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Twentieth Sunday After Trinity *October 18, 2026*

Confession and Absolution

728 How Firm a Foundation



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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Exhortation *LSB 184*

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins *LSB 184*

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Absolution *LSB 185*

℗ Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ℂ **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm 48:1, 9–11; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

℗ The Lord is righteous in all he has done to us,

ℂ **for we have not obeyed his commandments.**

℗ Glorify your name, O Lord;

ℂ **and deal with us according to your great mercy.**

℗ Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised

ℂ **in the city of our God, his holy mountain.**

℗ We have thought on your steadfast love, O God,

ℂ **in the midst of your temple.**

℗ As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.

ℂ **Your right hand is filled with righteousness.**

℗ Let Mount Zion be glad!

ℂ **Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments!**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

℗ The Lord is righteous in all he has done to us,

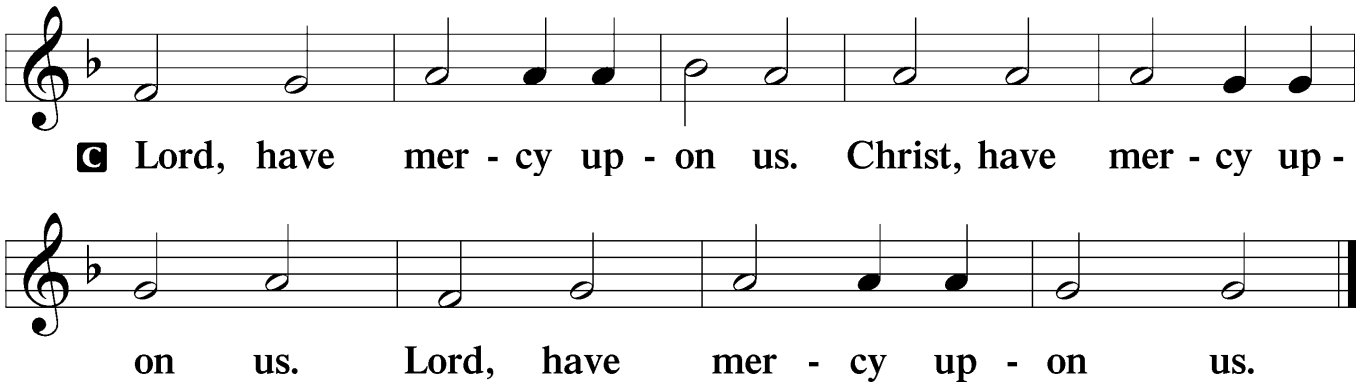
ℂ **for we have not obeyed his commandments.**

℗ Glorify your name, O Lord;

℄ and deal with us according to your great mercy.

Kyrie

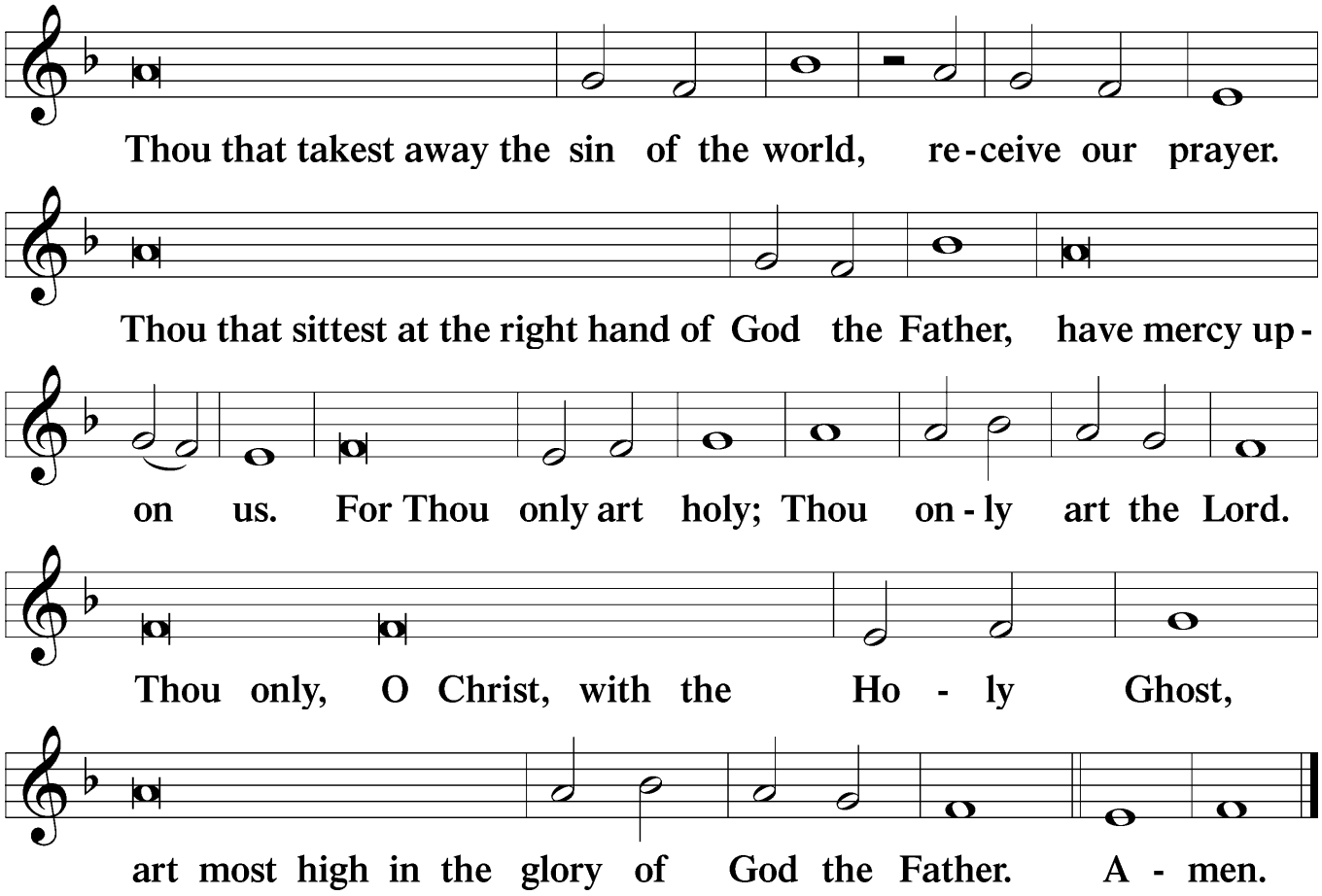
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Gloria in Excelsis

