

Communion Practice: We believe that Christ is truly present in Holy Communion and, as we try to be faithful to Christ in the serving of this Sacrament, we ask that everyone be examined and instructed by the Pastor before receiving Holy Communion. All confirmed members of this parish, who have been regularly examined by the Pastor, are welcome to partake of the Holy Eucharist today. We also welcome the members who are in good standing of any of the parishes served by the Bishop, Pastors, and Deacons of The Evangelical Lutheran Diocese of North America (ELDoNA), and who have spoken to the Pastor prior to the service. Members of other Lutheran parishes or other denominations are kindly asked to refrain from communing today. The Pastor would be glad to make an appointment with anyone to discuss our teachings and/or our parish.

A Prayer upon Entering Church

Almighty, Ever-Living God, grant that I may gladly hear Thy Word and that all my worship may be acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

A Prayer before Communion

Dear Savior, upon Thy gracious invitation I come to Thine Altar. Let me find favor in Thine eyes that I may approach Thy Table in true faith and receive the Sacrament to the salvation of my soul. Amen.

A Prayer after Communion

O Thou blessed Savior Jesus Christ, Who hast given Thyself to me in this holy Sacrament, keep me in Thy faith and favor; as Thou livest in me, let me also live in Thee. May Thy holy Body and Blood preserve me in the true faith unto everlasting life. Amen.

A Prayer at the Close of the Service

Grant, I beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the Word which I have heard this day may through Thy grace be so engrafted in my heart that I may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.



The Festival of the Circumcision and Name of Jesus
January 1st, 2026

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“And when eight days were fulfilled for circumcising Him, His Name was called JESUS, which was so called by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.” St. Luke 2:21

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	<i>“Ich sterbe täglich”</i>	Paul Kretzschmar
The Ringing of the Bell		
<i>Stand</i>		
The Processional Hymn	<i>“In Prayer Your Voices Raise Ye”</i>	INSERT
Silent Prayer	<i>(Prayers are located on back cover)</i>	ASBH p. 7
The Invocation		ASBH p. 7
The Confession of Sins		ASBH p. 8
Versicles	<i>(All may kneel)</i>	ASBH p. 8
Confession and Absolution		ASBH p. 8-9
<i>Stand (if kneeling)</i>		
The Introit	<i>(Congregation joins Pastor on Gloria Patri)</i>	ASBH p. 134
The Kyrie		ASBH p. 10
The Gloria in Excelsis		ASBH p. 10-13
The Salutation		ASBH p. 13
The Collect for the Day		ASBH p. 134
The Collect for the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas		ASBH p. 54
The Collect for the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord		ASBH p. 53
Collect Amen		ASBH p. 14
<i>Sit</i>		
The Epistle		Galatians 3:23-29
The Gradual		ASBH p. 134
<i>Stand</i>		
The Triple Hallelujah	<i>(Second Setting)</i>	ASBH p. 15
The Gospel	<i>(Gospel Responses ASBH p. 16)</i>	St. Luke 2:21
The Creed	<i>(All may bow at the words “And was made man.”)</i>	INSERT
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“To the Name of Our Salvation”</i>	ASBH 7
The Sermon	<i>Before He Was Conceived</i>	
<i>Stand</i>		
The Offertory		ASBH p. 18-19
	<i>(An Alms Basin is located next to the bulletins for any Offerings)</i>	
The General Prayer		ASBH p. 19-20
The Lord’s Prayer		ASBH p. 20
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Help Us, O Lord! Behold, We Enter”</i>	INSERT
The Lavabo	<i>(During Hymn)</i>	ASBH p. 21
<i>Stand</i>		
The Exhortation		ASBH p. 21
The Preface		ASBH p. 22
The Proper Preface		ASBH p. 23-27
The Sanctus and Benedictus		ASBH p. 27-28
The Lord’s Prayer		ASBH p. 29

