

When all was still and it was midnight....



Christmas Eve Divine Service—11:00 PM

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Choir.....	Messiah Lutheran Church
Elder.....	Todd Walther
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TO OUR VISITORS AND GUESTS

Welcome in Jesus' name. We are delighted that you are joining us for this joyous celebration of our Lord's Birth. We hope that you will come back again soon to hear His Word of life and forgiveness.

The service is all contained within this bulletin, with the exception of some of the hymns, which are in the hymnal in the front of the pew.

+ The Lord be with you +

Pastor Todd Peperkorn

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT DIVINE SERVICE

*Stand***376 Once in Royal David's City***LSB 376*


Solo 1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a
 Choir 2 He came down to earth from heav - en, Who is
 Women 3 For He is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by
 All 4 And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His

low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her
 God and Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a
 day like us He grew; He was lit - tle, weak, and
 own re - deem - ing love; For that child so dear and

ba - by In a man - ger for His bed: Mar - y
 sta - ble, And His cra - dle was a stall; With the
 help - less, Tears and smiles like us He knew; And He
 gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; And He

was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
 poor and mean and low - ly Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 feels for all our sad - ness, And He shares in all our glad - ness.
 leads His chil - dren on To the place where He is gone.

5 ALL Not in that poor, lowly stable
 With the oxen standing by
 Shall we see Him, but in heaven,
 Set at God's right hand on high.
 Then like stars His children, crowned,
 All in white, His praise will sound!

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

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

C Amen.

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.

Left Column

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.

P 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.

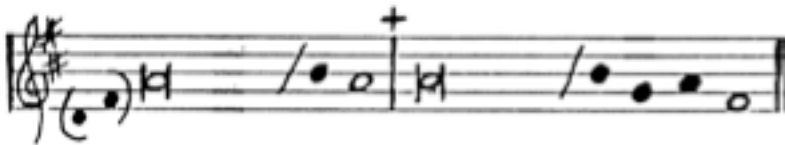
C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 2:1–2, 4–6; antiphon: Liturgical Text



When all was still, and it was | midnight,*
 your almighty Word, O Lord, descended from the | royal throne.
 Why do the | nations rage*
 and the peoples | plot in vain?
 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel to- | gether,*
 against the LORD and against his a- | noointed.
 He who sits in the | heavens laughs,*
 the Lord holds them in de- | rision.
 Then he will speak to them | in his wrath,*
 and terrify them in his fury, | saying,
 “As for me, I have | set my King*
 on Zion, my | holy hill.”
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
 When all was still, and it was | midnight,*
 your almighty Word, O Lord, descended from the | royal throne.

Kyrie

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C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

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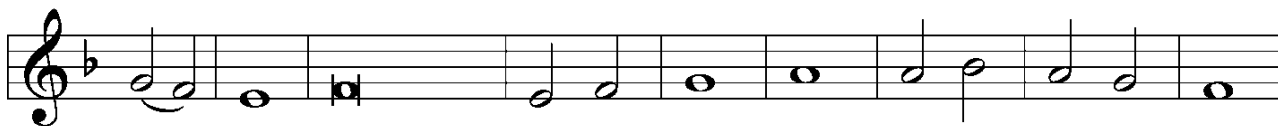
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward
 men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
 O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.
 O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



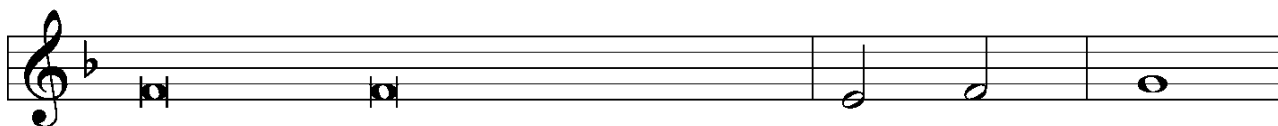
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P O God, You make this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that as we have known the mysteries of that Light on earth we may also come to the fullness of His joys in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:2–7