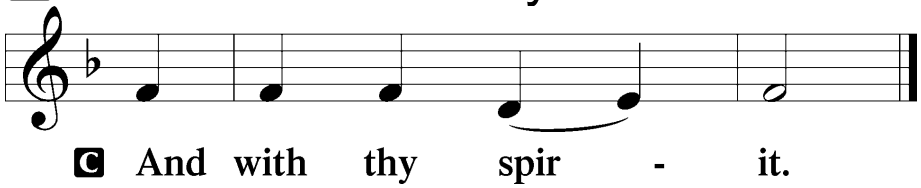
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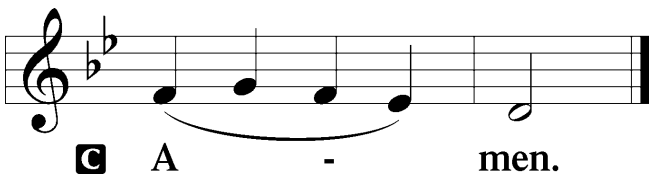
Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

C **O Lord, grant to Your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve You with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**



Sit

Old Testament Reading *2 Kings 2:6–18*

6 Then Elijah said to him, “Please stay here, for the LORD
has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives,
and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of
them went on. 7 Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also
went and stood at some distance from them, as they both
were standing by the Jordan. 8 Then Elijah took his cloak
and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was
parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them
could go over on dry ground.

9 When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask what I
shall do for you, before I am taken from you.” And Elisha
said, “Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on
me.” 10 And he said, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if
you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for
you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so.” 11 And as
they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and
horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up
by a whirlwind into heaven. 12 And Elisha saw it and he
cried, “My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its
horsemen!” And he saw him no more.

Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two
pieces. 13 And he took up the cloak of Elijah that had fallen
from him and went back and stood on the bank of the
Jordan. 14 Then he took the cloak of Elijah that had fallen
from him and struck the water, saying, “Where is the LORD,
the God of Elijah?” And when he had struck the water, the
water was parted to the one side and to the other, and
Elisha went over.

15 Now when the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho
saw him opposite them, they said, “The spirit of Elijah rests
on Elisha.” And they came to meet him and bowed to the

ground before him. [16]And they said to him, “Behold now, there are with your servants fifty strong men. Please let them go and seek your master. It may be that the Spirit of the LORD has caught him up and cast him upon some mountain or into some valley.” And he said, “You shall not send.” [17]But when they urged him till he was ashamed, he said, “Send.” They sent therefore fifty men. And for three days they sought him but did not find him. [18]And they came back to him while he was staying at Jericho, and he said to them, “Did I not say to you, ‘Do not go’?”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *1 John 1:5—2:2*

[5]This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. [6]If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. [7]But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. [8]If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. [9]If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. [10]If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

