ten - dom;
The les - sons of God's gra - cious Word,
By which our faith is strength - ened more,



Thy King, O Zi - on, comes to thee,
That lead the way to life and heav'n;
Let that a - bide in us, that we



Re - joice, Re - joice e - ter - nal - ly!
Lord, praise to Thee for this be giv'n!
May - ren - der end - less praise to Thee.



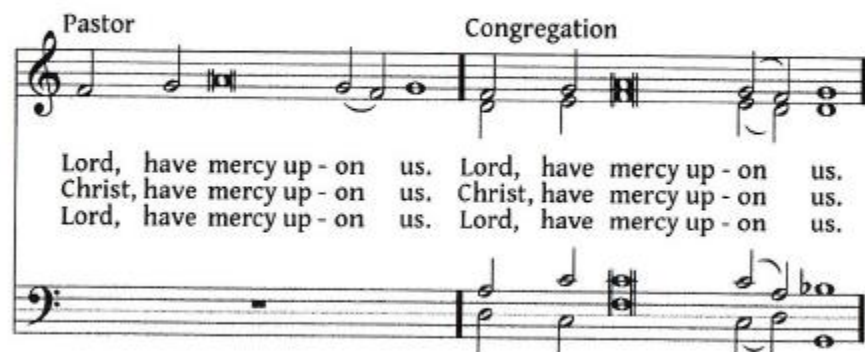
Hal - le - lu - jah!
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##. The Litany

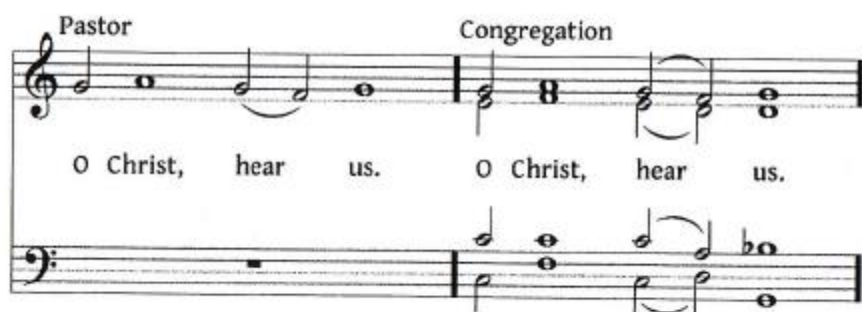
Harry Archer and Luther Reed, 1901
The Choral Service Book
arr. Benjamin Henson and Jacob Henson

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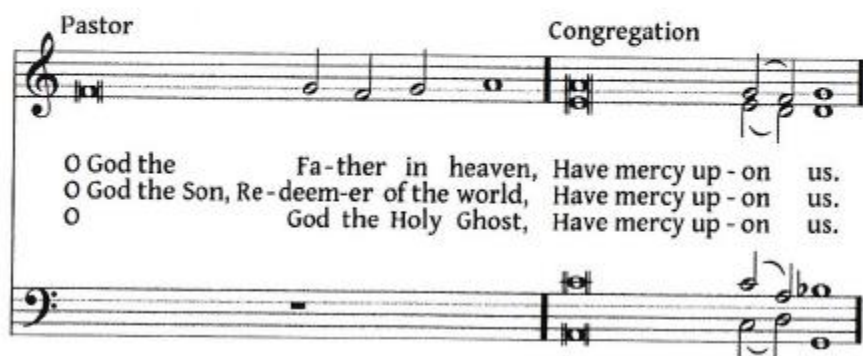
Lord, have mercy up - on us. Lord, have mercy up - on us.
Christ, have mercy up - on us. Christ, have mercy up - on us.
Lord, have mercy up - on us. Lord, have mercy up - on us.

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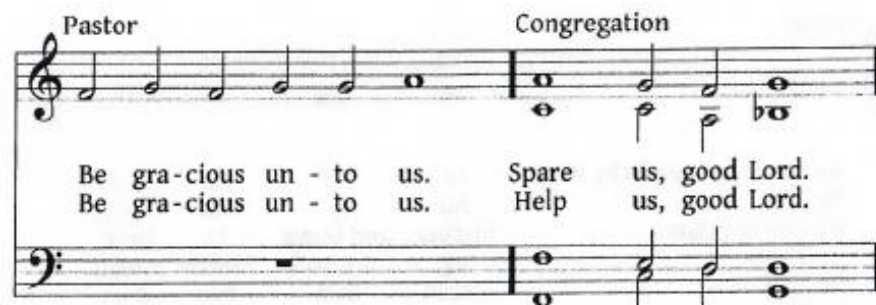
O Christ, hear us. O Christ, hear us.

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O God the Fa-ther in heaven, Have mercy up - on us.
O God the Son, Re-deem-er of the world, Have mercy up - on us.
O God the Holy Ghost, Have mercy up - on us.

