

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, 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 Laetare

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of Thy grace may mercifully be relieved; 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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“I Am the living bread which came down out of heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: yea and the bread which I will give is My flesh, for the life of the world.” St. John 6:51

Psalm 139



P: O **LORD**, - || You | have | searched | me
And | — | **known** - | me. | —

C: || O Lord, You have searched me | and | known | me.
You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand
my | thought | **a-** - | far | off.

P: || You comprehend my path and my | ly- | ing | down,
And are acquainted | with | **all** - | my | ways.

C: || For there is not a word | on | my | tongue,
But behold, O Lord, You know it | al- | **to-** - | geth- | er.

P: || You have hedged me behind | and | be- | fore,
And laid Your | hand | **up-** - | on | me.

C: || Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful | for | me;
It is high, I can- | not | **at-** - | tain | it.

P: || Where can I go from | Your | Spi- | rit?
Or where can I flee | from | **Your** - | pre- | sence?

C: || If I ascend into heaven, | You | are | there;
If I make my bed in hell, be- | hold, | **You** - | are | there.

P: || If I take the wings of | the | morn- | ing,
And dwell in the uttermost | parts | **of** - | the | sea,

C: || Even there Your hand | shall | lead | me,
And Your right | hand | **shall** - | hold | me.

P: || If I say, “Surely the darkness shall | fall | on | me,”
Even the night shall be | light | **a-** - | bout | me;

C: || Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, but the night shines
| as | the | day;

The darkness and the light are both | a- | **like** - | to | You.

P: || For You formed my | in- | ward | parts;
You covered me in | my | **moth-** - | er’s | womb.

C: || I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonder- | ful- | ly | made;
Marvelous are Your works, and that my soul | knows | **ver-** - | y
| well.

P: || My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made | in | sec- |
ret,

And skillfully wrought in the lowest | parts | **of** - | the | earth.

C: || Your eyes saw my substance, being | yet | un- | formed.



And in Your book they | all | **were** - | writ- | ten,
P: || The days fa- | shioned | for | me,
When as yet there | were | **none** - | of | them.
C: || How precious also are Your thoughts to | me, | O | God!
How great is | the | **sum** - | of | them!
P: || If I should count them, they would be more in number | than | the |
sand;

When I awake, I | am | **still** - | with | You.
C: || Oh, that You would slay the wick- | ed, | O | God!
Depart from me, therefore, you | blood- | **thirst-** - | y | men.

P: || For they speak against You | wick- | ed- | ly;
Your enemies take | Your | **name** - | in | vain.

C: || Do I not hate them, O Lord, | who | hate | You?
And do I not loathe those who rise | up | **a-** - | gainst | You?

P: || I hate them with per- | fect | hat- | red;
I count them | my | **en-** - | e- | mies.

C: || Search me, O God, and | know | my | heart;
Try me, and know my | an- | **xi-** - | e- | ties;

P: || And see if there is any wicked | way | in | me,
And lead me in the way | ev- | **er-** - | last- | ing.

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: || O Lord, You | have | searched | me
And | — | **known** - | 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,



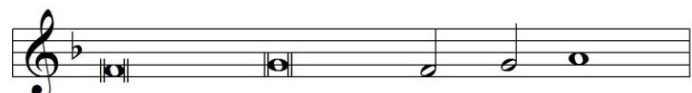
5 O God the Fa ther in heaven,
6 O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
7 O God the Ho - ly Ghost,



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



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

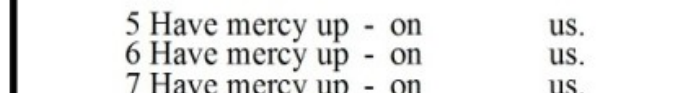


From the crafts and assaults of the devil;
From sudden and e - vil death;
From pesti - lence and famine;
From war and bloodshed;
From se - dition and re - bellion;
From light - ning and tempest;
From all ca - lamity by fire and water;
And from ever - last - ing death:



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.



