

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.

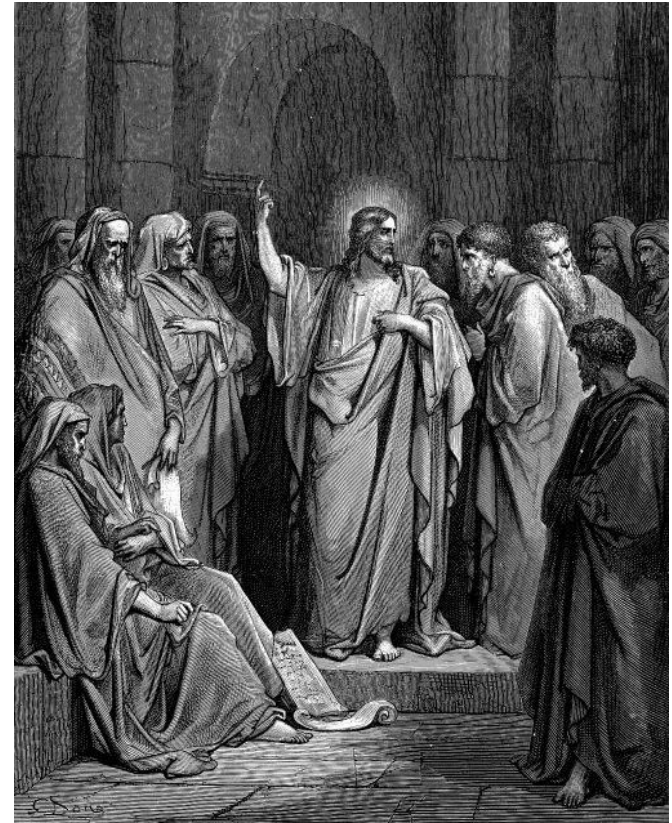
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We beseech Thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon Thy people, that by Thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy 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
March 29th, 2023

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“Think not that I came to send peace on the earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.”

St. Matthew 10:34

The Office of Vespers

The Ringing of the Bell

Silent Prayer

The Hymn “*Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted*” TLH 153

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The Opening Versicles TLH p. 41

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St. Matthew 10:32-42

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Silent Prayer

Recitation of the Catechism

How One Should Be Taught to Pray, (pages 27-29) & Questions 231-235
(The Lord’s Prayer, The Second Petition, pages 114-115).

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

1 Corinthians 1:21-31

²¹ For seeing that in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom knew not God, it was God’s good pleasure through the foolishness of the preaching to save them that believe. ²² Seeing that Jews ask for signs, and Greeks seek after wisdom: ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, unto Jews a stumblingblock, and unto Gentiles foolishness; ²⁴ but unto them that are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. ²⁶ For behold your calling, brethren, that not many wise after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, *are called*: ²⁷ but God chose the foolish things of the world, that He might put to shame them that are wise; and God chose the weak things of the world, that He might put to shame the things that are strong; ²⁸ and the base things of the world, and the things that are despised, did God choose, *yea* and the things that are not, that He might bring to nought the things that are: ²⁹ that no flesh should glory before God. ³⁰ But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, who was made unto us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption: ³¹ that, according as it is written, “He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.”

St. Matthew 10:32-42

³² “Every one therefore who shall confess Me before men, him will I also confess before My Father who is in heaven. ³³ But whosoever shall deny Me before men, Him will I also deny before My Father who is in heaven. ³⁴ Think not that I came to send peace on the earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I came to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law: ³⁶ and a man’s foes *shall be* they of his own household. ³⁷ He that loveth father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he that loveth son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. ³⁸ And he that doth not take his cross and follow after Me, is not worthy of Me. ³⁹ He that findeth his life shall lose it; and he that loseth his life for My sake shall find it. ⁴⁰ He that receiveth you receiveth Me, and he that receiveth Me receiveth Him that sent Me. ⁴¹ He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet’s reward: and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man’s reward. ⁴² And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only, in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you he shall in no wise lose his reward.”

Psalm 27



P: THE **LORD** - || is my light and my salvation; Whom | shall | I | fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life; Of whom shall | I | **be** - | a-
| fraid?

C: || When the wicked came against me to eat up my flesh, my ene- |
mies | and | foes,
They | stum- | **bled** - | and | fell.

