

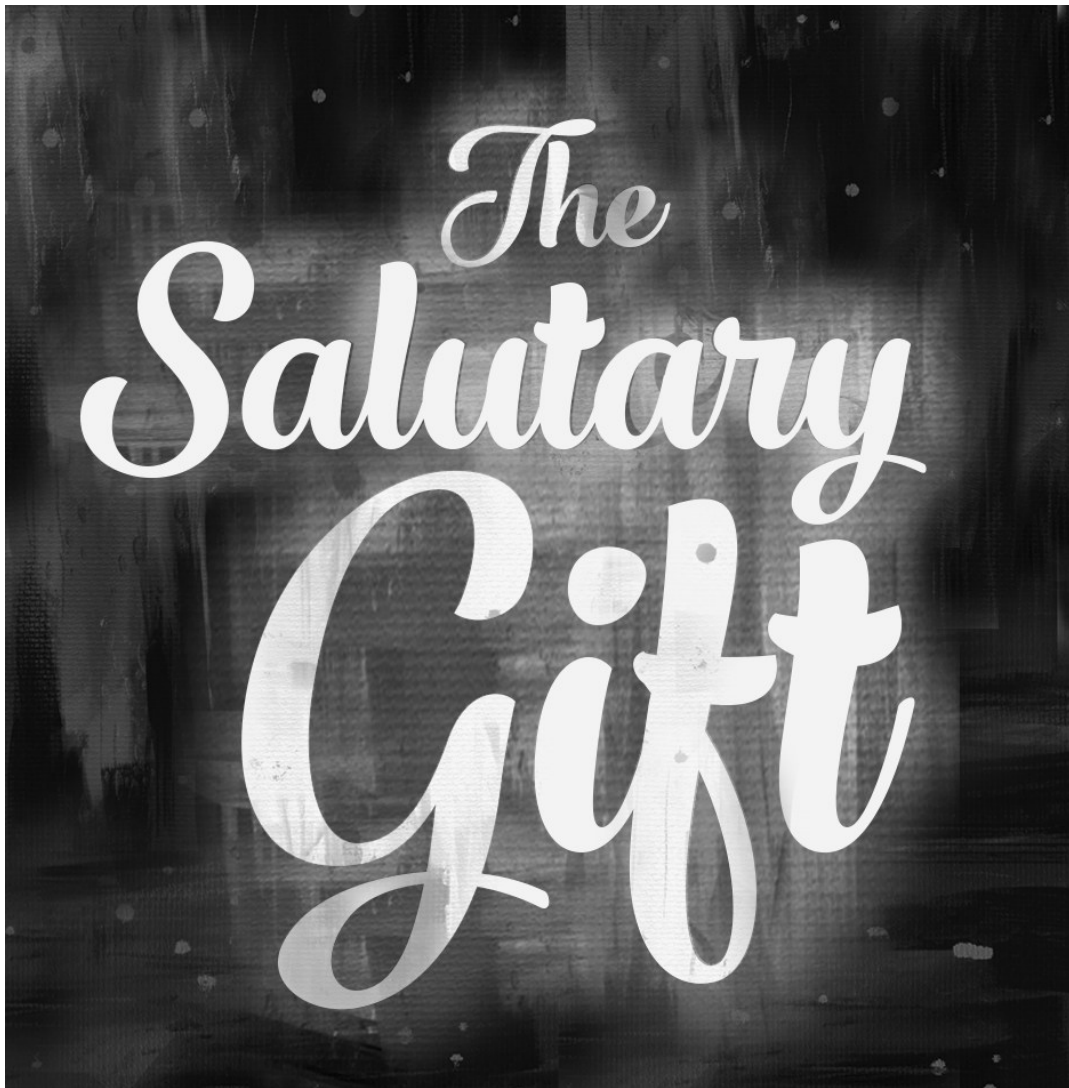
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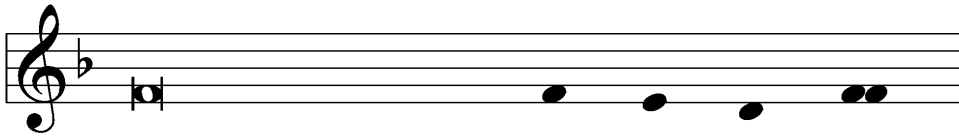
Second Wednesday in Lent