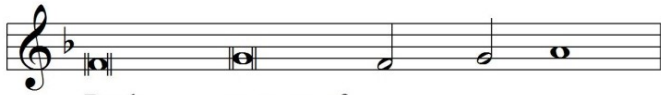

Good Lord, de - liv - er us. (3x)



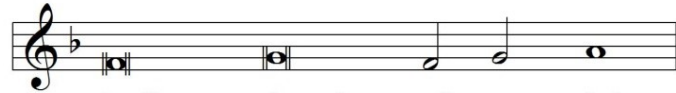

Good Lord, de - liv - er us. (8x)



Minister:



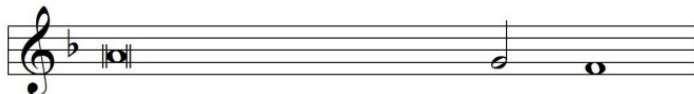
By the mystery of
 Thy holy In - car - nation;
 By Thy ho - ly Na - tivity;
 By Thy baptism,
 fasting, and temp - tation;
 By Thine agony and blood - y sweat;
 By Thy cross and Passion;
 By Thy precious death and burial;
 By Thy glorious res -
 urrection and as - cension;
 And by the coming of
 the Holy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

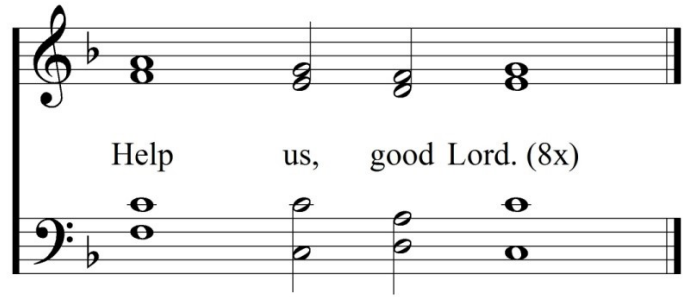


We poor sinners do be - seech Thee

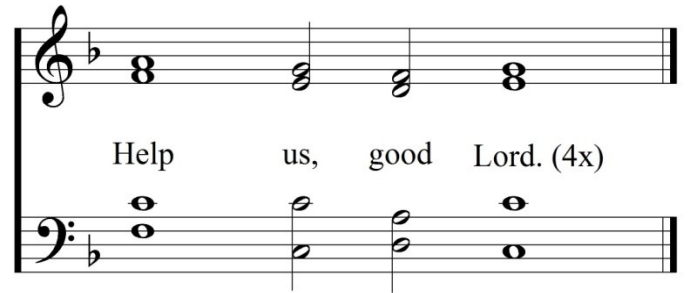


And to rule and govern
 Thy holy Chris - tian Church;
 To preserve all pastors and
 ministers of Thy Church
 in the true knowledge and
 understanding of Thy
 Word and in holiness of life;
 To put an end to all schisms
 and causes of of - fense;
 To bring into the way of truth
 all such as have erred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



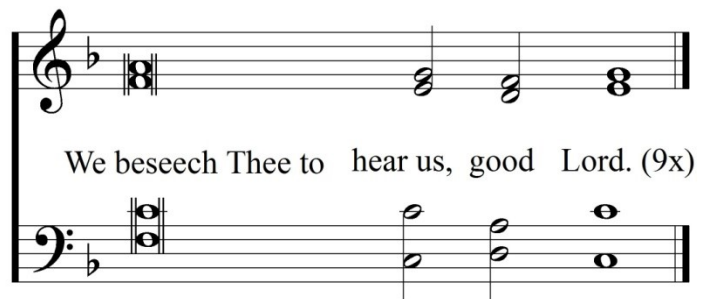
Help us, good Lord. (8x)



Help us, good Lord. (4x)