The Verba Domini	<i>(All may bow when the Pastor genuflects)</i>	ASBH p. 30
The Pax Domini	<i>(All may bow and cross themselves)</i>	ASBH p. 31
The Agnus Dei	<i>(All may kneel)</i>	ASBH p. 31-32
<i>Sit</i>		
The Distribution	<i>(Prayers are located on back cover)</i>	
The Hymn	<i>“O Blessed Day When First Was Poured”</i>	Δ INSERT
<i>Stand</i>		
The Nunc Dimittis		ASBH p. 33-35
The Thanksgiving and Collect		ASBH p. 35-36
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“To Shepherds as They Watched by Night”</i>	INSERT
<i>Stand</i>		
The Salutation		ASBH p. 36
The Benedicamus		ASBH p. 37
The Benediction		ASBH p. 37
The Triple Amen	<i>(First Setting)</i>	ASBH p. 37
The Recessional Hymn	<i>“The Old Year Now hath Passed Away”</i>	INSERT
<i>Sit</i>		
The Postlude	<i>“Herr Jesu Christ, dich”</i>	Johann Gottfried Walther

Announcements

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

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

Christmas and Epiphany Season Schedule

January 4th	<i>The Second Sunday after Christmas</i>
	Divine Service 10:00 a.m.
	Bible Class 11:15 a.m.
January 6th	<i>The Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord</i>
	Private Confession 4:30 p.m.
	Divine Service 5:00 p.m.

188. In Prayer Your Voices Raise Ye

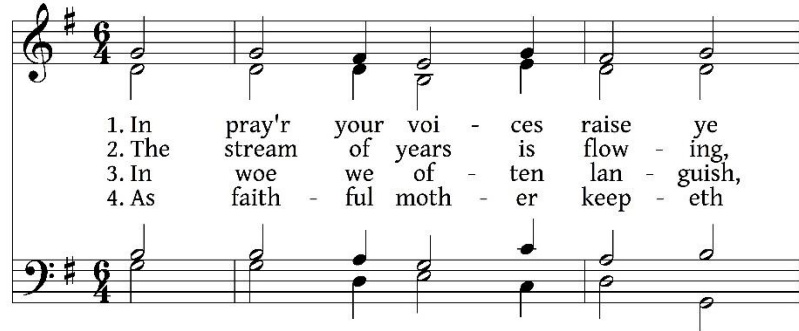
Nun lasst uns gehn und treten

Nun lasst uns Gott, dem Herren

Paul Gerhardt, 1653

Nicolaus Selnecker, 1587

Tr., John Kelly, 1867



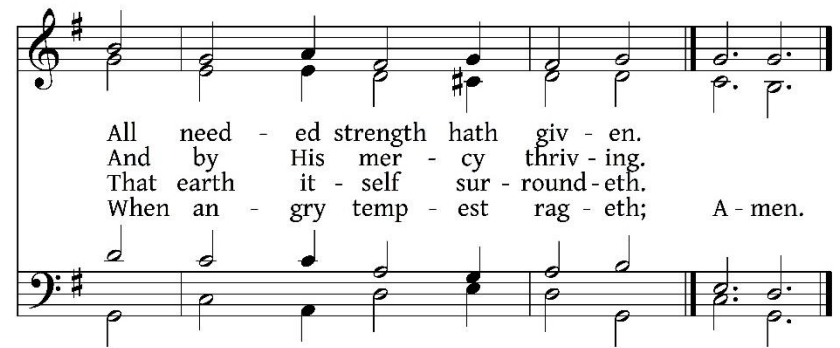
1. In pray'r your voi - ces raise ye
 2. The stream of years is flow - ing,
 3. In woe we of - ten lan - guish,
 4. As faith - ful moth - er keep - eth



To God, and Him now praise ye,
 And we are on - ward go - ing,
 And pass through times of an - guish,
 Guard while her in - fant sleep - eth,



Who to our life from heav - en
 From old to new sur - vi - ving,
 When fear - ful war a - bound - eth,
 And all its grief as - suag - eth



All need - ed strength hath giv - en.
 And by His mer - cy thriv - ing.
 That earth it - self sur - round - eth.
 When an - gry temp - est rag - eth; A - men.

5. So God His children shieldeth,
 Them full protection yieldeth;
 When need and woe distress them,
 His loving arms caress them.

10. Oh! close the gates of sorrow,
 And by a glorious morrow
 Of peace, may places saddened
 By bloodshed dire be gladdened.

6. In vain is all our doing,
 The labor we're pursuing
 In our hands prospers never,
 Unless God watches ever.

11. With richest blessings crown us,
 In all our ways, Lord! own us;
 Give grace, Who grace bestowest
 To all, e'en to the lowest.