P: || Though an army may encamp against me, my heart | shall | not |
fear;

Though war should rise against me, in this I will | be |
con- - | fi- | dent.

C: || One thing I have desired of the Lord, that | will | I | seek:
That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire | in | **His** - | tem-
| ple.

P: || For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His | pa- | vi- | lion;
In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall
set me high | up- | **on** - | a | rock.

C: || And now my head shall be lifted *up* (+) above my enemies all | a-
| round | me;

Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will
sing, yes, I will sing prais- | es | **to** - | the | Lord.

P: || Hear, O Lord, when I cry | with | my | voice!

Have mercy also upon me, | and | **ans-** - | wer | me.

C: || When You said, | “Seek | My | face,” *
My heart said to You, “Your face, | Lord, | **I** - | will | seek.”

P: || Do not hide Your face from *me*; (+) Do not turn Your servant away
| in | an- | ger; *

You have been my help; Do not leave me nor forsake me, O
God of | my | **sal-** - | va- | tion.

C: || When my father and my mother | for- | sake | me,
Then the Lord will | take | **care** - | of | me.

P: || Teach me Your | way, | O | Lord,

And lead me in a smooth path, because of | my | **en-** - | e- | mies.



C: || Do not deliver me to the will of my ad- | ver- | sa- | ries;
For false witnesses have risen against me, and such as breathe |
out | **vi-** - | o- | lence.

P: || I would | have | lost | heart,
Unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord
in the land | of | **the** - | liv- | ing.

C: || Wait on the Lord; Be of good cour-*age*, (+) and He shall streng- |
then | your | heart;
Wait, I | say, | **on** - | the | Lord!

P: || The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom | shall | I | fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life; Of whom shall | I | **be** - | a-
| fraid?

The Responsory

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.

Detailed description: This block contains the first system of the responsory for the Soprano part. It consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the top staff. The first line of music corresponds to the first line of lyrics, and the second line of music corresponds to the second line of lyrics. The music features a mix of chords and moving lines, with some notes tied across bar lines.

and the place where Thine hon - or dwell - eth.

Detailed description: This block contains the second system of the responsory for the Soprano part. It consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the top staff. The music continues from the previous system, with the lyrics 'and the place where Thine hon - or dwell - eth.' written below the top staff.

C:

Lord, I have loved the hab - i - ta - tion of Thy house,

and the place where Thine hon - or dwell - eth.

Detailed description: This block contains the first system of the responsory for the Contralto part. It consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the top staff. The music features a mix of chords and moving lines, with some notes tied across bar lines.

P:

Bless - ed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it.

Detailed description: This block contains the second system of the responsory for the Soprano part. It consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the top staff. The music continues from the previous system, with the lyrics 'Bless - ed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it.' written below the top staff.


C:

Lord, I have loved the hab - i - ta - tion of Thy house,


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The Litany

Minister:



1 O Lord,
2 O Christ,
3 O Lord,
4 O Christ,



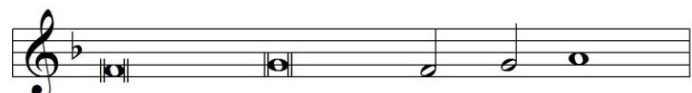
5 O God the Fa ther in heaven,
6 O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
7 O God the Ho - ly Ghost,



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.



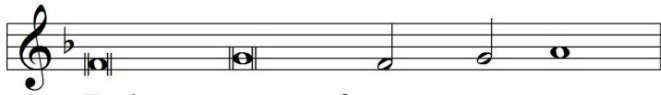

Good Lord, de - liv - er us. (3x)



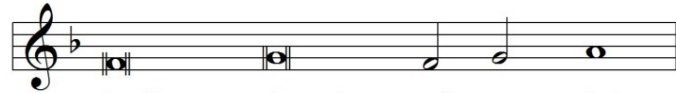

Good Lord, de - liv - er us. (8x)



Minister:



