

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 Oculi

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 of 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.

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Midweek Lenten Vespers
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“Which of you convicteth me of sin?”
St. John 8:46

The Office of Vespers

The Ringing of the Bell

Silent Prayer

The Hymn "Jesus Christ, Our Lord Most Holy" TLH 169

Stand

The Opening Versicles TLH p. 41

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The Psalmody Psalm 86 The Psalter, p. 113

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St. John 8:42-51

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Silent Prayer

Recitation of the Catechism

The Apostles Creed, (pages 13-15) & Questions 201-203 (Of the Resurrection of the Body, pages 104-105).

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

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.

Psalm 86

Psalm Tone IV Flex



P: IN **THE** - || day of my trouble I will call | up- | on | You, | -
For | You | will | ans- | wer | me.

C: || Bow down Your ear, | O | Lord, | hear | me;
For I | am | poor | and | need- | y.

P: || Preserve my life, for | I | am | ho- | ly;
You are my God; Save Your ser- | vant | who | trusts | in | You!

C: || Be merciful to | me, | O | Lord, | -
For I cry | to | You | all | day | long.

P: || Rejoice the soul | of | Your | ser- | vant,
For to You, O Lord, | I | lift | up | my | soul.

C: || For You, Lord, are good, and ready | to | for- | give, | -
And abundant in mercy to all those | who | call | up- | on | You.

P: || Give ear, O Lord, | to | my | *pray-er*; • | -
And attend to the voice of | my | sup- | pli- | ca- | tions.

C: || In the day of my trouble I will | call | up- | on | You,
For | You | will | ans- | wer | me.

P: || Among the gods there is none like | You, | O | Lord; | -
Nor are there an- | y | works | like | Your | works.

C: || All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before
| You, | O | Lord, | -
And shall | glo- | ri- | fy | Your | name.

P: || For You are great, and do | won- | drous | things; | -
You | a- | lone | are | — | God.

C: || Teach me Your way, O *Lord*; (+) I will walk | in | Your |
truth; | -
Unite my | heart | to | fear | Your | name.

P: || I will praise You, O Lord my God, with | all | my | heart, | -
And I will glorify Your | name | for- | ev- | er- | more.

C: || For great is Your mercy | to- | ward | me, | -
And You have delivered my soul from | the | depths | of | She- |
ol.

P: || O God, the proud have ris- | en | a- | gainst | me,
And a mob of violent men have sought my life, and have not |
set | You | be- | fore | them.

C: || But You, O Lord, are a God full of compas- | sion, | and | gra- |
cious,

Longsuffering and abundant | in | mer- | cy | and | truth.

P: || Oh, turn to me, and have | mer- | cy | on | me!

Give Your strength to Your servant, and save the son | of | Your
| maid- | ser- | vant.

C: || Show me a sign for good, that those who hate me may see it and |
be | a- | shamed, | -

Because You, Lord, have helped me | and | com- | fort- | ed | me.

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 | ev- | er | shall | be:
World | with- | out | end. | A- | men.

P: || In the day of my trouble I will call | up- | on | You, | -
For | You | will | ans- | wer | me.

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,



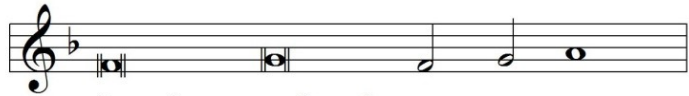
5 O God the Fa ther in heaven,
6 O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
7 O God the Ho - ly Ghost,



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:

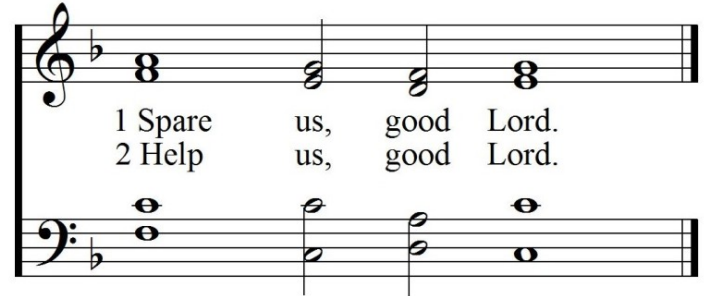
Congregation:



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.