7. Our song to Thee ascendeth,
 Who ev'ry day defendeth
 Us, and Whose arm averteth
 The pain our hearts that hurteth.

12. Of all forlorn be Father,
 All erring ones ingather,
 And of the poor and needy
 Be Thou the succor speedy.

8. O God of mercy! hear us;
 Our Father! be Thou near us;
 'Mid crosses and in sadness
 Be Thou our Spring of gladness.

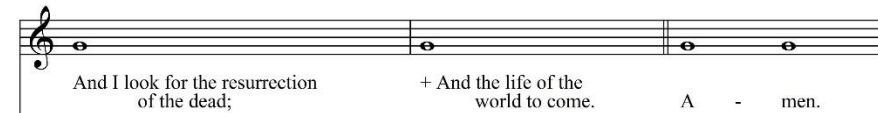
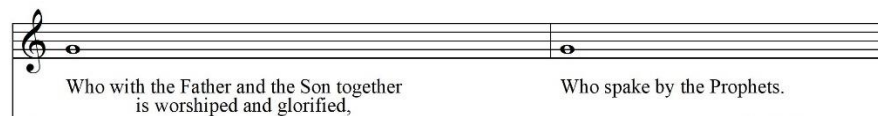
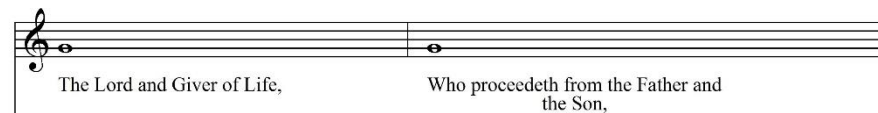
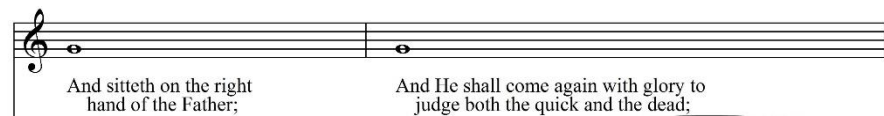
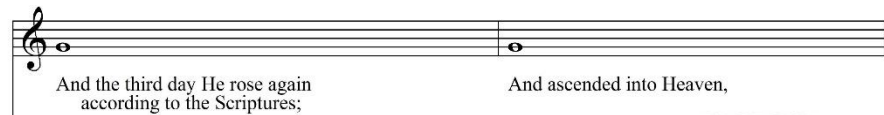
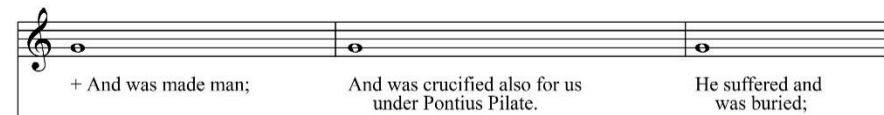
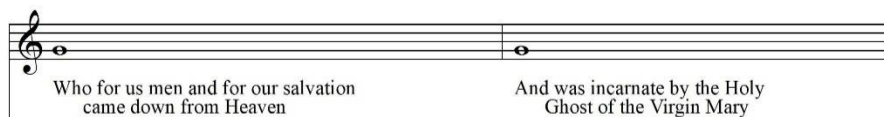
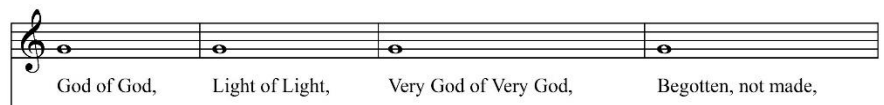
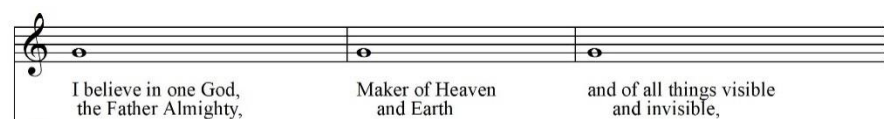
13. Grace show to all afflicted
 And to all souls dejected;
 By melancholy haunted,
 May happy thoughts be granted.

