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Matthew 17:20b

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**The Transfiguration of Our Lord**

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## AS WE GATHER - BRILLIANT!

Jesus looks brilliant! As language changes, sometimes the most basic meanings of words change and expand with the times. For generations, the English word *brilliant* meant simply something that shines or radiates light. The word is thought to be derived from the prized gemstone beryl, which is mentioned in both the Old Testament book of Daniel (10:6) and the book of Revelation (21:20). Jesus' garments became "white as light," Matthew writes (17:2), in a way that mirrors Psalm 104, where the psalmist writes of God: "You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering Yourself with light as with a garment" (vv. 1–2). As He stands on the mountaintop with Moses and Elijah, Jesus is shining, radiant, and brilliant. An expanded meaning of the word *brilliant* is "perfect, amazing, and wonderful." Jesus on the mountaintop is brilliant as He discusses how He will carry out God's plan of our salvation with two of the best coaches ever, Moses and Elijah. Jesus does not just look brilliant—He *is* brilliant!

### + PREPARATION +

## 396 ARISE AND SHINE IN SPLENDOR

sts. 1–2, 4–5



1 A - rise and shine in splen - dor; Let night to day sur -  
2 See earth in dark - ness ly - ing, The hea - then na - tions  
4 Lift up your eyes in won - der— See, na - tions gath - er  
5 Your heart will leap for glad - ness When from the realms of



ren - der. Your light is draw - ing near. A - bove, the  
dy - ing In hope - less gloom and night. To you the  
yon - der From sin to be set free. The world has  
sad - ness They come from near and far. Your eyes will



day is beam - ing, In match - less beau - ty  
Lord of heav - en— Your life, your hope— has  
heard Your sto - ry; Her sons come to Your  
wake from slum - ber As peo - ple with - out



gleam - ing; The glo - ry of the Lord is here.  
giv - en Great glo - ry, hon - or, and de - light.  
glo - ry; Her daugh - ters haste Your light to see.  
num - ber Re - joice to see the Morn - ing Star.

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## INVOCATION

**L** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES

*Matt. 17:20; Psalm 50:1–2; 67:1, 3; 2 Corinthians 4:6*

- L** For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, "Move from here to there," and it will move,
- C** **and nothing will be impossible for you.**
  
- L** The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- C** **Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.**
  
- L** May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us.
- C** **Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!**
  
- L** For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"
- C** **has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- L** O God our Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought and in word and in deed.
- C** **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**
  
- L** We confess that we have not always listened to Your Word and have not brought glory to You through our words and our deeds.
- C** **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**
  
- L** We confess that we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, begrudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, and unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.
- C** **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**
  
- L** We confess that we have not always been defenders of the weak and the needy as advocates of those not yet born and defenders of those in the final stages of life.
- C** **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**
  
- L** We confess that we have not used every opportunity given us to witness to the faith that is ours, that we and have let the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh set the agendas for our lives and actions.
- C** **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**
  
- L** We repent of all that is sinful in our lives, both those things that we know of and those things unknown to us that are against Your righteous laws.
- C** **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**

**L** Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**L** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

**C** Amen.

## + WORD +

### INTROIT

*Psalm 99:1–5; antiphon: v. 9*

**C** Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!

**L** The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The LORD is great in Zion; He is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise Your great and awesome name! Holy is He! The King in His might loves justice. You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. Exalt the LORD our God; worship at His footstool! Holy is He!

**C** 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. Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!

### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
 In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## SALUTATION

- L** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

## PSALM

*Psalm 2:6–12*

- L** "As for Me, I have set My King on Zion, My holy hill." I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to Me, "You are My Son; today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will make the nations Your heritage, and the ends of the earth Your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, for His wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in Him.
- C** **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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L** Let us pray. O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## 588 JESUS LOVES ME

*sts. 1, ref*



1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so.



Lit - tle ones to Him be-long; They are weak, but He is strong.

*Refrain*

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

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## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### 588 JESUS LOVES ME

*sts. ref, 2*

2 Je - sus loves me! He who died Heav-en's gates to o - pen wide.

He has washed a - way my sin, Lets His lit - tle child come in.

*Refrain*

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

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## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Exodus 24:8–18*

<sup>8</sup>And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup>and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness.