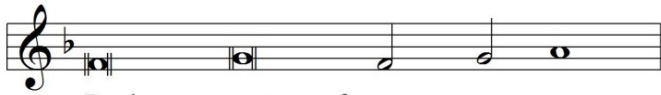


Good Lord, de - liv - er us. (3x)

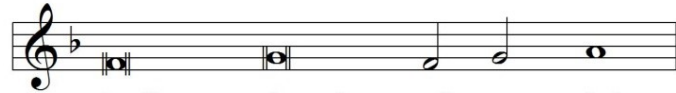


Good Lord, de - liv - er us. (8x)

Minister:



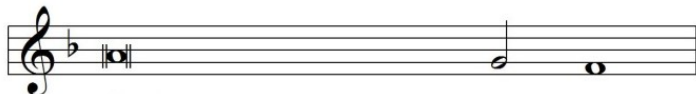
By the mystery of
 Thy holy In - car - nation;
 By Thy ho - ly Na - tivity;
 By Thy baptism,
 fasting, and temp - tation;
 By Thine agony and blood - y sweat;
 By Thy cross and Passion;
 By Thy precious death and burial;
 By Thy glorious res -
 urrection and as - cension;
 And by the coming of
 the Holy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

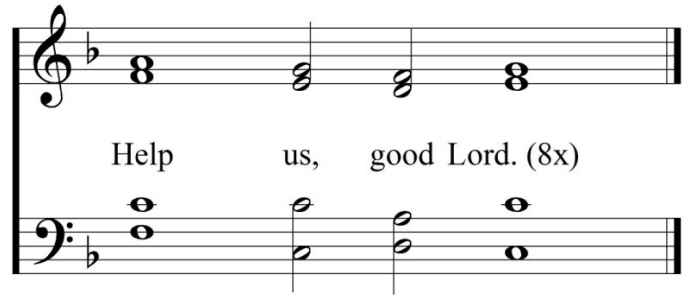


We poor sinners do be - seech Thee

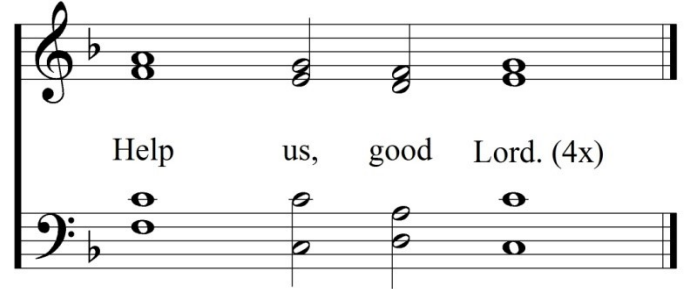


And to rule and govern
 Thy holy Chris - tian Church;
 To preserve all pastors and
 ministers of Thy Church
 in the true knowledge and
 understanding of Thy
 Word and in holiness of life;
 To put an end to all schisms
 and causes of of - fense;
 To bring into the way of truth
 all such as have erred 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:



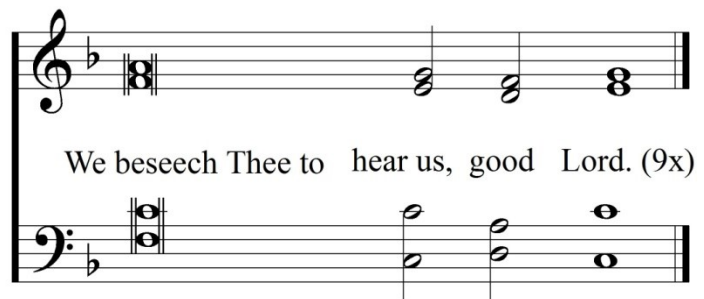
Help us, good Lord. (8x)



Help us, good Lord. (4x)

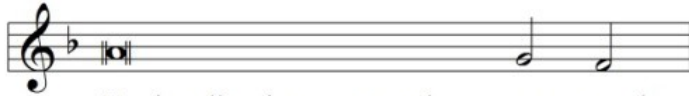


To hear us, O Lord God,



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

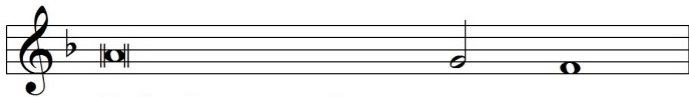
Minster:



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;