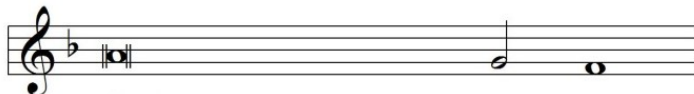
By the mystery of
 Thy holy In - car - nation;
 By Thy ho - ly Na - tivity;
 By Thy baptism,
 fasting, and temp - tation;
 By Thine agony and blood - y sweat;
 By Thy cross and Passion;
 By Thy precious death and burial;
 By Thy glorious res -
 urrection and as - cension;
 And by the coming of
 the Holy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

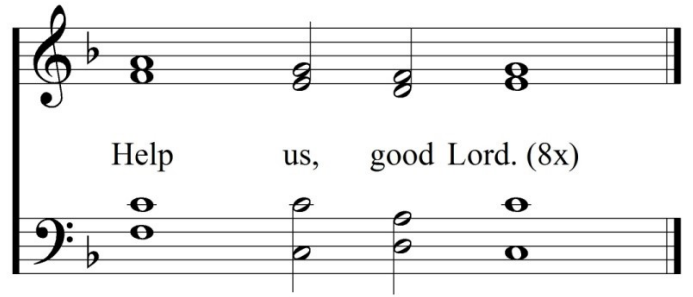


We poor sinners do be - seech Thee

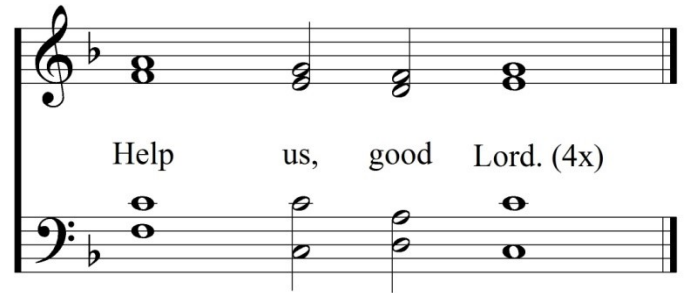


And to rule and govern
 Thy holy Chris - tian Church;
 To preserve all pastors and
 ministers of Thy Church
 in the true knowledge and
 understanding of Thy
 Word and in holiness of life;
 To put an end to all schisms
 and causes of of - fense;
 To bring into the way of truth
 all such as have erred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

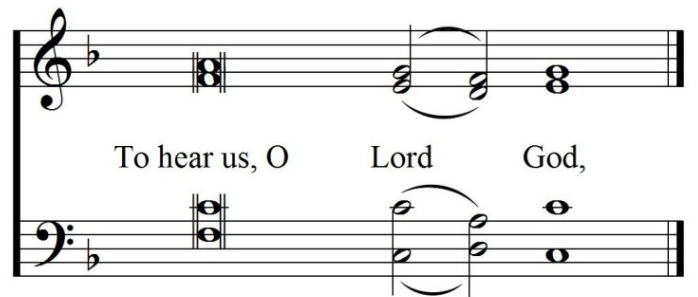
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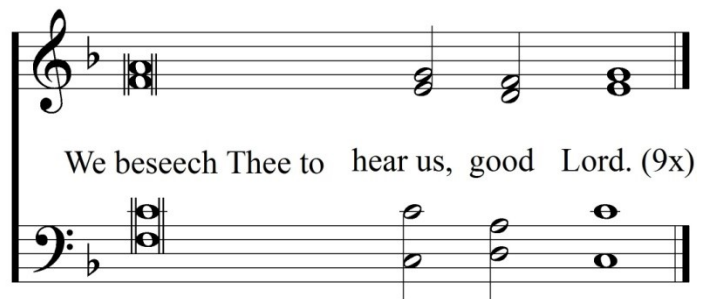
Help us, good Lord. (8x)



Help us, good Lord. (4x)

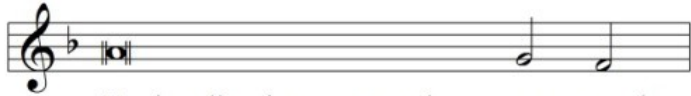


To hear us, O Lord God,



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

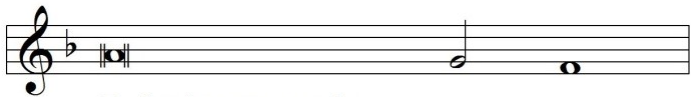
Minster:



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, and tribu - la - tion;
To protect all who travel by land, air, or wa - ter;
To preserve all women in the child - birth;
perils of
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;