<sup>11</sup>And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank. <sup>12</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.”

<sup>13</sup>So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>And he said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them.” <sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

*2 Peter 1:16–21*

<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” <sup>18</sup>we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. <sup>21</sup>For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## 414 'TIS GOOD, LORD, TO BE HERE



1	'Tis	good,	Lord,	to	be	here!	Thy
2	'Tis	good,	Lord,	to	be	here,	Thy
3	Ful	- fill	- er	of	the	past	And
4	Be	- fore	we	taste	of	death,	We
5	'Tis	good,	Lord,	to	be	here!	Yet



glo - ry fills the night; Thy face and gar - ments,  
 beau - ty to be - hold Where Mo - ses and E -  
 hope of things to be, We hail Thy bod - y  
 see Thy king - dom come; We long to hold the  
 we may not re - main; But since Thou bidst us



like the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
 li - jah stand, Thy mes - sen - gers of old.  
 glo - ri - fied And our re - demp - tion see.  
 vi - sion bright And make this hill our home.  
 leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

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## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 17:1–9*

**L** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. <sup>3</sup>And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” <sup>5</sup>He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” <sup>8</sup>And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

<sup>9</sup>And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.”

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## MUSICAL MEDITATION

## SERMON

## CATECHISM

*The First Article*

**L** In the First Article of the Apostles' Creed, our confession is focused on God our Creator, from whom our divine Savior, Jesus Christ, was begotten before all worlds. It is the voice of God the Father that we hear on the Mount of Transfiguration, acclaiming His Son, Jesus, and directing His disciples to listen to Him. As we declare our faith in God the Father, we affirm our trust in His plan for us as His children to grant us life and to place us into vocations through which we can serve Him and our neighbors.

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

What does this mean?

**I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.**

## OFFERING AND VIDEO

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## 786 LORD OF ALL GOOD



1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring You now;  
2 We give our minds to un - der - stand Your ways;  
△ 3 Fa - ther, whose boun - ty all cre - a - tion shows;



Use them Your ho - ly pur - pose to ful - fill.  
Hands, eyes, and voice to serve Your great de - sign;  
Christ, by whose will - ing sac - ri - fice we live;



To - kens of love and pledg - es they shall be  
Hearts with the flame of Your own love a - blaze—  
Spir - it, from whom all life in full - ness flows:



That our whole life is of - fered to Your will.  
Thus for Your glo - ry all our pow'rs com - bine.  
To You with grate - ful hearts our - selves we give.

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

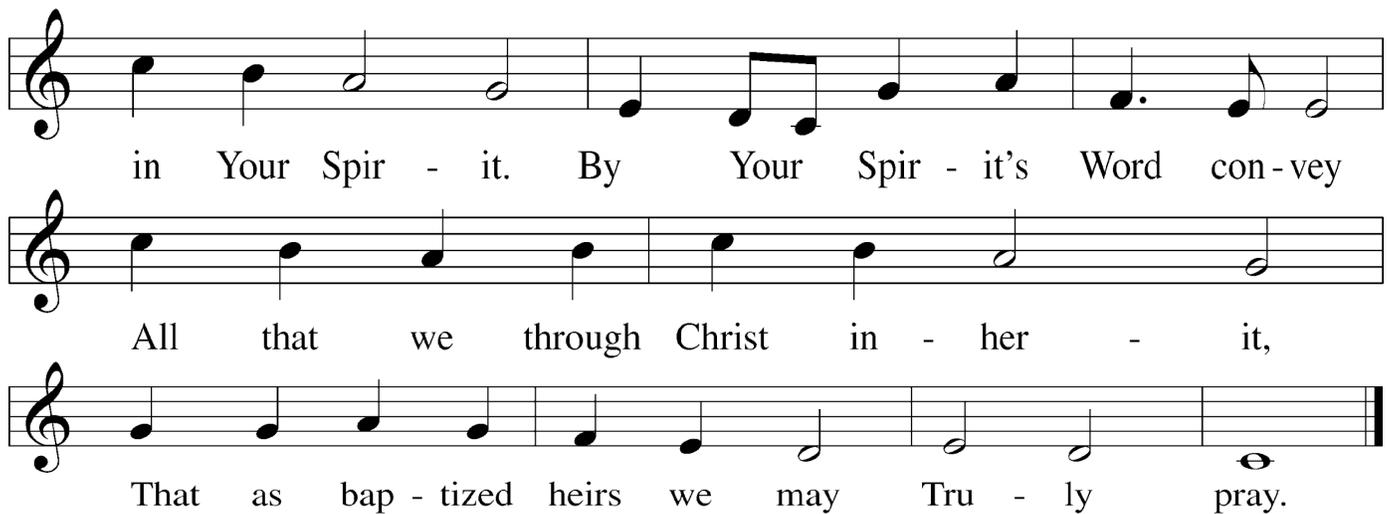
□ Through faith in Christ, we may approach our God with confidence, praying for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs: God of love and peace, we bless You for revealing the mystery of the ages to us. We thank You for including each of us in the marvelous plan of salvation and for the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in us and among us. Work in us to reflect the brilliant light of Christ and show forth His love at all times and in all places. Hear us, Father, when we pray.