² The people who walked in darkness
 have seen a great light;
 those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
 on them has light shined.
³ You have multiplied the nation;
 you have increased its joy;
 they rejoice before you
 as with joy at the harvest,
 as they are glad when they divide the spoil.
⁴ For the yoke of his burden,
 and the staff for his shoulder,
 the rod of his oppressor,
 you have broken as on the day of Midian.
⁵ For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult
 and every garment rolled in blood
 will be burned as fuel for the fire.
⁶ For to us a child is born,
 to us a son is given;
 and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
 and his name shall be called
 Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace
 there will be no end,
 on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
 to establish it and to uphold it
 with justice and with righteousness
 from this time forth and forevermore.
 The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Ps. 98:3b–4a, 2

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.
 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth.
 The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;*
 he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.*

Epistle

Titus 2:11–14

¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹²training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Procession

“All Glory Be to God on High” -Choir

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1–14

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

“And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.” (Luke 2:1–14 KJV)

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Creed

Nicene Creed

- C** I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth
 and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father,
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
 and ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
 whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

358 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

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Choir and Solists sing the italics stanzas, congregation sings bold stanzas

- 1 *“From heav’n above to earth I come
 To bear good news to ev’ry home;
 Glad tidings of great joy I bring,
 Whereof I now will say and sing:*
- 8 **Welcome to earth, O noble Guest,
 Through whom the sinful world is blest!
 You came to share my misery
 That You might share Your joy with me.**

Meditation

- 2 *“To you this night is born a child
 Of Mary, chosen virgin mild;
 This little child of lowly birth
 Shall be the joy of all the earth.*
- 9 **Ah, Lord, though You created all,
 How weak You are, so poor and small,**

**That You should choose to lay Your head
Where lowly cattle lately fed!**

Meditation

3 *“This is the Christ, our God Most High,
Who hears your sad and bitter cry;
He will Himself your Savior be
From all your sins to set you free.*

10 **Were earth a thousand times as fair
And set with gold and jewels rare,
It would be far too poor and small
A cradle for the Lord of all.**

Meditation

4 *“He will on you the gifts bestow
Prepared by God for all below,
That in His kingdom, bright and fair,
You may with us His glory share.*

11 **Instead of soft and silken stuff
You have but hay and straw so rough
On which as King, so rich and great,
To be enthroned in royal state.**

Meditation

5 *“These are the signs that you shall mark:
The swaddling clothes and manger dark.
There you will find the infant laid
By whom the heav’ns and earth were made.”*

12 **And so it pleases You to see
This simple truth revealed to me:
That worldly honor, wealth, and might
Are weak and worthless in Your sight.**

13 **Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,
Prepare a bed, soft, undefiled,
A quiet chamber set apart
For You to dwell within my heart.**

Meditation

6 *How glad we’ll be to find it so!
Then with the shepherds let us go
To see what God for us has done
In sending us His own dear Son.*

14 My heart for very joy must leap;
My lips no more can silence keep.
I, too, must sing with joyful tongue
That sweetest ancient cradlesong:

15 Glory to God in highest heav'n,
Who unto us His Son has giv'n!
While angels sing with pious mirth
A glad new year to all the earth.

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Meditation

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

Stand

Offertory

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C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Sit