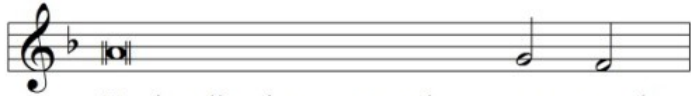


To hear us, O Lord God,



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

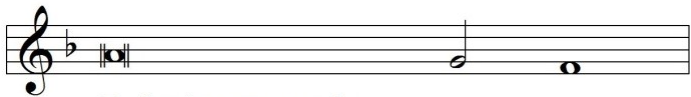
Minster:



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;

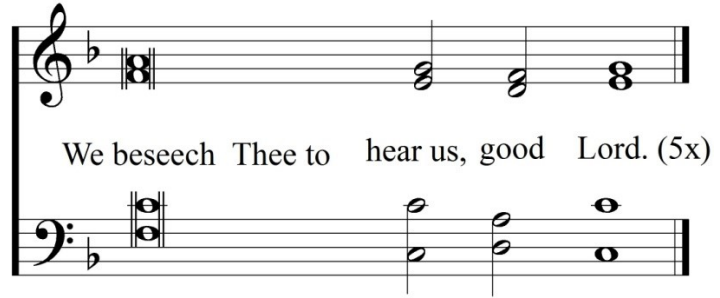


To forgive our enemies,
persecutors, and slanderers
and to turn their hearts;
To give and preserve to our
use the fruits of the earth;
And graciously to hear our prayers:

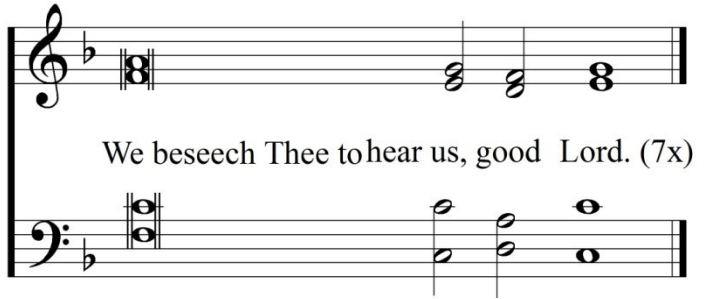


O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

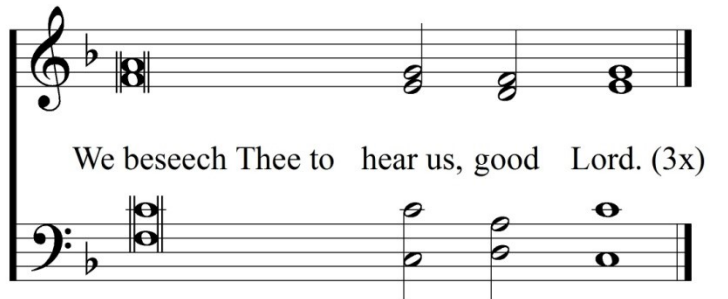
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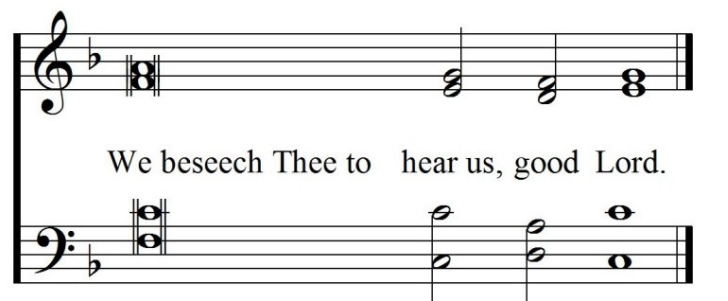
We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord. (5x)



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

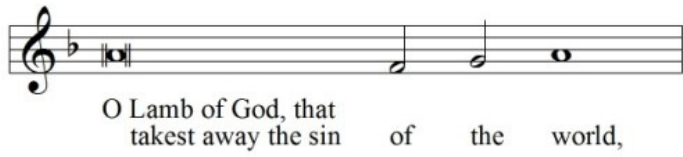


We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord. (3x)