## 773 HEAR US, FATHER, WHEN WE PRAY

st. 1



1 Hear us, Fa - ther, when we pray, Through Your Son and



in Your Spir - it. By Your Spir - it's Word con - vey  
 All that we through Christ in - her - it,  
 That as bap - tized heirs we may Tru - ly pray.

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## PRAYER 2

- L** God of power and might, we pray for our world and for all the people who share this planet with us. Grant us grace to listen to Your Word and to follow its directing, that we may share Your glory. Move us to reach out in every direction with the joyful news of the Gospel, that people everywhere may become part of the kingdom of God now and forever. Hear us, Father, when we pray.

## 773 HEAR US, FATHER, WHEN WE PRAY

st. 2



2 When we know not what to say And our wound - ed  
 souls are plead - ing, May Your Spir - it, night and day,  
 Groan with - in us in - ter - ced - ing;  
 By His sighs, too deep for words, We are heard.

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## PRAYER 3

**L** God of grace and glory, we pray for this gathering of the faithful. Bless this congregation, its leaders, and all the people here present that we may be light in a darkened world. Bless also those with special needs, whose earthly journeys are burdensome or challenging. Especially we remember the sick, the homebound, and those in need of our petitions. Bless them with Your presence and enable us to be their comfort and support. Hear us, Father, when we pray.

### 773 HEAR US, FATHER, WHEN WE PRAY

st. 3

3 Je - sus, ad - vo - cate on high, Sac - ri - ficed on  
Cal - v'ry's al - tar, Through Your priest - ly blood we cry:  
Hear our prayers, though they may fal - ter;  
Place them on Your Fa - ther's throne As Your own.

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## CONCLUSION

**L** God of time and eternity, we thank You for the faithful witness of those no longer with us here on earth who shine in the beauty of Your light eternal. Inspire us by their faithful witness that we seek to serve You constantly all our days. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Hear us, Father, when we pray.

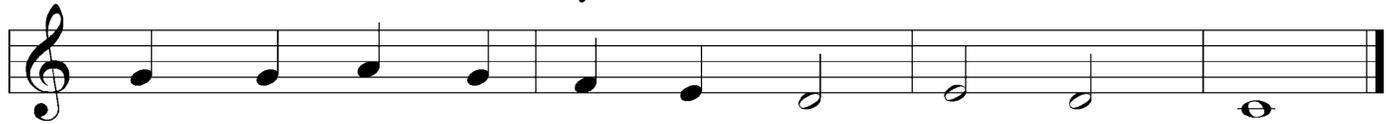
### 773 HEAR US, FATHER, WHEN WE PRAY

st. 4

4 By Your Spir - it now at - tend To our prayers and  
sup - pli - ca - tions, As like in - cense they as - cend



To Your heav'n - ly hab - i - ta - tions.



May their fra - grance waft a - bove, God of love.

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### + SACRAMENT +

#### PREFACE

**L** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**L** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**L** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

#### PROPER PREFACE

**L** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times in all places give thanks to You, our merciful God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection. Grant us to share in their vision and witness and with all the faithful to look forward to the glory yet to be revealed. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we praise and honor You this day and always.