9. To me and all be given,
 Who from the heart have striven
 To gain Thy benediction,
 Hearts patient in affliction.

14. All earthly gifts excelling,
 The Holy Ghost indwelling,
 Give us to make us glorious,
 And lead to Thee victorious.

15. All this Thy hand bestoweth,
 Thou Life! whence our life floweth,
 Thus Thou Thy people meetest
 With New Year's blessing greetest.

The Nicene Creed



+ — indicates that the worshippers may make a sign of reverence (bow the head, genuflect, or make the sign of the holy cross) as is appropriate.

176. Help Us, O Lord! Behold, We Enter

Hilf, Herr Jesu, lass gelingen

Johann Rist, 1642, cento

Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1863

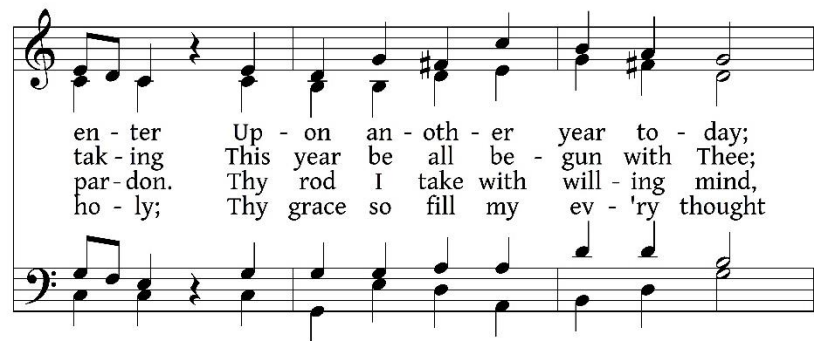
Ich sterbe täglich

Ms., Municipal Library

Leipzig, 1756



1. Help us, O Lord! Be - hold, we
2. May ev - 'ry plan and un - der -
3. Be this a time of grace me
4. And may this year to me be



en - ter Up - on an - oth - er year to - day;
tak - ing This year be all be - gun with Thee;
par - don. Thy rod I take with will - ing mind,
ho - ly; Thy grace so fill my ev - 'ry thought



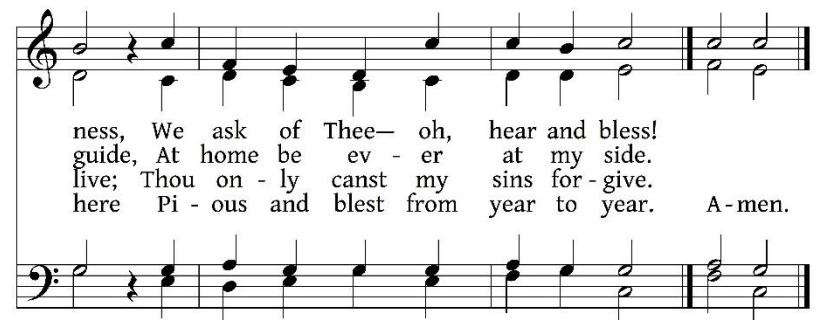
In Thee our hopes and thoughts now
When I am sleep - ing or am
But suf - fer naught my heart to
That all my life be pure and



cen - ter, Re - new our cour - age for the way.
wak - ing, Still let me know Thou art with me.
hard - en; Oh, let me then Thy mer - cy find!
low - ly And truth - ful, as a Chris - tian's ought.



New life, new strength, new hap - pi -
A - broad do Thou my foot - steps
In Thee a - lone, my God, I
So make me while yet dwell - ing



ness, We ask of Thee— oh, hear and bless!
guide, At home be ev - er at my side.
live; Thou on - ly canst my sins for - give.
here Pi - ous and blest from year to year. A - men.

5. Jesus, be with me and direct me;
Jesus, my plans and hopes inspire;
Jesus, from tempting thoughts protect me;
Jesus, be all my heart's Desire;
Jesus, be in my thoughts all day
Nor suffer me to fall away.

6. And grant, Lord, when the year is over,
That it for me in peace may close;
In all things care for me and cover
My head in time of fear and woes.
So may I when my years are gone
Appear with joy before Thy throne.