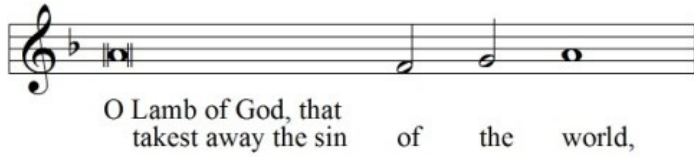


We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

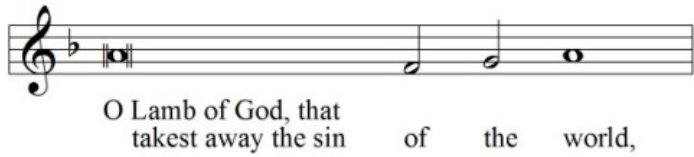
Minister:



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



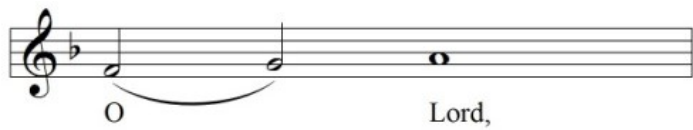
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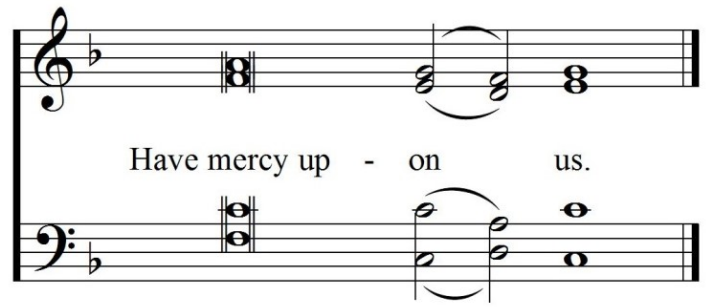


O Christ,

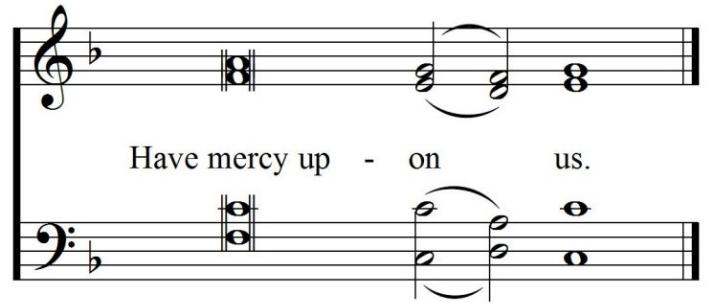


O Lord,

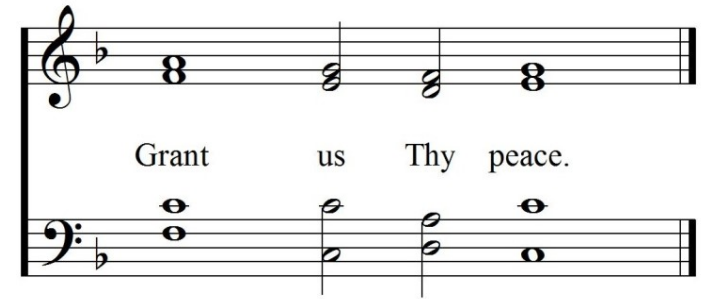
Congregation:



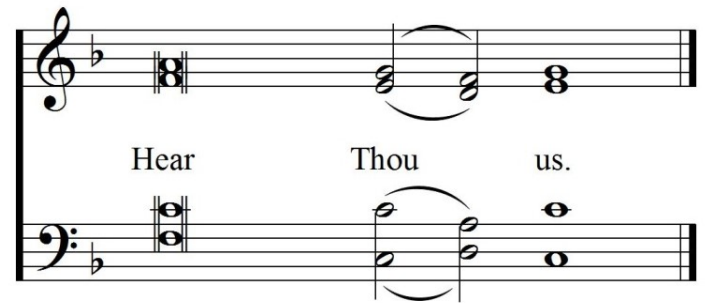
Have mercy up - on us.