#### SANCTUS

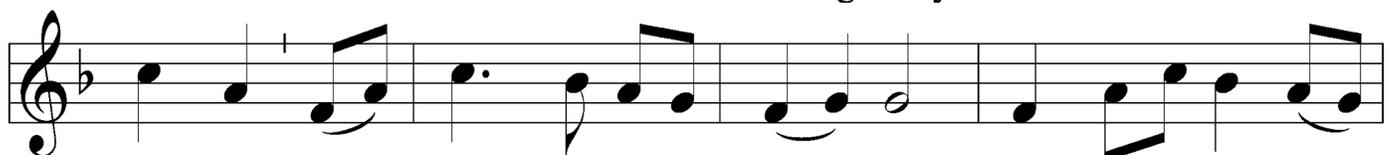
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**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**L** Holy are You, O God, almighty and most merciful Lord. We thank You for having sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to be our Redeemer, saving us from the power of sin, death, and the devil. With Moses and Elijah, with John, James, Peter, and the faithful disciples, with the apostles and evangelists, and with the faithful of all the ages, we bless You. Invited by Your grace, we come to Your Table with gratitude and joy. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood as we listen to Your Word that we may be filled with Your peace and hope as we await the eternal feast in glory everlasting.

**C** Amen.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

**L** 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  $\text{✝}$  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  $\text{✝}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

**L** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**L** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## THE 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.

## PAX DOMINI

**L** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

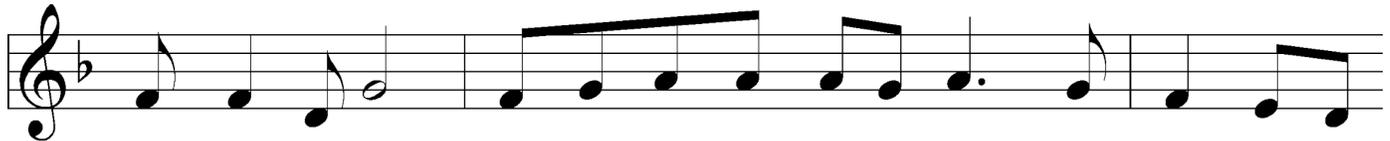
**C** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI

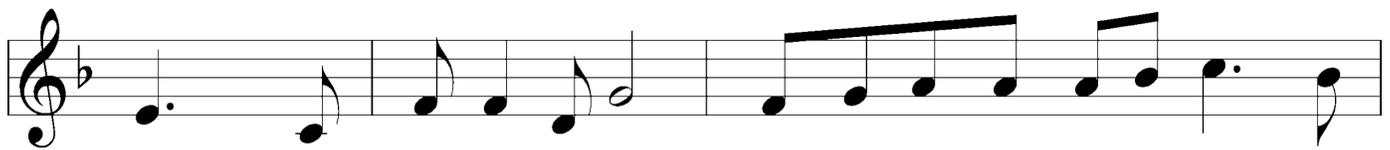
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**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

## + DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

### SHINE JESUS SHINE *(video)*

Lord the light of Your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness shining  
Jesus Light of the World shine upon us  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us  
Shine on me, shine on me

Shine Jesus shine, Fill this land with the Father's glory  
Blaze Spirit blaze, Set our hearts on fire  
Flow river flow, Flood the nations with grace and mercy  
Send forth Your word, Lord and let there be light

Lord I come to Your awesome presence  
From the shadows into Your radiance  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness  
Search me try me consume all my darkness  
Shine on me, shine on me

Shine Jesus shine, Fill this land with the Father's glory  
Blaze Spirit blaze, Set our hearts on fire  
Flow river flow, Flood the nations with grace and mercy  
Send forth Your word, Lord and let there be light  
As we gaze on Your kingly brightness  
So our faces display Your likeness  
Ever changing from glory to glory  
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story  
Shine on me, shine on me

Shine Jesus shine, Fill this land with the Father's glory  
Blaze Spirit blaze, Set our hearts on fire  
Flow river flow, Flood the nations with grace and mercy  
Send forth Your word, Lord and let there be light *(repeat section)*  
Let there be light.