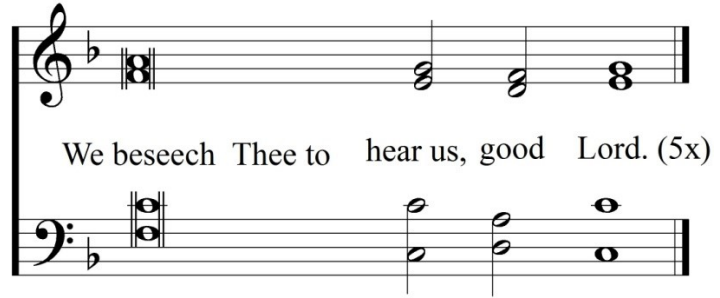


To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts;
To give and preserve to our the earth;
use the fruits of
And graciously to hear our prayers:

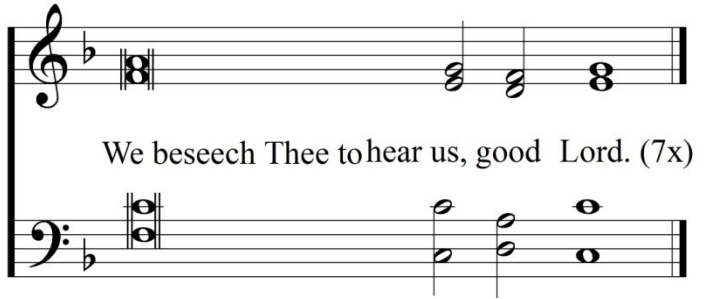


O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

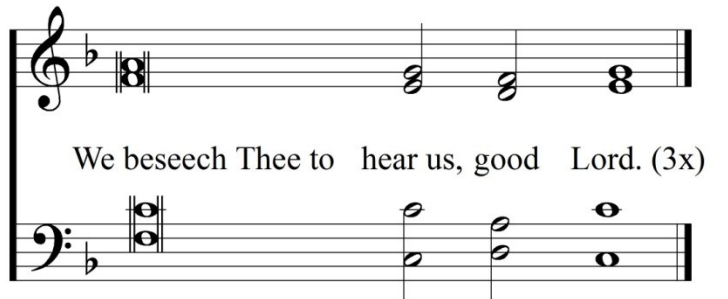
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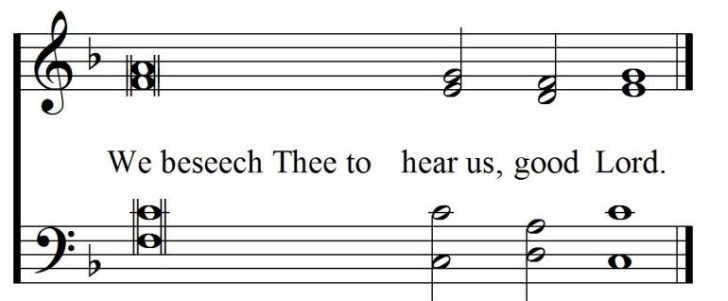
We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord. (5x)



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

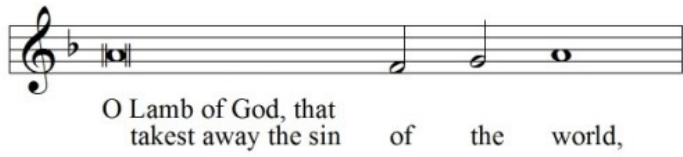


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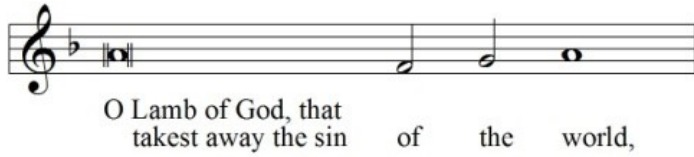


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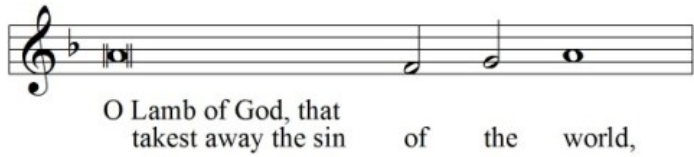
Minister:



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



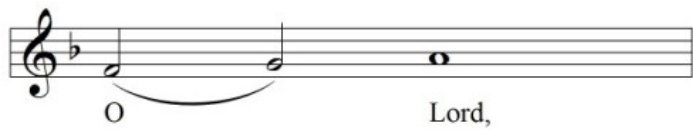
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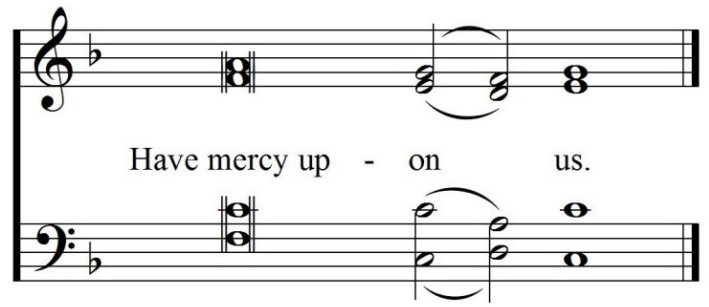


O Christ,

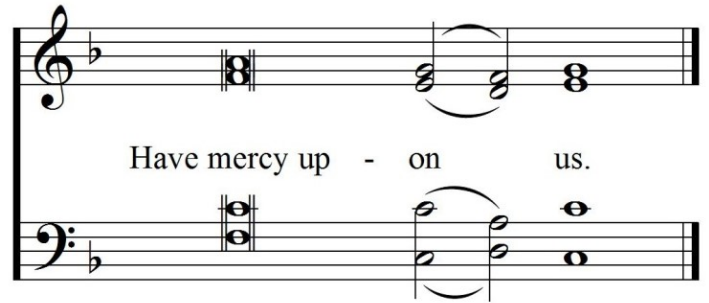


O Lord,

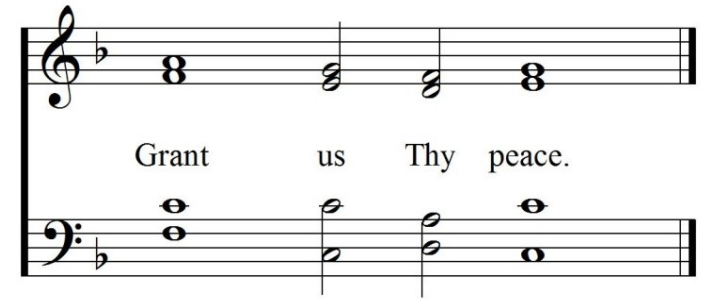
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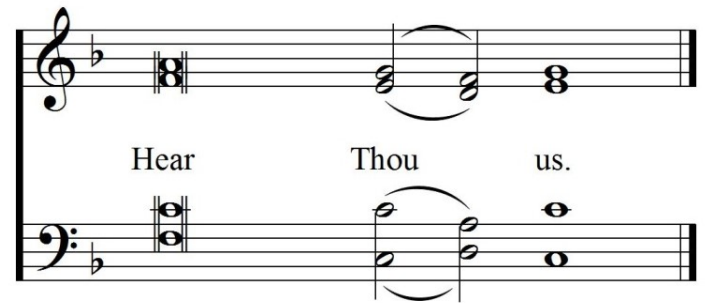
Have mercy up - on us.



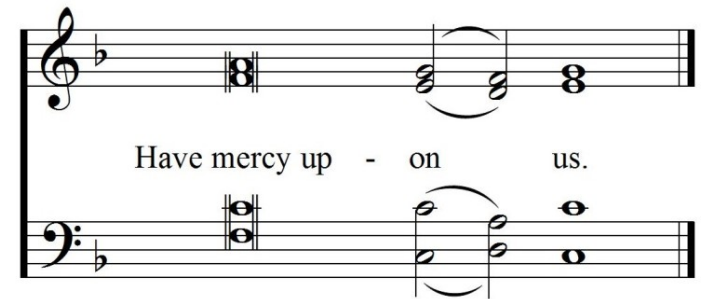
Have mercy up - on us.



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:

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 a common time signature. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

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 a common time signature. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

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 melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter).