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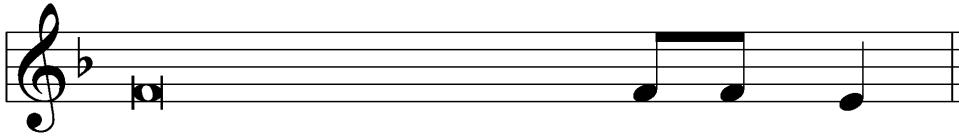
# Evening Prayer

Service of Light

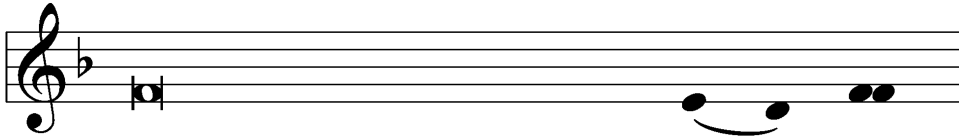
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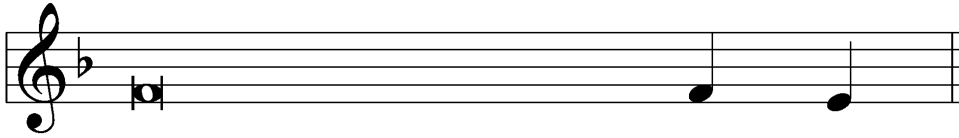
**L** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,



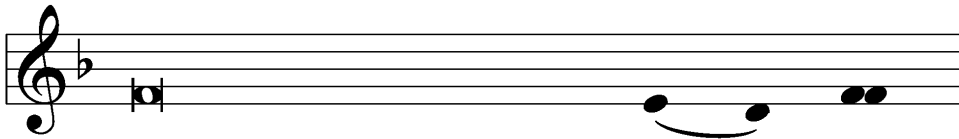
**C** the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



**L** Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve - ning,



**C** and the day is almost o - ver.



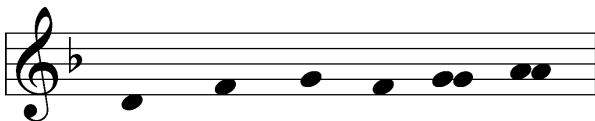
**L** Let Your light scatter the dark - ness



**C** and il - lu - mine Your Church.

Phos Hilaron

LSB 244



**L** Joy - ous light of glo - ry:



**C** of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther; heav - en - ly, ho - ly,



bless - ed Je - sus Christ. We have come to the  
 set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.  
 We sing to God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it:  
 You are wor - thy of be - ing praised with pure voic - es for -  
 ev - er. O Son of God, O Giv - er of life:  
 the u - ni - verse pro - claims Your glo - ry.

### Thanksgiving for Light

*LSB 245*

**L** Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



**G** A - men.



**C** Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,



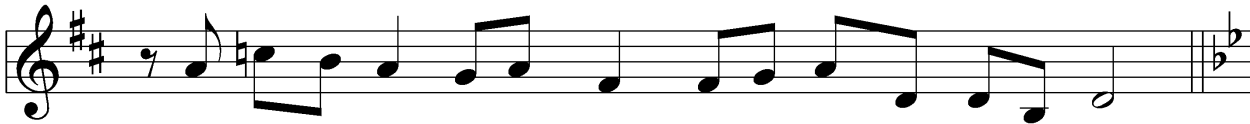
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



**I** O Lord, I call to You; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice



when I cry to You. **C** Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



**II** Set a watch be - fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.



**I** Let not my heart in - cline to an - y e - vil thing;



let me not be oc - cu - pied in wick - ed - ness with e - vil - do - ers.



**II** But my eyes are turned to You, O God; in You I take ref-uge.



Strip me not of my life. **C** Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther and



to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it; as it was in



the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

## Office Hymn

## “There is a Balm in Gilead”

LSB 749



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad To make the wound-ed whole;



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad To heal the sin-sick soul.



- 1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged And think my work's in vain,
- 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, If you can - not pray like Paul,
- 3 Don't ev - er feel dis - cour - aged, For Je - sus is your friend;



But then the Ho - ly Spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain.  
You can tell the love of Je - sus And say He died for all.  
And if you lack for knowl-edge, He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

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## Passion Reading - Gethsemane

When they had sung a hymn, He went out, as was His custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed Him. Then Jesus said to them, “You will all be offended because of Me this night; for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee.”