O Blessed Day When First was Poured

Felix dies, quam proprio

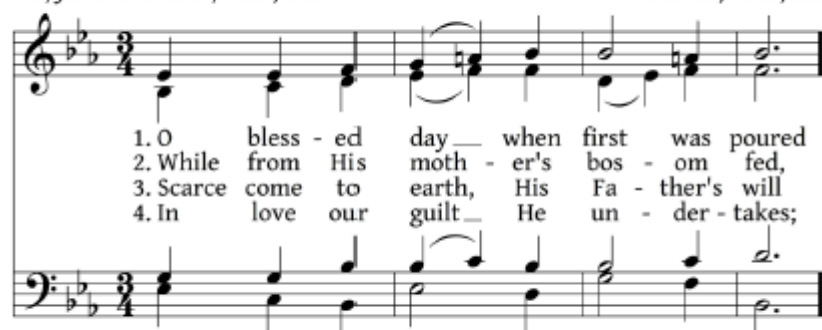
Sebastian Besnault, 1726

Tr., John Chandler, 1837, alt.

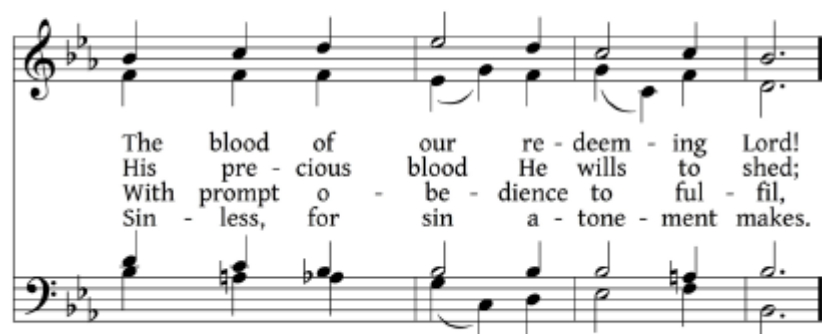
Angelus

"Heilige Seelenlust"

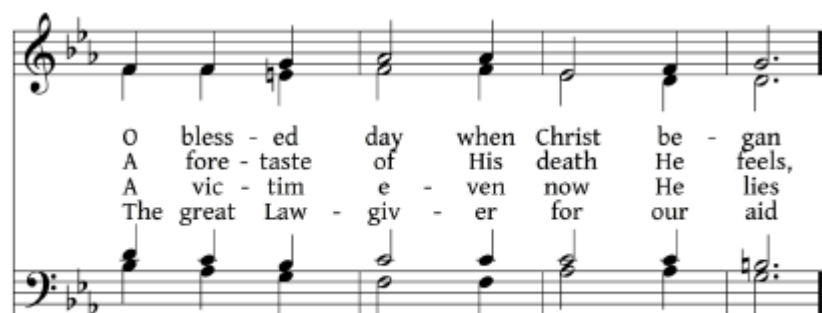
Breslau, 1657, ad.



1. O bless - ed day — when first was poured
 2. While from His moth - er's bos - om fed,
 3. Scarce come to earth, His Fa - ther's will
 4. In love our guilt — He un - der - takes;



The blood of our re - deem - ing Lord!
 His pre - cious blood He wills to shed;
 With prompt o - be - dience to ful - fil,
 Sin - less, for sin a - tone - ment makes.



O bless - ed day when Christ be - gan
 A fore - taste of His death He feels,
 A vic - tim e - ven now He lies
 The great Law - giv - er for our aid



His sav - ing work for sin - ful man!
 An ear - nest of His love re - veals.
 Be - fore the day of sac - ri - fice.
 O - be - dient to the Law is made. A - men.

5. Lord, circumcise our heart, we pray,
 And take what is not Thine away.
 Write Thine own name upon our hearts,
 Thy Law within our inward parts.

Δ6. O Lord, the Virgin-born, to Thee
 Eternal praise and glory be,
 Whom with the Father we adore
 And Holy Ghost forevermore.

To Shepherds as They Watched by Night

Vom Himmel kam der Engel Schar

Martin Luther, 1543

Tr., Richard Massie, 1854, alt.