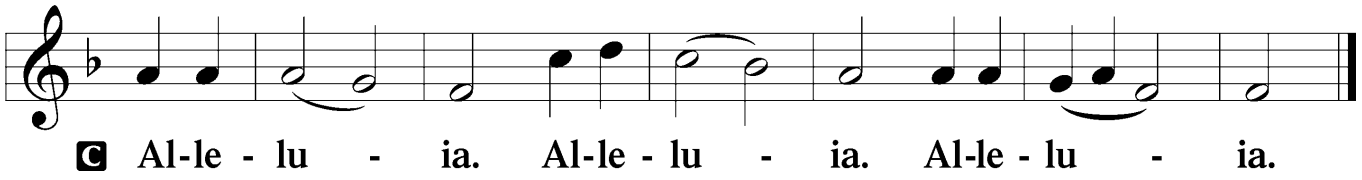
[1]My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. [2]He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

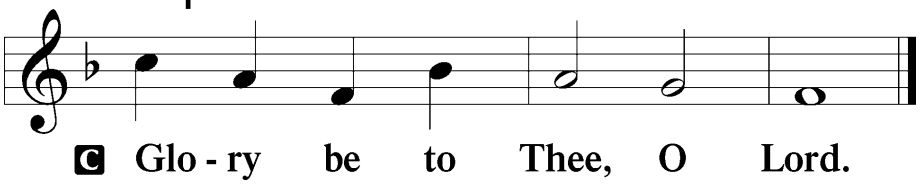
Stand

Alleluia *LSB 190*



Holy Gospel *Luke 6:43–49*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.



43 “For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad
tree bear good fruit, 44 for each tree is known by its own fruit.
For figs are not gathered from thornbushes, nor are grapes
picked from a bramble bush. 45 The good person out of the
good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil
person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the
abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.
46 “Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell
you? 47 Everyone who comes to me and hears my words
and does them, I will show you what he is like: 48 he is like a
man building a house, who dug deep and laid the
foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream
broke against that house and could not shake it, because it
had been well built. 49 But the one who hears and does not
do them is like a man who built a house on the ground
without a foundation. When the stream broke against it,
immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**
maker of heaven and earth.

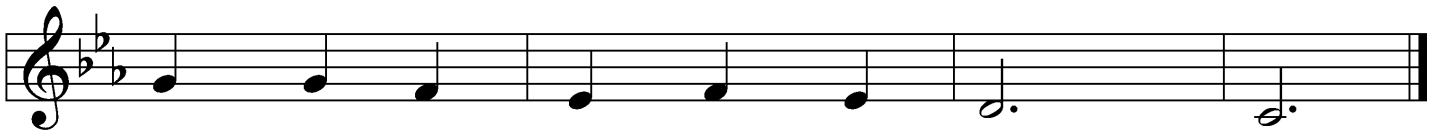
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✢ everlasting. Amen.