Offering

Stand

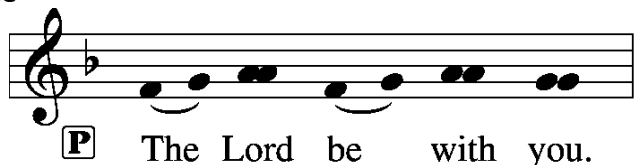
Prayer of the Church

- P** In mercy, O God, You gave Your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. Help us to rejoice in this indescribable gift, giving constant thanks for Your Son, the incarnate Christ, who by His life, death, and resurrection appeases Your wrath for our sins. With Mary,
- C** **let us ponder all that God has done.**
- P** In mercy, O God, You descended from heaven, desiring that all sinners would repent, believe in You, and know life everlasting. For the sake of Your only begotten Son, hear our prayers for those outside the church. Use us as messengers of Your Gospel that by Your Word unbelievers would come to know and confess Your holy name. With Mary,
- C** **let us ponder all that God has done.**
- P** In mercy, O God, You order and preserve all things. We beseech You, good Lord, to safeguard our land from discord and strife. Grant us national prosperity and protection according to Your will. Direct government leaders to serve all citizens with honesty and uprightness. Abide with all emergency workers, protecting them from harm and imminent danger. Give fortitude to all military personnel and their families, strengthening them up with Your grace and comfort this Christmastide. With Mary,
- C** **let us ponder all that God has done.**
- P** In mercy, O God, You took up our frail flesh and bones. Be steadfast with the elderly. As infirmities increase, so also intensify Your acts of mercy for their care. Remove doubt and unbelief from their hearts. Give assurance of your constant presence to the lonely. Lead them to the know and confess that You alone are Immanuel--God with us to the end of all the ages. With Mary,
- C** **let us ponder all that God has done.**
- P** In mercy, O God, You manifested Yourself among us. By Your flesh and blood, in and under the bread and wine, You grant forgiveness, life, and salvation. Keep all who partake of this Holy Sacrament in the one true faith that we they may live in You even as You live in us. With Mary,
- C** **let us ponder all that God has done.**
- P** In mercy, O God, You came to rescue us from the threatening perils of our sins. Grant us a blessed Christmastide as we rejoice in Your nativity gift of eternal rescue. As we commemorate Your birth keep us mindful of the new Jerusalem--the place where all Your saints unite, and where true joy shall be found. With Mary,
- C** **let us ponder all that God has done.**
- P** Hear us, O God, for the sake of Your only begotten Son--the Word made flesh--very God of very God, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

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; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. 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



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



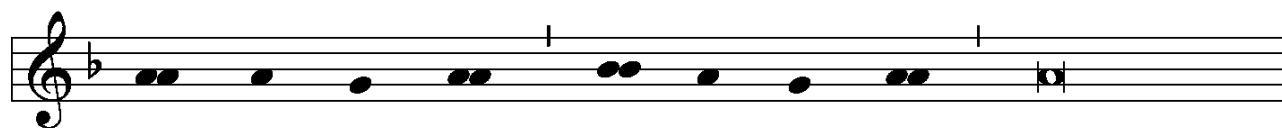
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

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Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it



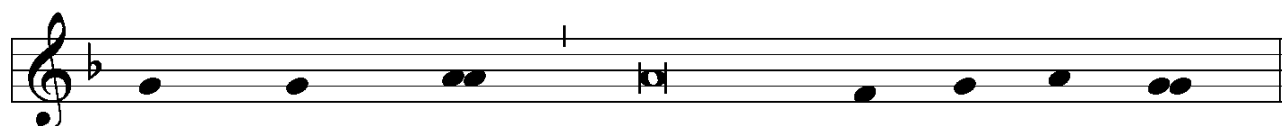
is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;



and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who



tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to



temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.



For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

- P** 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."
- P** 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."