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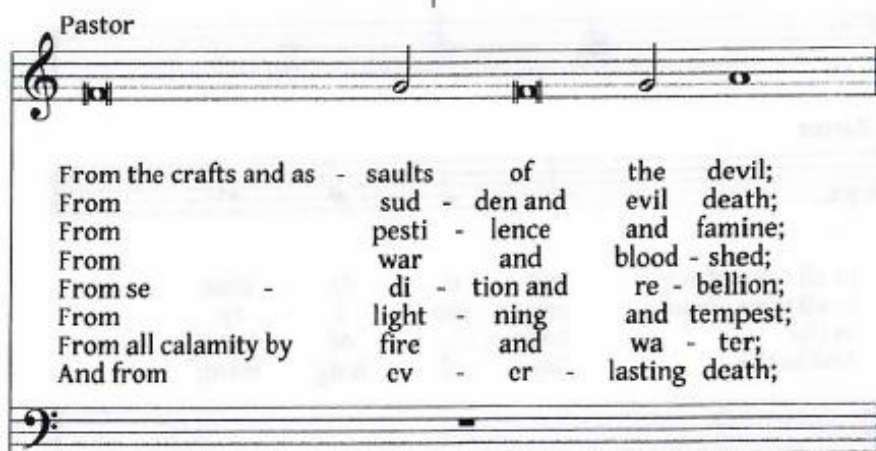
Be gra-cious un - to us. Spare us, good Lord.
Be gra-cious un - to us. Help us, good Lord.

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From all sin;
From all error;
From all evil; Good Lord, de - liver us.

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From the crafts and as - saults of the devil;
From sud - den and evil death;
From pesti - lence and famine;
From war and blood - shed;
From se - di - tion and re - bellion;
From light - ning and tempest;
From all calamity by fire and wa - ter;
And from ev - er - lasting death;

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Good Lord, de - liver us.

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;

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Help us, good Lord.

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

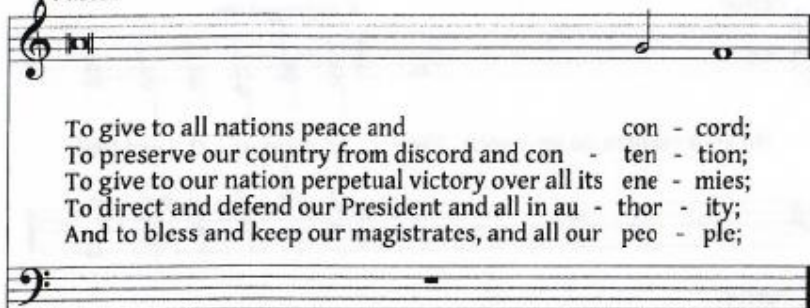
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And to rule and govern Thy holy Chris - tian Church;
 To preserve all bishops, pastors, and deacons of
 Thy Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Thy Word, and in holiness of life;
 To put an end to all schisms and causes of of - fense;
 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;

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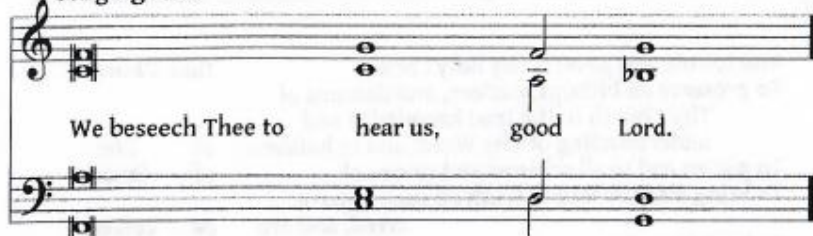
We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

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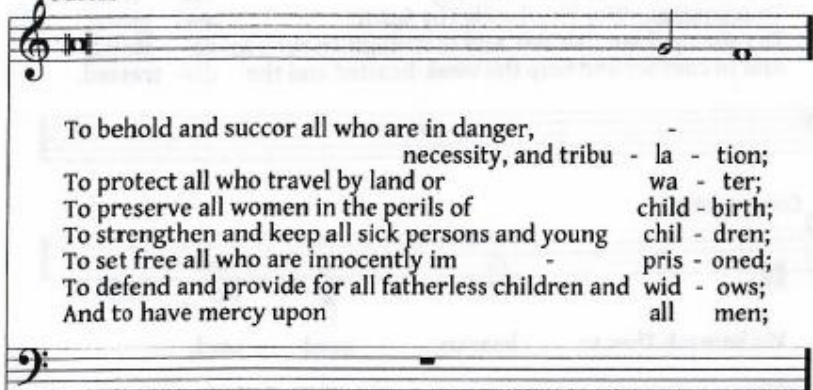
To give to all nations peace and con - cord;
 To preserve our country from discord and con - ten - tion;
 To give to our nation perpetual victory over all its ene - mies;
 To direct and defend our President and all in au - thor - ity;
 And to bless and keep our magistrates, and all our peo - ple;