Sit

645 Built on the Rock





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Sermon

Votum

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

Stand

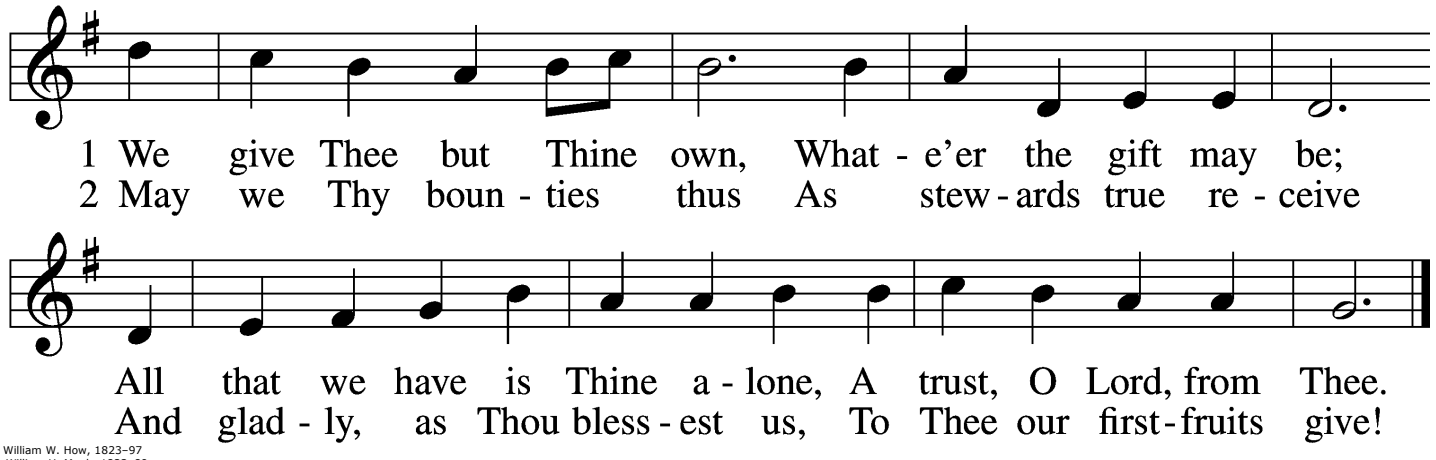
Offertory *LSB 192*



Offering

781 We Give Thee But Thine Own

sts. 1–2



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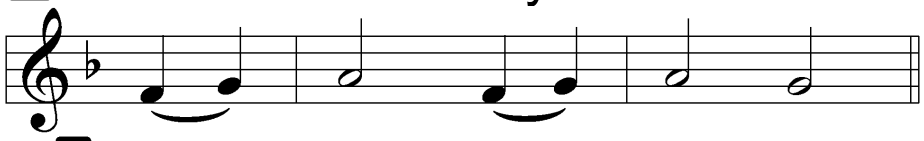
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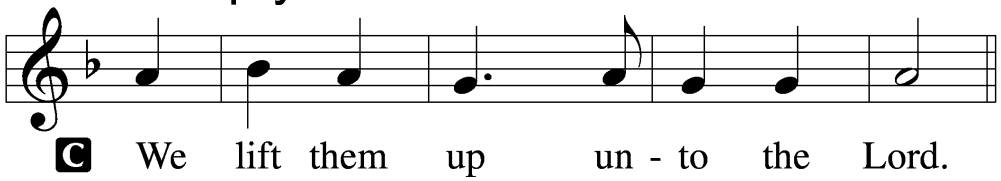
Preface

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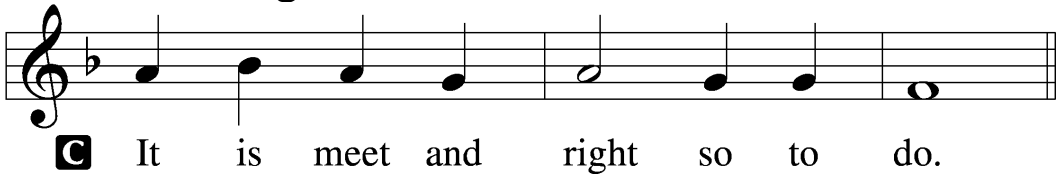
P The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



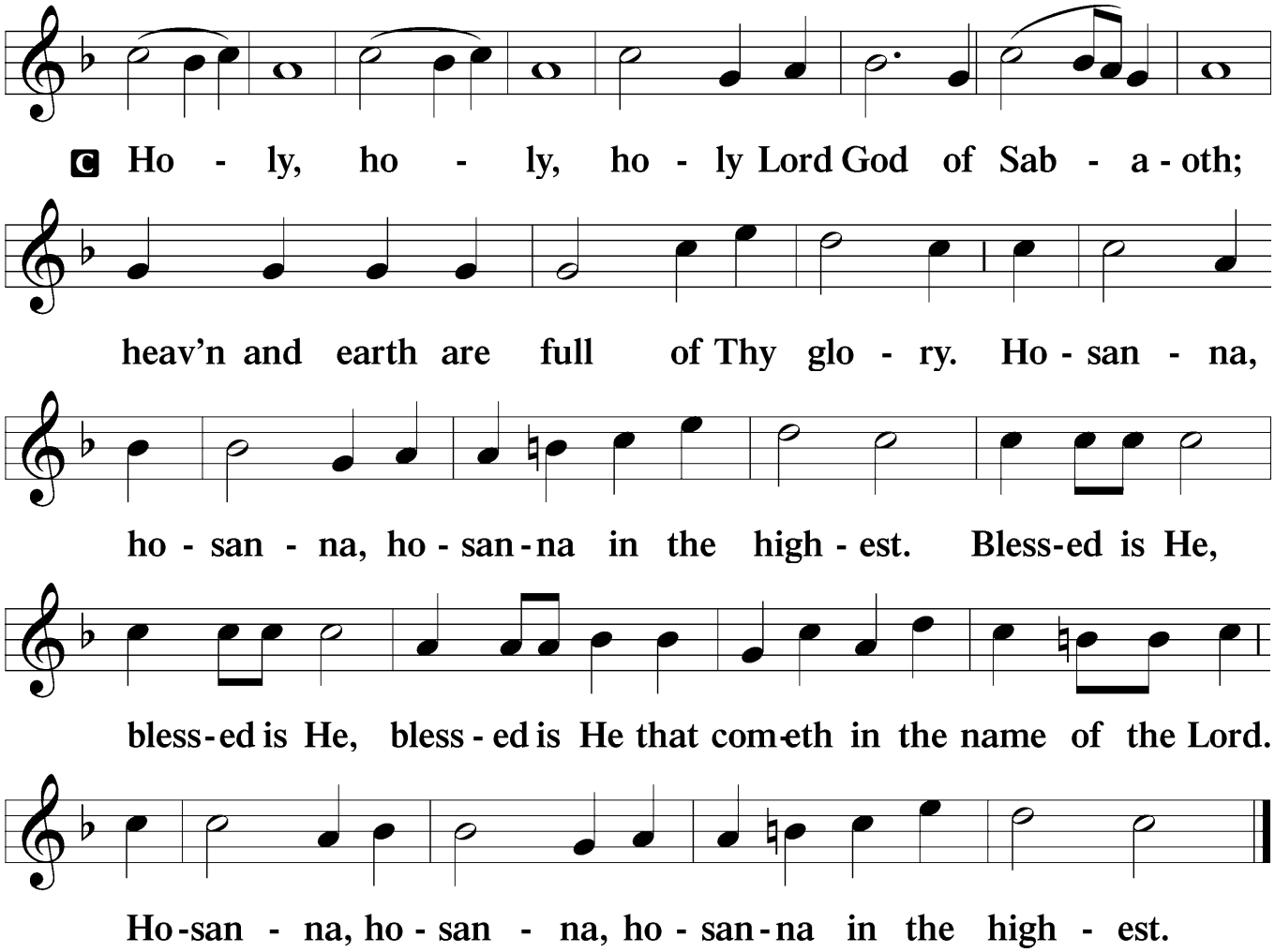
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