Peter answered and said to Him, “Even if all the others deny you, I will never deny you.”

Jesus said to him, “Truly, I say to you that this night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny Me three times.”

But Peter said more vehemently, “If I have to die with You, I will never deny You.” And all the others said likewise.

They went over the brook Kidron and came to a place which was called Gethsemane. There was a garden there, and He went into it with His disciples. Judas, who betrayed Him, knew the place, for Jesus often met there with His disciples. And when He was at the place, He said to them, “Sit down here, while I go on ahead and pray. Pray that you do not enter into temptation.”

He took with Him Peter and James and John and began to be full of sorrow and turmoil. Then He said to them, “My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Wait here, and watch with Me.” He went on a little from them, about a stone’s throw. He fell on His face and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him. He said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible to You. Take this cup from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will.”

An angel appeared to Him from Heaven, strengthening Him; and He prayed, saying, “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.” In agony, He prayed more earnestly, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from Me; nevertheless, not My will, but Yours be done.” His sweat fell on the ground like great drops of blood.

## “Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

*LSB 440  
(verses 1-2)*



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;  
2 Make me see Your great dis - tress, An - guish, and af - flic - tion,



With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.  
Bonds and stripes and wretch - ed - ness And Your cru - ci - fix - ion;



Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish  
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,



Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.  
How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.

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When He got up from prayer, He came to His disciples and found them sleeping. He said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch with Me one hour? Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

He went away the second time and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me, except I drink it, Your will be done.” When He returned, He found them asleep again; for their eyes were heavy, and they did not know what to answer Him. He left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

Then He came to His disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour is come; behold, the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going. Look, the one who betrays Me is here.”

**“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”**

*LSB 440  
(verses 3-4)*



3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone Make me see Your pas - sion,  
4 Grant that I Your pas - sion view With re - pen - tant griev - ing.



But its cause to me make known And its ter - mi - na - tion.  
Let me not bring shame to You By un - ho - ly liv - ing.



Ah! I al - so and my sin Wrought Your deep af - flic - tion;  
How could I re - fuse to shun Ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure



This in - deed the cause has been Of Your cru - ci - fix - ion.  
Since for me God's on - ly Son Suf - fered with - out mea - sure?

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Even while He was saying this, Judas, one of the Twelve, came with a detachment and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees. They came to the place with lanterns and torches and weapons. Jesus therefore, knowing all things that would come upon Him, went out to them and said, “Whom do you seek?”

They answered Him, “Jesus of Nazareth.”

Jesus said to them, “I am He.”

Judas, who betrayed Him, had taken his stand against them. When Jesus said to them, “I am He,” they drew back and fell to the ground. Again He asked them, “Whom do you seek?”

They said, “Jesus of Nazareth.”

Jesus replied, “I told you that I am He. If I am the one you seek, then let these others go.” This was to fulfill the word He had spoken, “Of those you gave me I have lost none.”

Now he that was betraying Jesus had given them a sign, saying, “The one whom I shall kiss, that is He; seize Him and be sure to take Him away securely.” He went straight up to Jesus and said, “Hail, Master,” and kissed Him.



Jesus said to him, “Friend, why have you come? Judas, do you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?”

They came then and laid their hands on Jesus and took Him. When those who were about Him saw what would happen, they said to Him, “Lord, shall we strike with the sword?” Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s servant and cut off his right ear. The servant’s name was Malchus.

Jesus answered, “No more of that.” And He touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword into its sheath. All they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Do you imagine that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will send Me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then shall the Scriptures be fulfilled that it must be so? The cup which My Father has given Me, shall I not drink of it?”

### “Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

*LSB 440  
(verses 5-6)*



5 If my sins give me a - larm And my con - science grieve me,  
6 Gra - cious - ly my faith re - new; Help me bear my cross - es,



Let Your cross my fear dis - arm; Peace of con - science give me.  
Learn - ing hum - ble - ness from You, Peace mid pain and loss - es.



Help me see for - give - ness won By Your ho - ly pas - sion.  
May I give You love for love! Hear me, O my Sav - ior,



If for me He slays His Son, God must have com - pas - sion!  
That I may in heav'n a - bove Sing Your praise for - ev - er.

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Then Jesus said to the chief priests, and the captains of the Temple, and the elders who had come out against Him, “Have you come out as against a thief, with swords and clubs to take Me? When I was with you day after day teaching in the Temple, you did not lay your hands on Me; but this is your hour and the hour of the power of darkness. All this has happened that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled.