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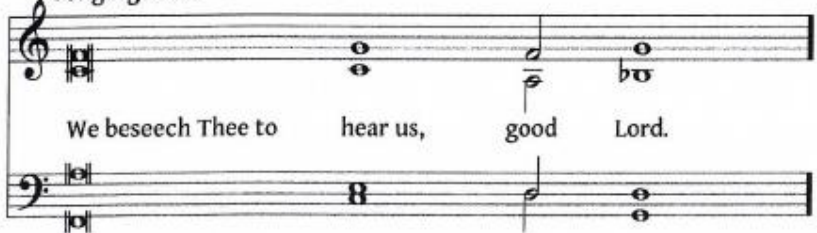
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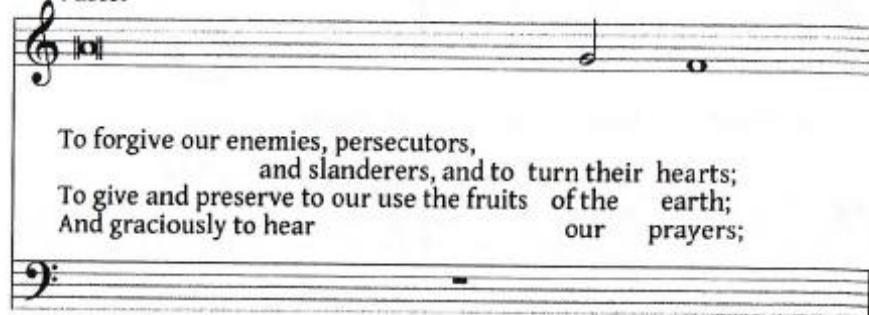
To behold and succor all who are in danger, -
 necessity, and tribu - la - tion;
 To protect all who travel by land or wa - ter;
 To preserve all women in the perils of child - birth;
 To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young chil - dren;
 To set free all who are innocently im - pris - oned;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

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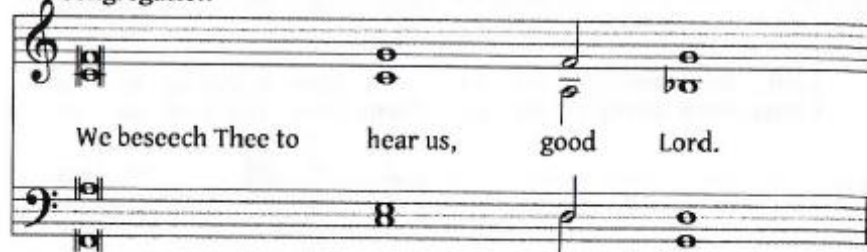
We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

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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;

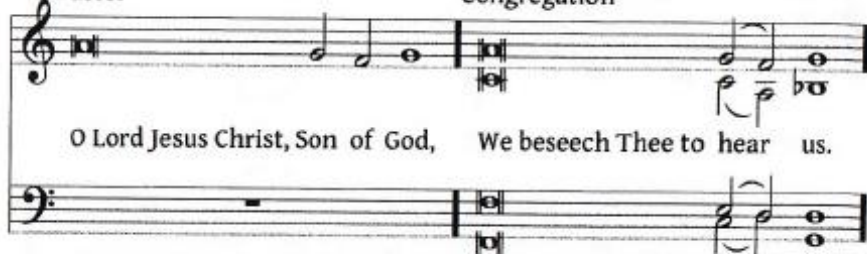
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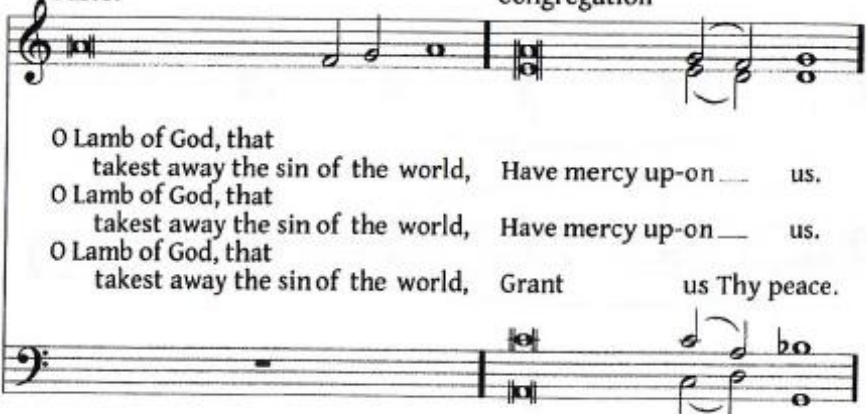
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O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, We beseech Thee to hear us.

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O Lamb of God, that
 takest away the sin of the world, Have mercy up-on us.
 O Lamb of God, that
 takest away the sin of the world, Have mercy up-on us.
 O Lamb of God, that
 takest away the sin of the world, 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.