Proper Preface (Full)

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus *LSB 195*



Lord's Prayer

℗ Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

℃ **Our Father who art in heaven,**
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

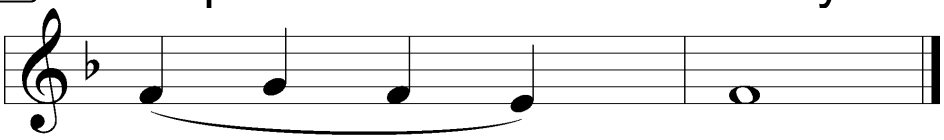
The Words of Our Lord

℗ Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

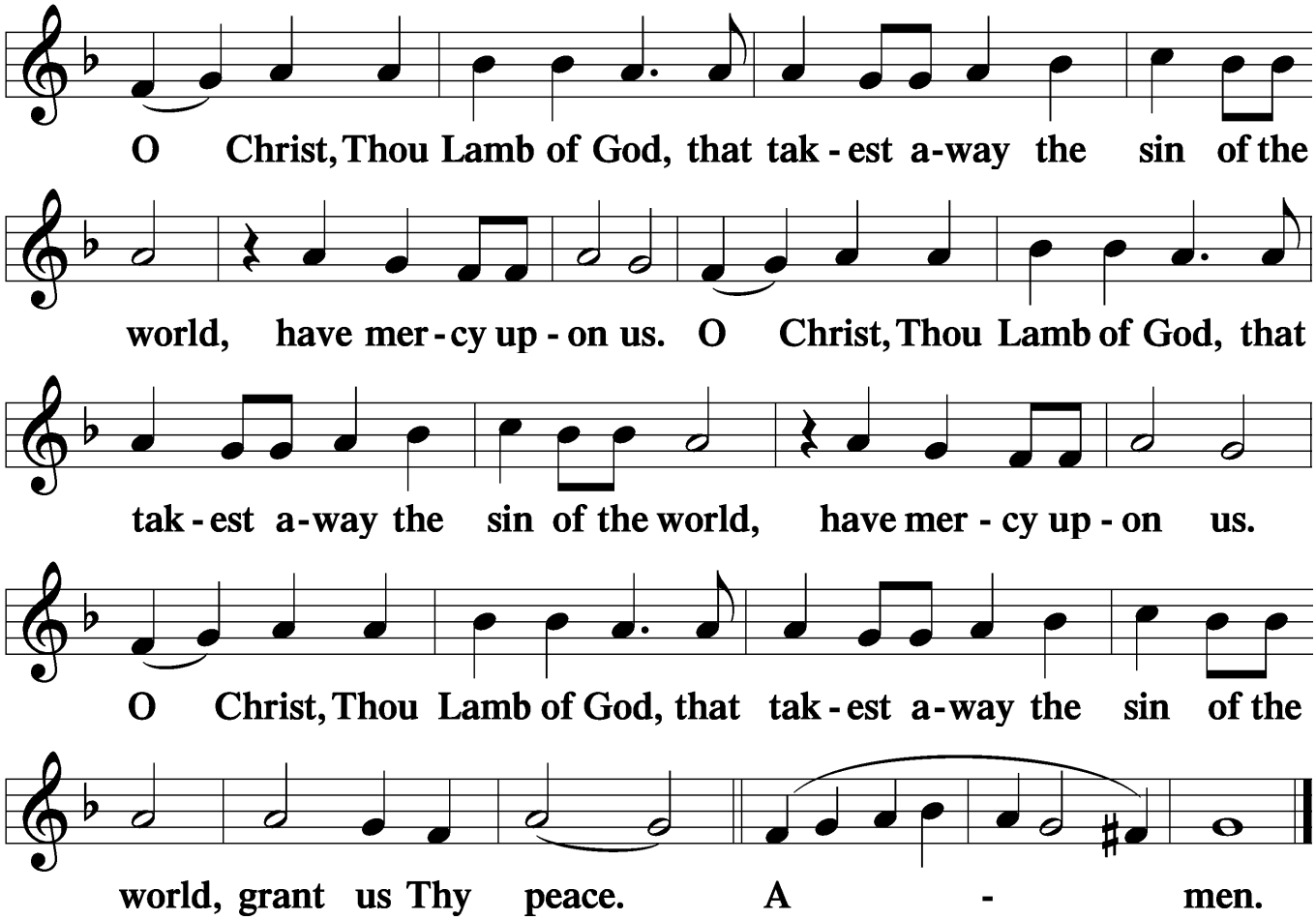
Pax Domini *LSB 197*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei *LSB 198*