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## **OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART** *(video)*

Open the eyes of my heart Lord, Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You, I want to see You  
Open the eyes of my heart Lord, Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You, I want to see You

Open the eyes of my heart Lord, Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You, I want to see You  
Open the eyes of my heart Lord, Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You, I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy holy holy

Open the eyes of my heart Lord, Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You, I want to see You  
Open the eyes of my heart Lord, Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You, I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up  
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Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy holy holy

Holy holy holy, Holy holy holy, Holy holy holy, I want to see You  
Holy holy holy, Holy holy holy, Holy holy holy, I want to see You  
Holy holy holy, Holy holy holy, Holy holy holy, I want to see You  
I want to see You. I want to see You.

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## POST-COMMUNION DISMISSAL

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

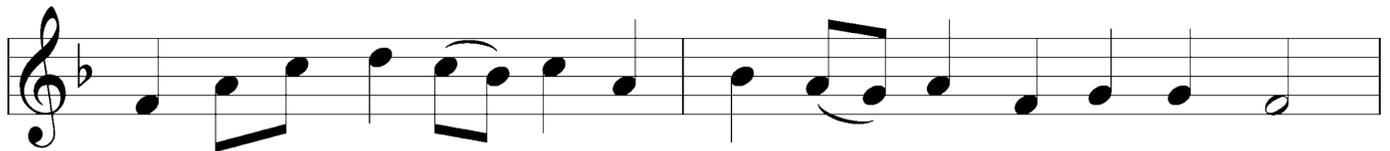
**C** Amen.

## THANK THE LORD

LSB 164



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**L** Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the church. By Your Holy Spirit, help us to grow in faith and fellowship and do the good works that You desire us to do as Your witnesses in our time; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, to whom, with You and the same Spirit, be all honor and glory, forever and ever. **C** Amen.

## FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

*Ecclesiastes 3:1–4, 7, alt.*

**L** This week, on Ash Wednesday, we begin our observance of Lent. To highlight the penitential nature of the season, it has been the custom in the church to suspend the use of the word *alleluia*, which means “Praise the Lord.”

The tradition not to use the joyful word *alleluia* in worship from the conclusion of worship on the final Sunday before Lent until the first service on Easter Sunday has been in place since the fifth century. The text of the hymn “Alleluia, Song of Gladness” (*LSB* 417) dates back to the 11th century and links us to a millennium of God’s people at worship. We will repeat words from the book of Ecclesiastes, which remind us that there are appropriate times for all things, including a time to keep silence, which we will observe regarding use of the *alleluia* throughout Lent. For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die;

**C** a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

**L** a time to break down, and a time to build up;

**C** a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

**L** a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

**C** a time to keep silence, and a time to speak.

**L** As part of our observance of a holy Lent as it begins this week, we now say farewell to the *alleluia* until the time of our rejoicing anew at the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Day.

**C** Alleluia! Amen.

## BENEDICAMUS

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

**L** The Lord commanded Moses concerning His people, saying: “Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, ‘Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them.’” Receive, therefore, with believing hearts, the benediction of our God:

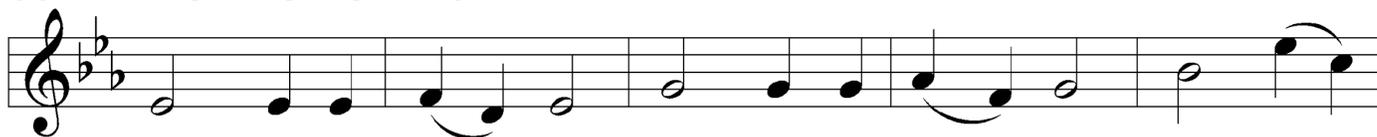
The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

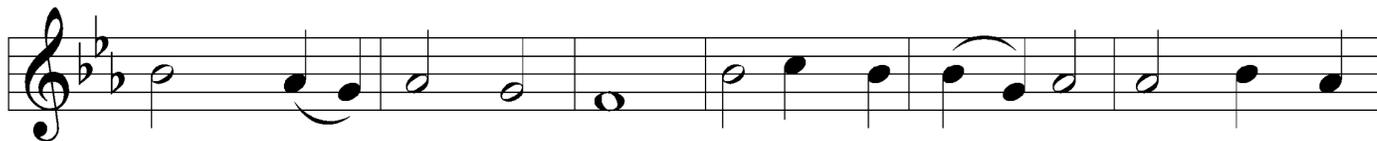
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

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1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd  
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is  
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines  
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.  
pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.  
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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## CLOSING PEACE

**L** Go in Peace as you serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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