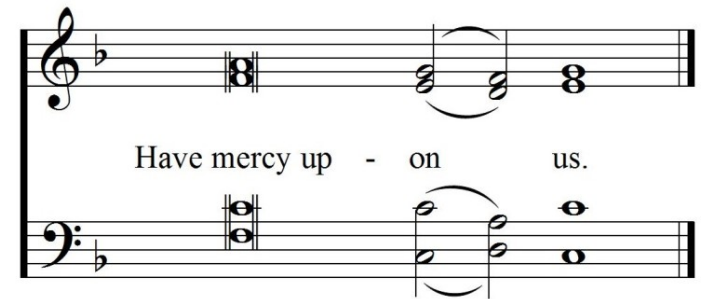
Have mercy up - on us.



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 is 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:

Musical notation for the Congregation's response. It consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, and C5, all marked as half notes. The bass staff contains the notes G3, F#3, E3, and D3, all marked as half notes. The two staves are connected by a brace on the left.

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.

Musical notation for the Congregation's response after the Collect. It consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, and C5, all marked as half notes. The bass staff contains the notes G3, F#3, E3, and D3, all marked as half notes. The two staves are connected by a brace on the left.

A - - - - - men.

The Litany Collect

The Minister chants the Litany Collect Versicle:

Musical notation for the Minister's chant of the Litany Collect Versicle. It consists of a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are G4, A4, B4, and C5, all marked as half notes.

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

The Congregation responds, chanting:

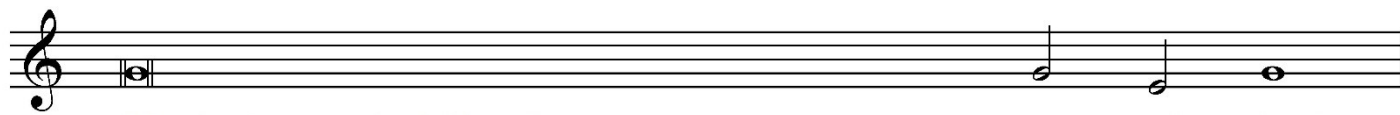
Musical notation for the Congregation's response to the Litany Collect Versicle. It consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and contains the notes G4, A4, B4, and C5, all marked as half notes. The bass staff contains the notes G3, F#3, E3, and D3, all marked as half notes. The two staves are connected by a brace on the left.

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

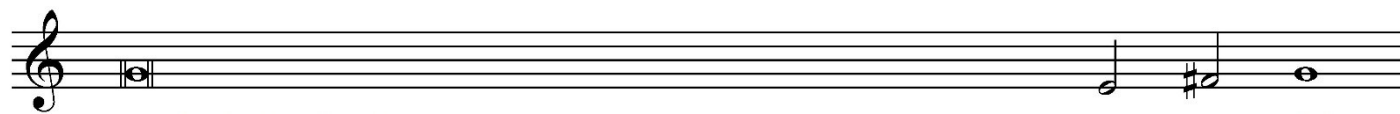
The Minister prays the Litany Collect, chanting:

Musical notation for the Minister's prayer of the Litany Collect. It consists of a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are G4, A4, B4, and C5, all marked as half notes.

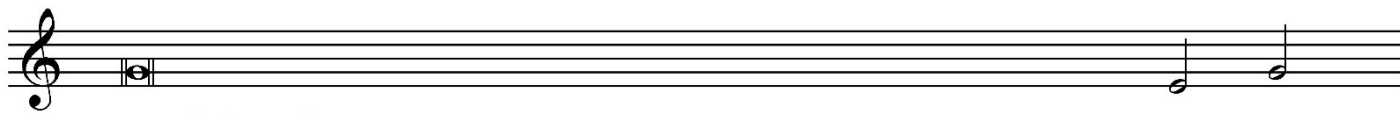
V: Let us pray: O God, Merciful Fa - ther,