Sit

Distribution

The pastor receives the body and blood of Christ first and then distributes them to those who come to receive, saying:

Left Column *LSB 199*

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

733 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

sts. 1–6

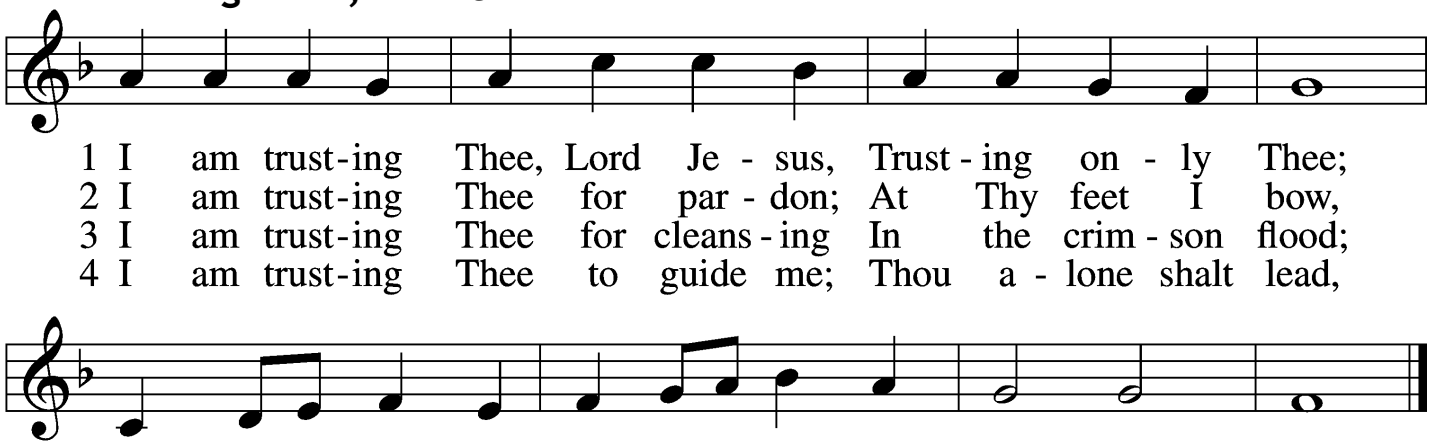


5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

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729 I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