There was a certain young man who followed along. He had only a linen cloth about his naked body. They laid hold on him, but he slipped out of the linen cloth and fled away naked.

Then the detachment and its captain and the officers of the Jews seized Jesus, and bound Him, and led Him away to Annas first; for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was the high priest that year. Now Caiaphas was the one who gave counsel to the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.

## Readings

*Isaiah 52:13-53:5*

*Revelation 22:1-5*

*Luke 10:25-37*

- L** In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.
- C** **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

## Sermon

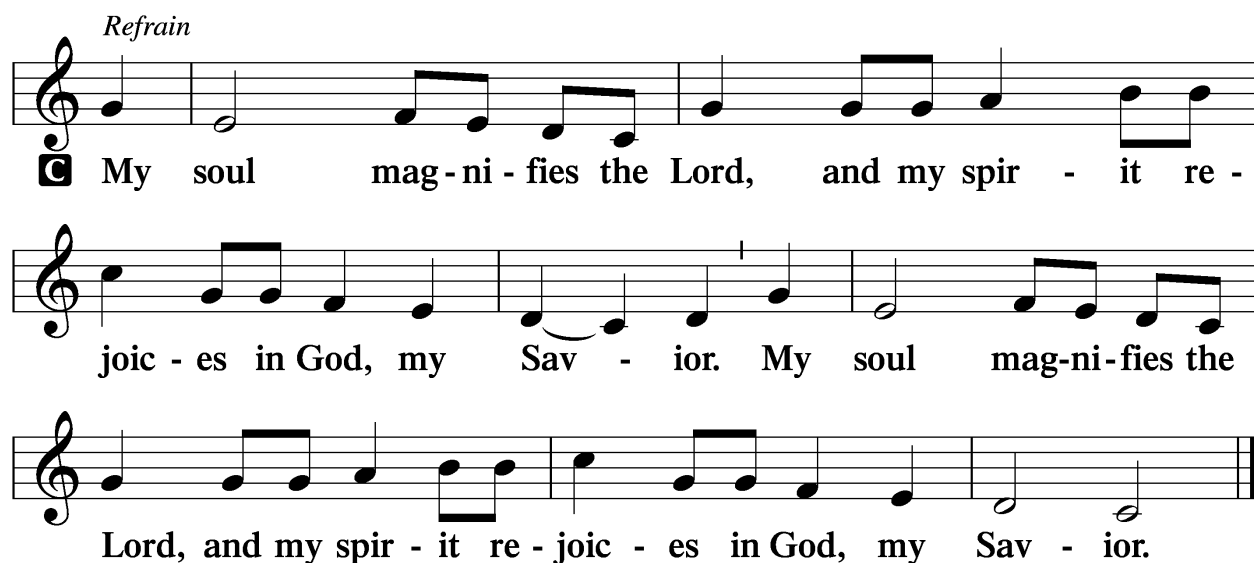
**“Healing Medicine”**

*Luke 10:25-37*

## Magnificat

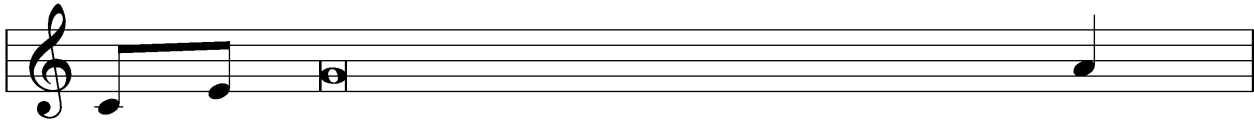
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*Refrain*

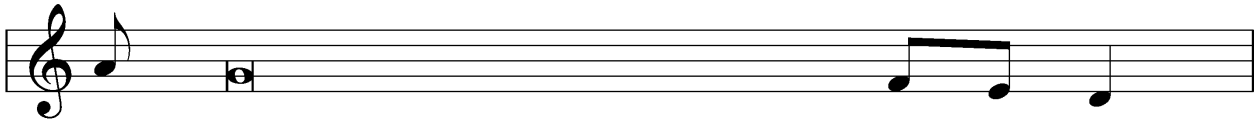


**C** My soul mag-ni - fies the Lord, and my spir - it re -  
joic - es in God, my Sav - ior. My soul mag-ni-fies the  
Lord, and my spir - it re - joic - es in God, my Sav - ior.