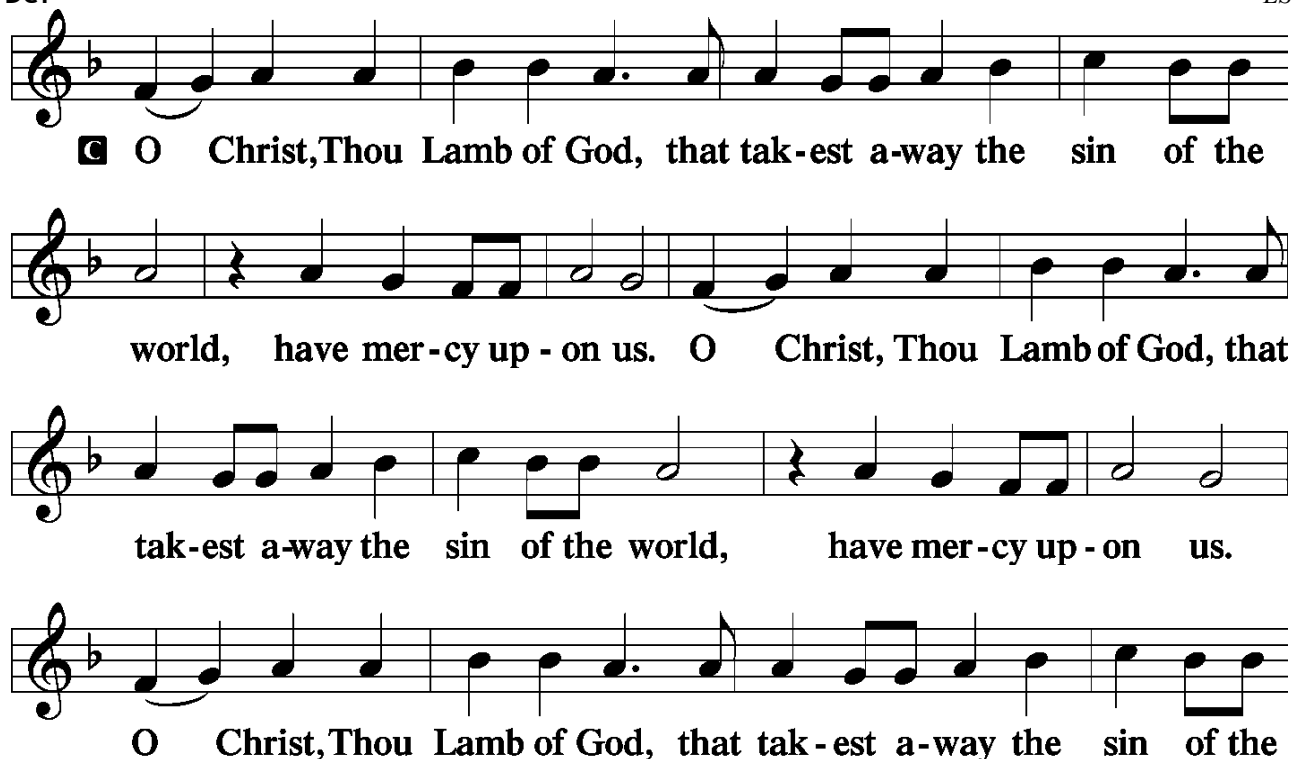
Pax Domini

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Agnus Dei

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Sit

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

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.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