Who despisest not the sighing of a con - trite heart



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



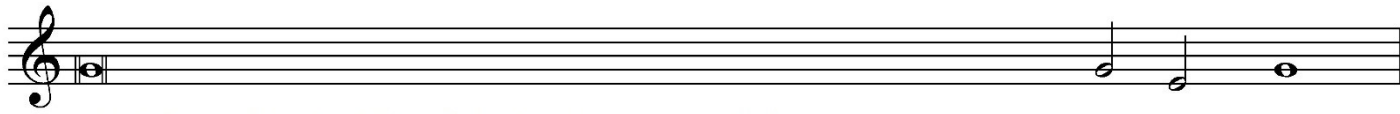
mercifully assist our prayers



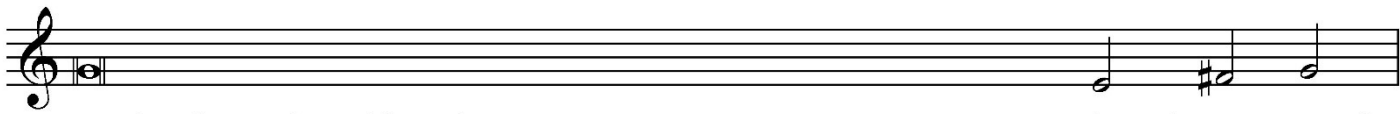
which we make before Thee in all our troubles and adversities whensoever they op - press us,



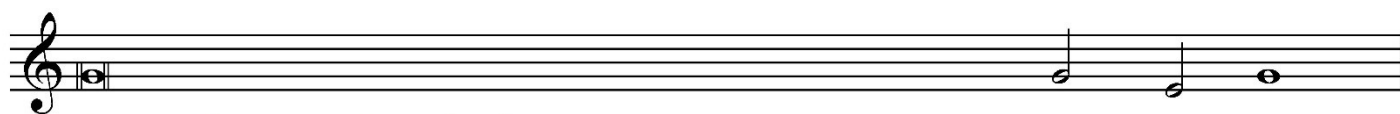
and graciously hear us that those evils



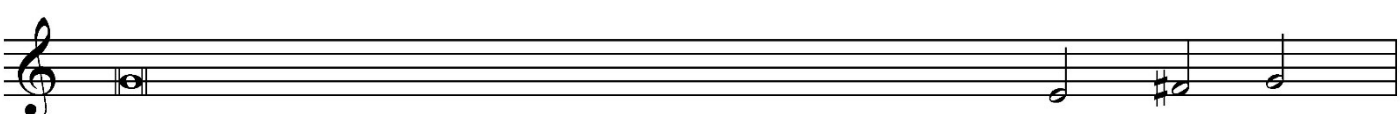
which the craft and subtilty of the devil or man worketh a - gainst us



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:

Amen.

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 key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is written in a simple, chant-like style with a long note for 'A' and a shorter note for 'men.'. The bass staff provides a simple accompaniment with a key signature of one sharp and a common time signature.

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 a key signature of one sharp and a common time signature. The melody is written in a simple, chant-like style with a long note for 'V: Bless we' and a shorter note for 'the Lord.'.

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 a key signature of one sharp and a common time signature. The melody is written in a simple, chant-like style with a long note for 'R: Thanks' and a shorter note for 'be to God.'. The bass staff provides a simple accompaniment with a key signature of one sharp and a common time signature.

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 staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp and a common time signature. The melody is written in a simple, chant-like style with a long note for 'The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ' and a shorter note for 'and the love of God'. The bass staff provides a simple accompaniment with a key signature of one sharp and a common time signature.

The Congregation responds, chanting:

Amen.

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 key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is written in a simple, chant-like style with a long note for 'A' and a shorter note for 'men.'. The bass staff provides a simple accompaniment with a key signature of one sharp and a common time signature.

Silent Prayer