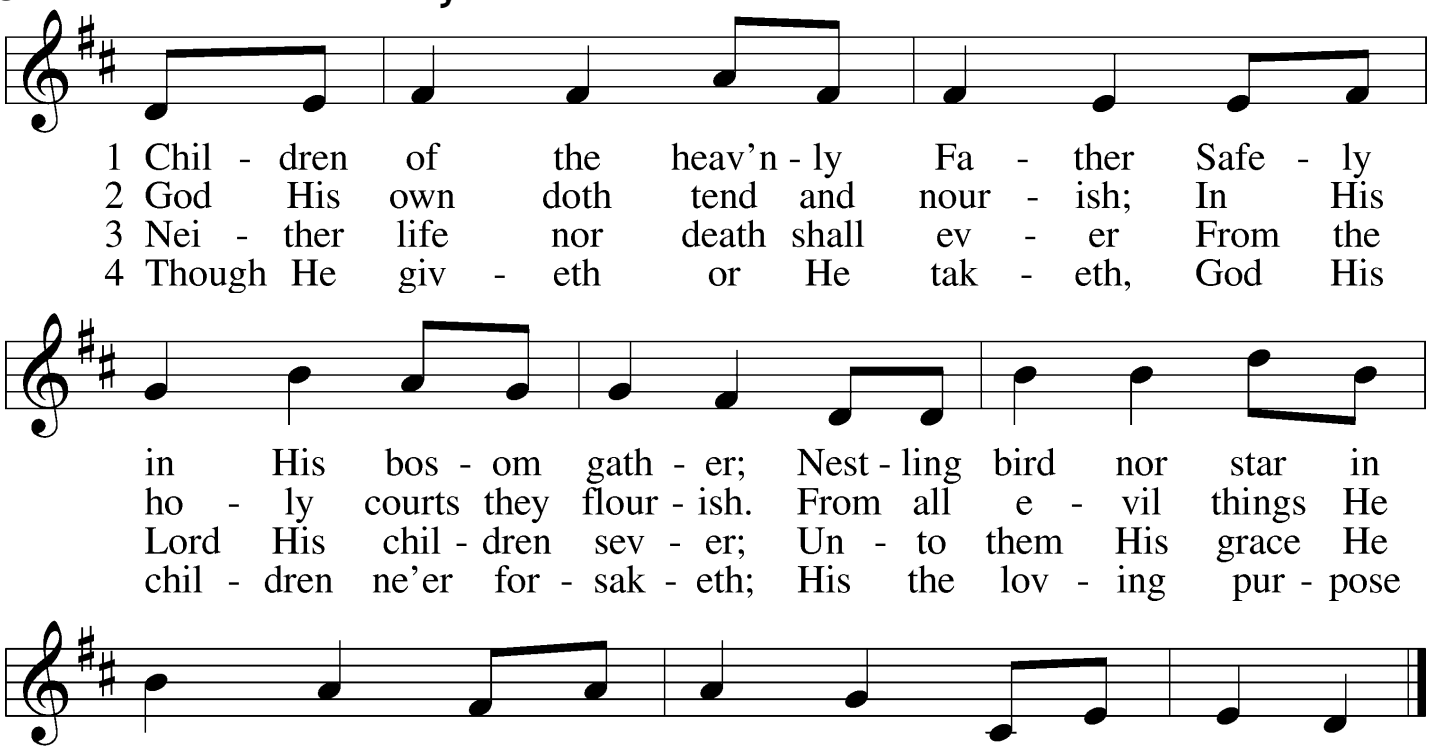


5 I am trusting Thee for power;
Thine can never fail.
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me
Must prevail.

6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever
And for all.

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725 Children of the Heavenly Father



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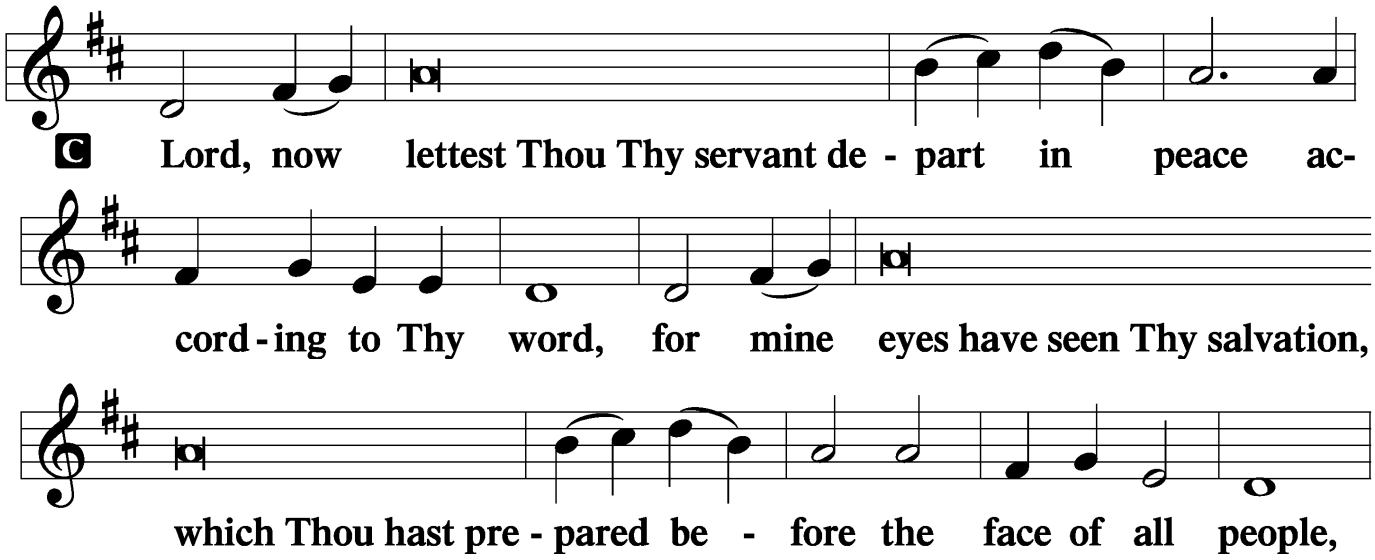
The Dismissal *LSB 199*