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.**

370 What Child Is This

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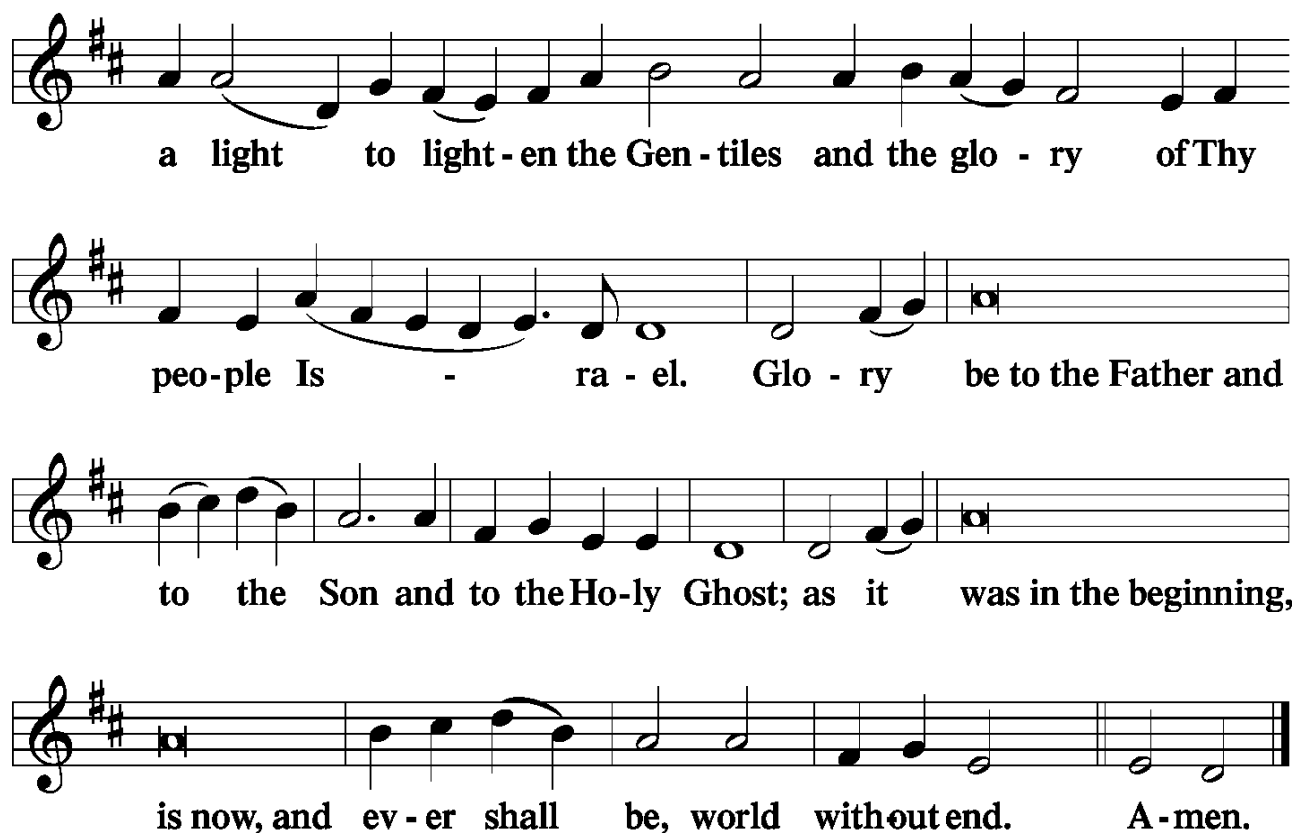
“O Holy Night” –Katie Hart and Tracy Scholz

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

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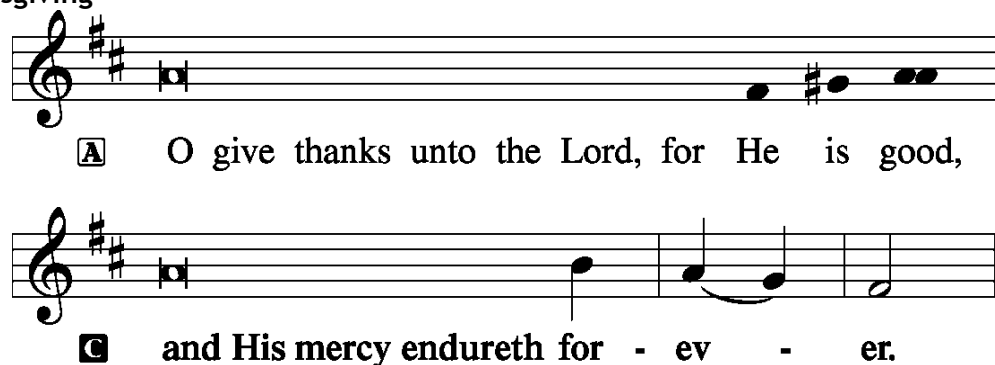




a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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 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.

C Amen.

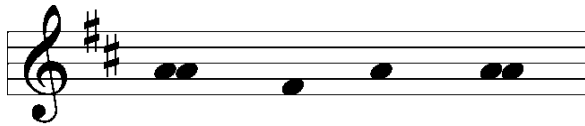
Salutation and Benedicamus



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



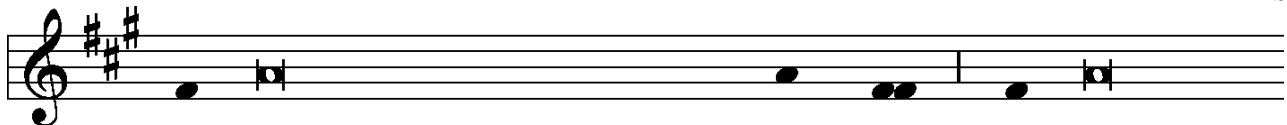
A Bless we the Lord.