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

The Congregation responds, chanting:

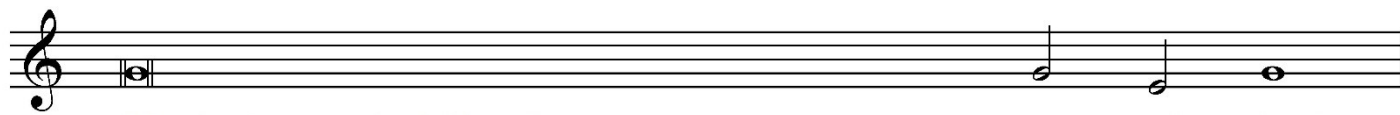
Musical notation for the Congregation's response to the Litany Collect Versicle. It consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

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

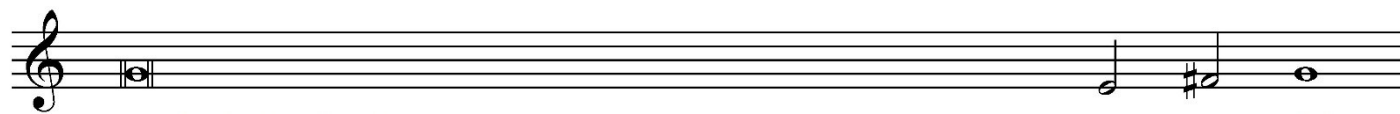
The Minister prays the Litany Collect, chanting:

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 melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter).

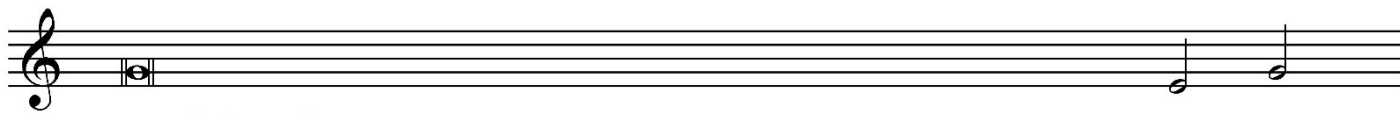
V: Let us pray: O God, Merciful Fa - ther,



Who despisest not the sighing of a con - trite heart



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



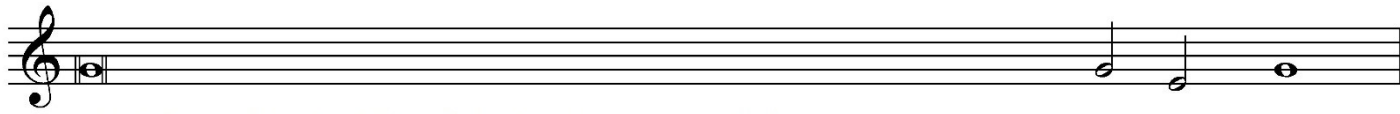
mercifully assist our prayers



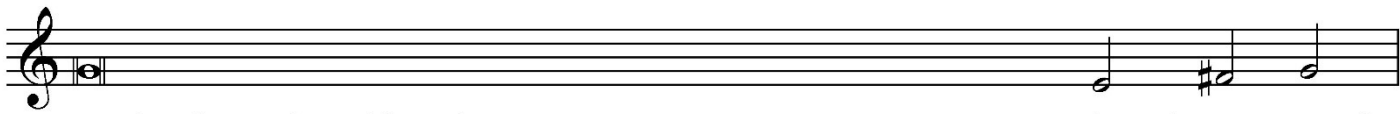
which we make before Thee in all our troubles and adversities whensoever they op - press us,



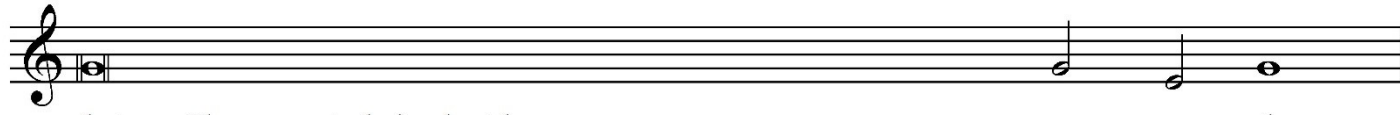
and graciously hear us that those evils



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. The lyrics are: '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.'.

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