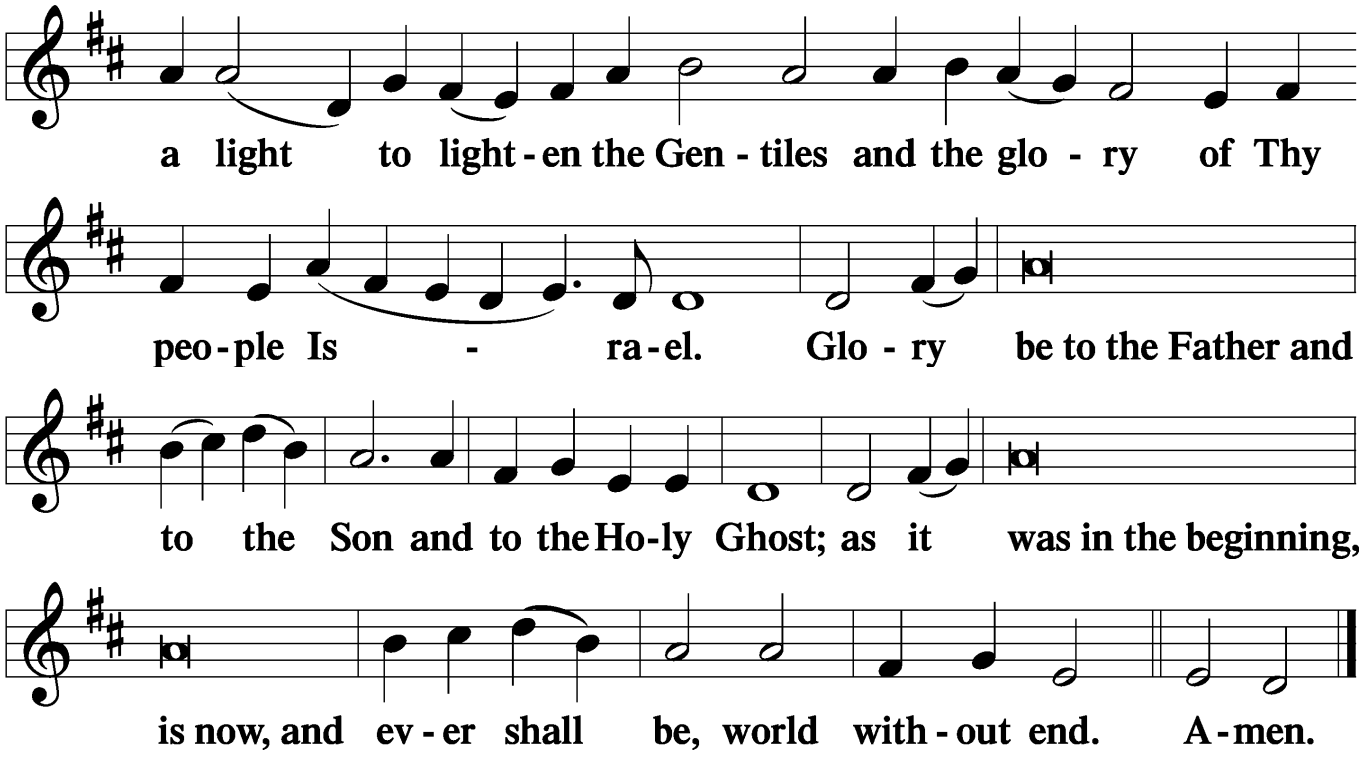
P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.

C **Amen.**

Stand

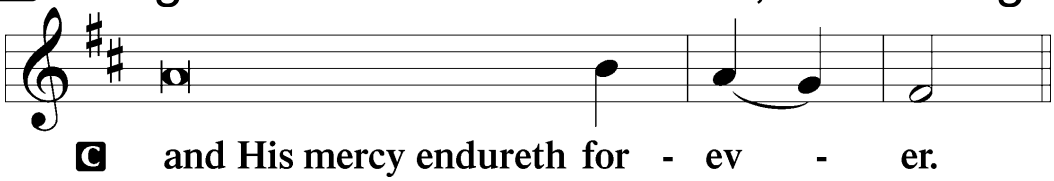
Nunc Dimittis *LSB 199*





Thanksgiving *LSB 200*

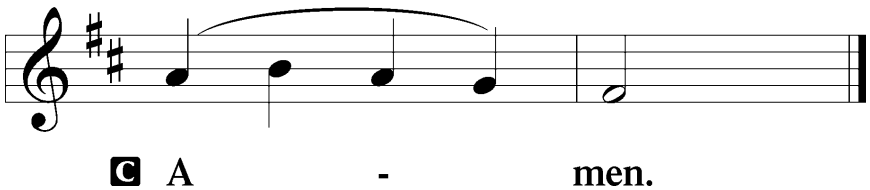
A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Salutation *LSB 201*

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus *LSB 202*

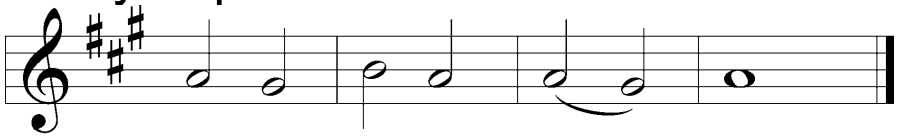
A Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction *LSB 202*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✢ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

731 O God, Forsake Me Not



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