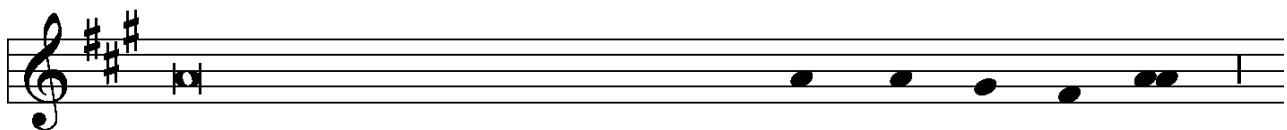
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

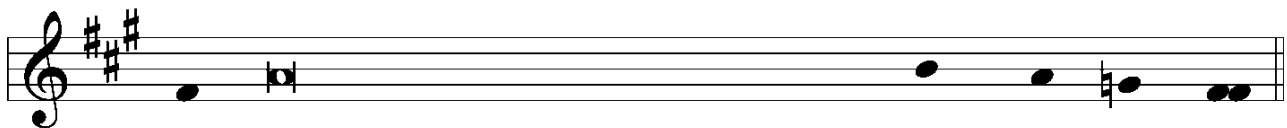
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P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



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

363 Silent Night, Holy Night

LSB 363 sts. 1-3, 1g

(The pastor will light a candle from the Christ Candle, and will then light the ushers' candles, who will in turn light the candles of the congregation. Please tip the unlit candle toward the flame. Silent Night will then be sung to a quiet accompaniment.)

1g *Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!*
Alles schläft, einsam wacht
Nur das traute, hochheilige Paar.
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh,
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh.

1 Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

2 Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!

3 Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

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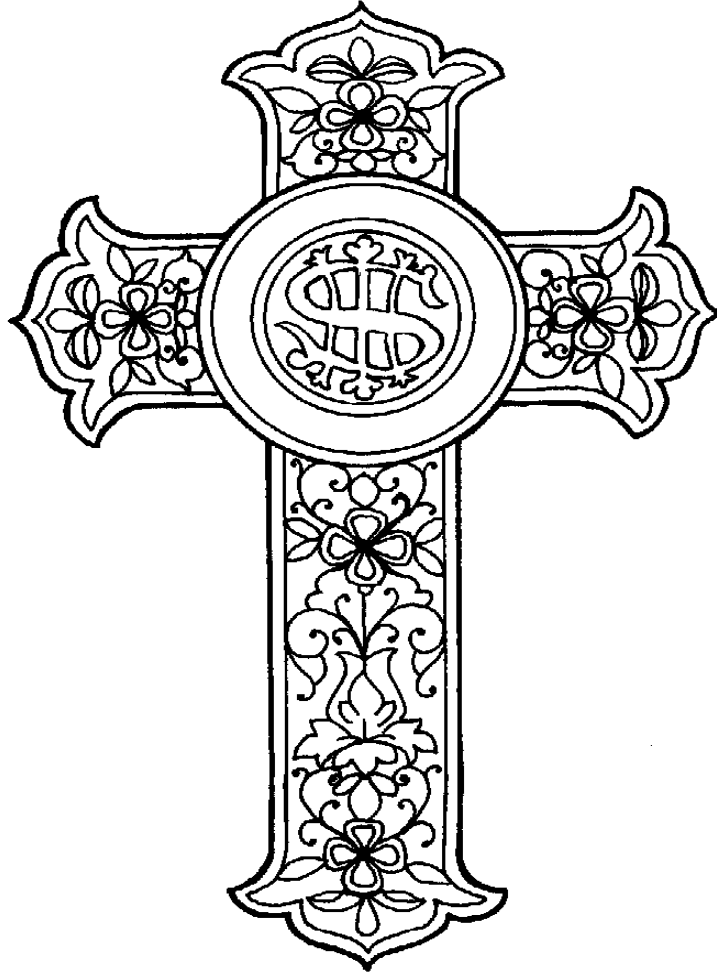
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