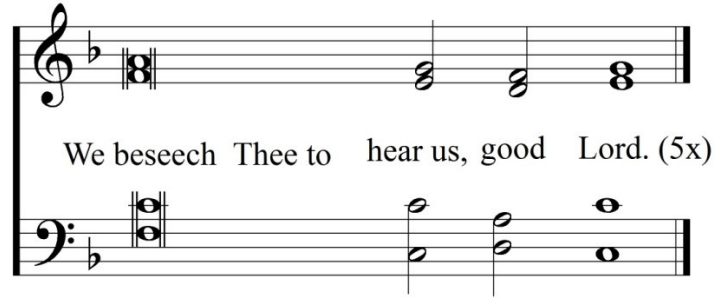


To forgive our enemies,
persecutors, and slanderers
and to turn their hearts;
To give and preserve to our
use the fruits of the earth;
And graciously to hear our prayers:

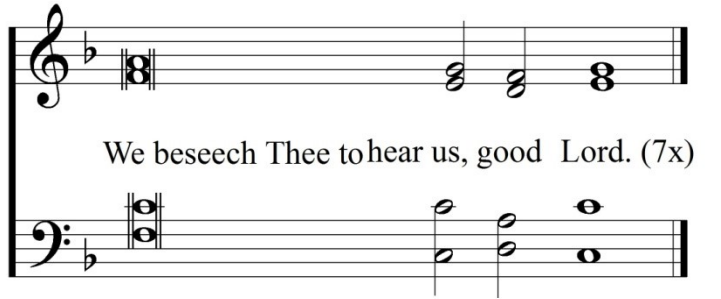


O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

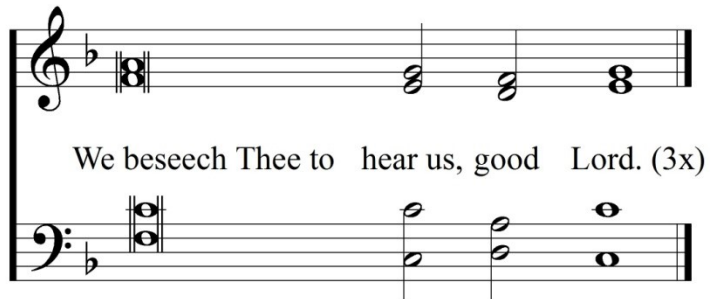
Congregation:



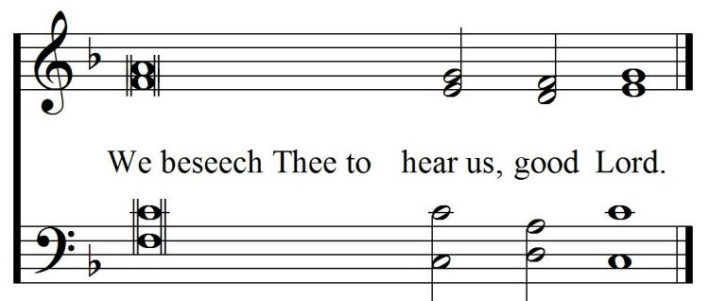
We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord. (5x)



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




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

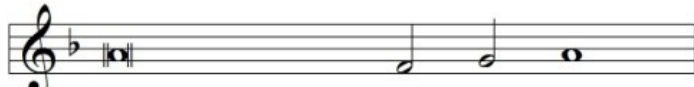


We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.


Minister:



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



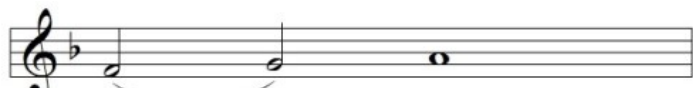
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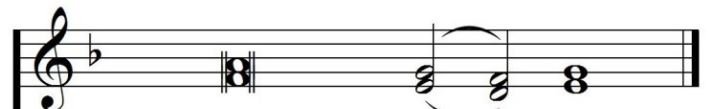


O Christ,

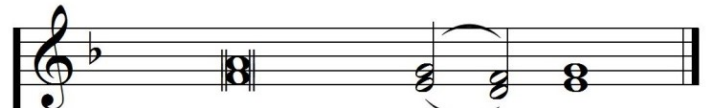


O Lord,


Congregation:




Have mercy up - on us.



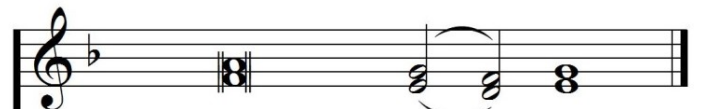
Have mercy up - on us.