Puer nobis nascitur

"Musae Sioniae," VI, 1609



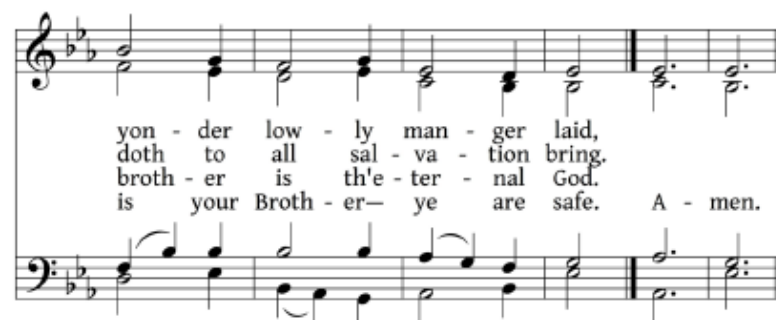
1. To shep - herds as they watched by
 2. At Beth - le - hem, in Da - vid's
 3. Oh, then re - joice that thro' His
 4. What harm can sin and death then



night Ap - peared a host of an - gels bright;
 town, As Mi - cah did of old make known;
 Son God is with sin - ners now at one;
 do? The true God now a - bides with you.



Be - hold the ten - der Babe, they said, In
 'Tis Je - sus Christ, your Lord and King, Who
 Made like your - selves of flesh and blood, Your
 Let hell and Sa - tan rage and chafe, Christ

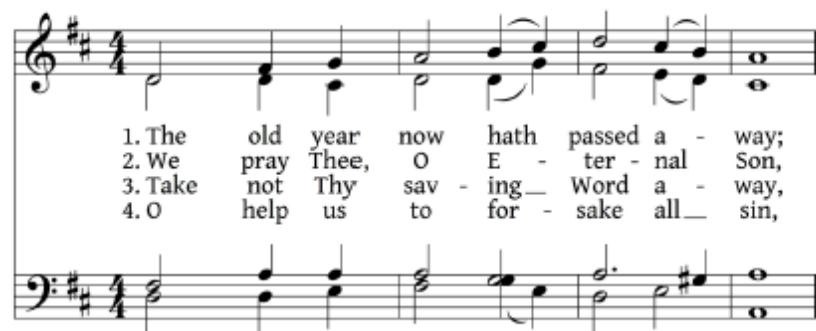


yon - der low - ly man - ger laid,
 doth to all sal - va - tion bring.
 broth - er is th'e - ter - nal God.
 is your Broth - er - ye are safe. A - men.

The Old Year Now Hath Passes Away

Jacob Tapp, 1568 and Johannes Steurlein, 1588
Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1863

Duke Street
John Hatton, 1793



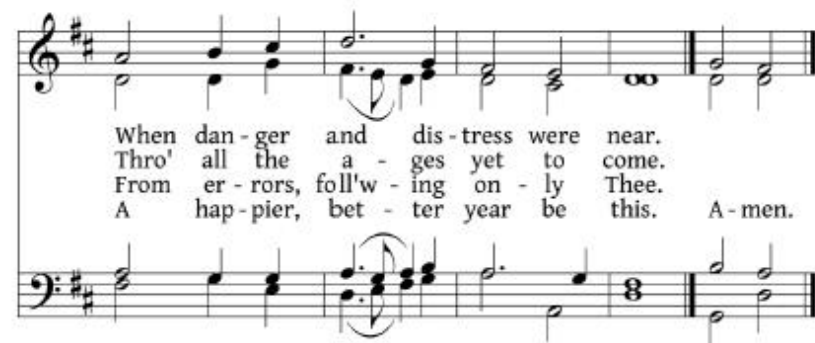
1. The old year now hath passed a - way;
2. We pray Thee, O E - ter - nal Son,
3. Take not Thy sav - ing - Word a - way,
4. O help us to for - sake all sin,



We thank Thee, O our God! to - day,
Who with the Fa - ther reign'st as One,
Our souls' true com - fort, staff, and stay;
A new and ho - lier course be - gin;



That Thou hast kept us thro' the year,
To guard and rule Thy Chris - ten - dom
A - bide with us and keep us free
Mark not what once was done a - miss,



When dan - ger and dis - tress were near.
Thro' all the a - ges yet to come.
From er - rors, foll'w - ing on - ly Thee.
A hap - pier, bet - ter year be this. A - men.

5. Wherein as Christians we may live,
Or die in peace that Thou canst give,
To rise again when Thou shalt come,
And enter our eternal home.

6. There shall we thank Thee, and adore,
With all the angels evermore;
Lord Jesus Christ, increase our faith
To praise Thy Name through life and death.