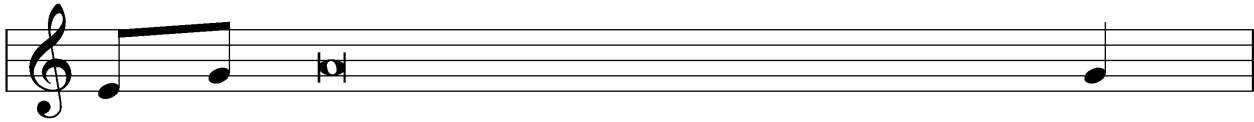
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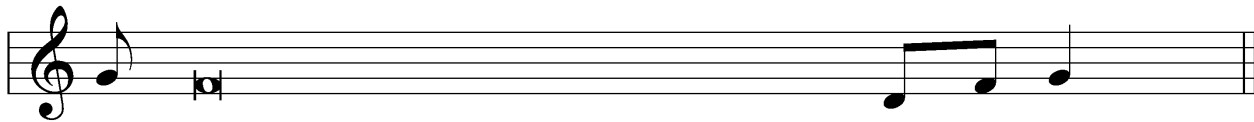
1 For \_\_\_\_\_ He has re - - - - - garded  
 2 For the Mighty One has done great things to . . . . . me,  
 3 He has shown strength with His . . . . . arm;  
 4 He has filled the hungry with good . . . . . things,  
 5 Glo - ry be to the Father and to the . . . . . Son



1 the lowliness of . . . . . His hand - maiden.  
 2 and holy . . . . . is His name;  
 3 He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
 4 and the rich He has sent emp - - - - - ty a - way.  
 5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spirit;



1 For be - hold, from this . . . . . day  
 2 and His mercy is on those who . . . . . fear Him  
 3 He has cast down the mighty from their . . . . . thrones  
 4 He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy  
 5 as it was in the be - - - - - ginning,



1 all generations will . . . . . call me blessed.  
 2 from generation to . . . . . gen - er - ation. *Refrain*  
 3 and has exalt - - - - - ed the lowly.  
 4 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for - ever.  
 5 is now, and will be forever. . . . . A - - - - - men. *Refrain*

- L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For ... for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For ... for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For . . . let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** Lord, have mercy.

*The prayers then continue:*

- L** For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:  
**C** Thanks be to God.
- L** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

*Silence for individual prayer may follow.*

**L** Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:

**C** To You, O Lord.

### Collect for Peace

**L** O God, . . . one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

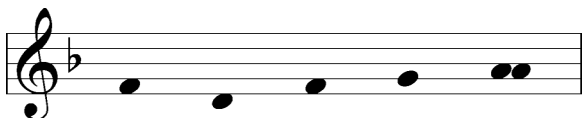
### Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.

### Benedicamus

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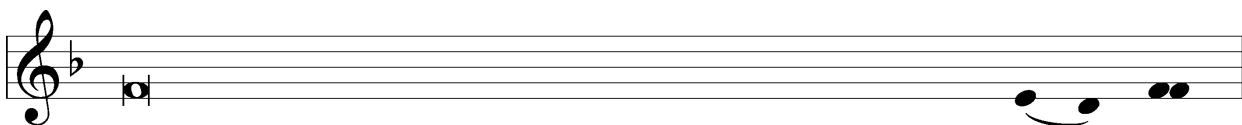
**L** Let us bless the Lord.



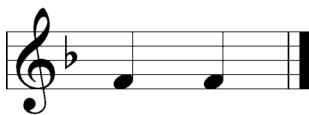
**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

*LSB 252*



**P** The almighty and merciful Lord,  
the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve you.



**C** A - men.

Closing Hymn

“Jesus Comes Today with Healing”

LSB 620



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my  
 2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and  
 3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the  
 4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.  
 wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,  
 Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,  
 me this hour In this or - di - nar - y sign.



He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His  
 Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the  
 Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter  
 On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His



in - vi - ta - tion: “Come and taste the bless - ed feast.”  
 pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.  
 death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.  
 grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

5 Let me praise God’s boundless favor,  
 Whose own feast of love I savor,  
 Bidden by His gracious call.  
 Wedding garments He provides me,  
 With a robe of white He hides me,  
 Fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,  
 Comfort in my tribulation,  
 Balm to heal the troubled soul.  
 God, my shield from ev’ry terror,  
 Cleanses me from sin and error,  
 Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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