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.

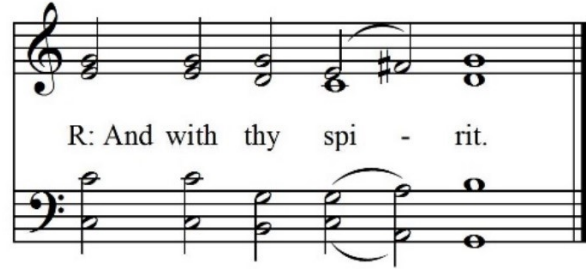
The Salutation

The Minister chants the Salutation:



V: The Lord be with you.

The Congregation responds, chanting:



R: And with thy spi - rit.

The Collect of the Day

Other Collects (if necessary)

The Collect for Peace

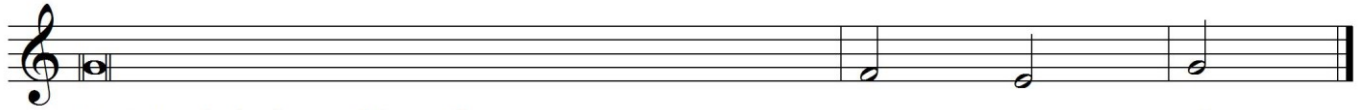
The Congregation responds after each Collect.



A - - - - - men.

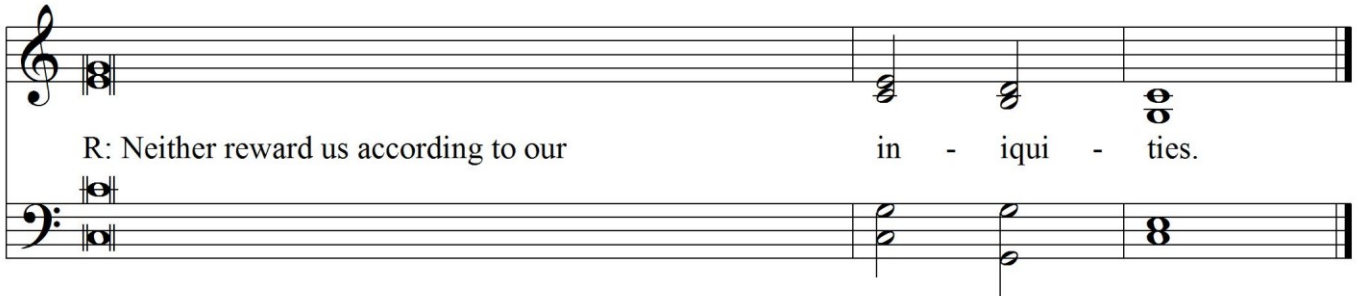
The Litany Collect

The Minister chants the Litany Collect Versicle:



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

The Congregation responds, chanting:



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

The Minister prays the Litany Collect, chanting:



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.

Musical notation for the congregation response 'Amen'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff has a series of chords: a G4 chord, an A4 chord, a B4 chord, a C5 chord, and a D5 chord. The bass staff has a series of notes: G2, A2, B2, C3, and D3. A slur covers the first four chords in the treble staff and the first four notes in the bass staff.

The Benedicamus

The Minister chants the Benedicamus:

V: Bless we the Lord.

Musical notation for the minister's chant 'V: Bless we the Lord.'. It consists of a single treble clef staff with three notes: a G4 note, an A4 note, and a B4 note.

The Congregation responds, chanting:

R: Thanks be to God.

Musical notation for the congregation response 'R: Thanks be to God.'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff has four chords: a G4 chord, an A4 chord, a B4 chord, and a C5 chord. The bass staff has four notes: G2, A2, B2, and C3. A slur covers the first three chords in the treble staff and the first three notes in the bass staff.

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.

Musical notation for the minister's benediction. It consists of two treble clef staves. The first staff has notes for 'The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God'. The second staff has notes for 'and the communion of the Ho - ly Ghost be with you all'. There are rests in the first staff corresponding to the lyrics in the second staff.

The Congregation responds, chanting:

A ————— men.

Musical notation for the congregation response 'Amen'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff has a series of chords: a G4 chord, an A4 chord, a B4 chord, a C5 chord, and a D5 chord. The bass staff has a series of notes: G2, A2, B2, C3, and D3. A slur covers the first four chords in the treble staff and the first four notes in the bass staff.

Silent Prayer