

"...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, and nothing will be impossible for you."  
Matthew 17:20b

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## **CELEBRATING 60 YRS OF SERVING GOD'S PEOPLE**

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**Matins 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas  
December 28, 2025**

## AS WE GATHER - LED BY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

The days after Christmas always feel a bit quieter, as though the world is finally catching its breath after all the rushing. Yet the Scriptures today remind us that even in the quiet, God is powerfully at work. While the world sleeps, the Lord is guiding His people. While danger rises, He protects the Christ Child. While uncertainty grows, He leads His people like a shepherd through the wilderness. Today we hear of God's faithful love throughout history, from Isaiah's recounting of the Lord's compassion, to Paul's announcement that we have been adopted as His children, to Matthew's account of Joseph faithfully responding to God's call to protect the infant Jesus. Through it all, one truth shines: the light of Christ cannot be overcome. As we gather in the days following Christmas joy, we remember that the same Jesus who once fled from Herod now rules with all authority in heaven and on earth. He enters our fears, carries us through our troubles, and calls us His own. In Him, we find our rest. In Him, we find our identity. And in Him, we continue forward with confidence, knowing that our Savior leads us still.

### + PREPARATION +

## 389 LET ALL TOGETHER PRAISE OUR GOD

sts. 1-4, 7



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore His  
2 He leaves His heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, Is born an  
3 With - in an earth - born form He hides His all - cre -  
4 He un - der - takes a great ex - change, Puts on our  
△ 7 Your grace in low - li - ness re - vealed, Lord Je - sus,



glo - rious throne; To - day He o - pens heav'n a - gain To  
in - fant small, And in a man - ger, poor and lone, Lies  
at - ing light; To serve us all He hum - bly cloaks The  
hu - man frame, And in re - turn gives us His realm, His  
we a - dore And praise to God the Fa - ther yield And

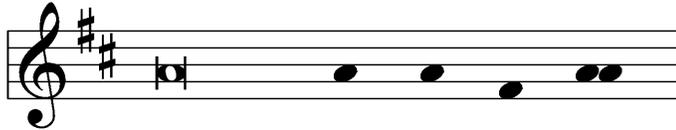


give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.  
in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.  
splen - dor of His might, The splen - dor of His might.  
glo - ry, and His name, His glo - ry, and His name.  
Spir - it ev - er - more; We praise You ev - er - more.

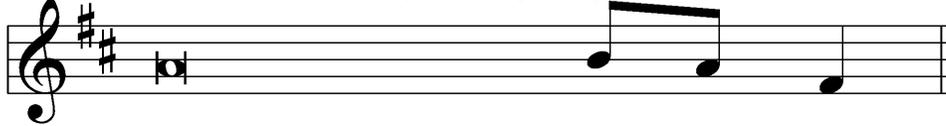
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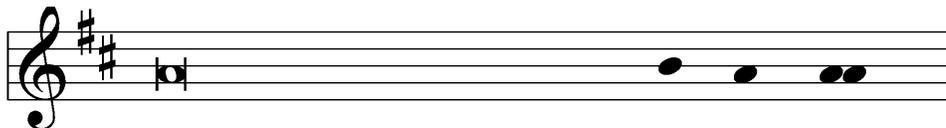
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**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



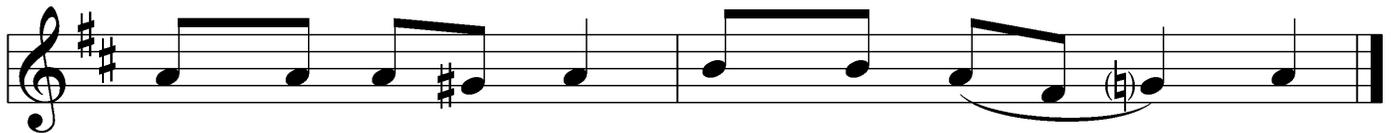
**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



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

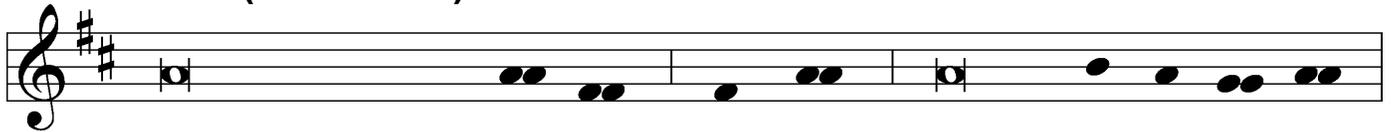


Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

**+ PSALMODY +**

**ANTIPHON (COMMON)**

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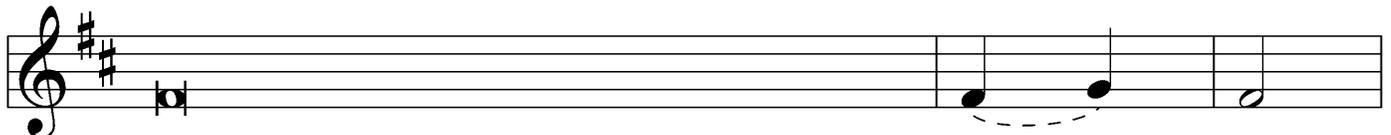
**L** Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



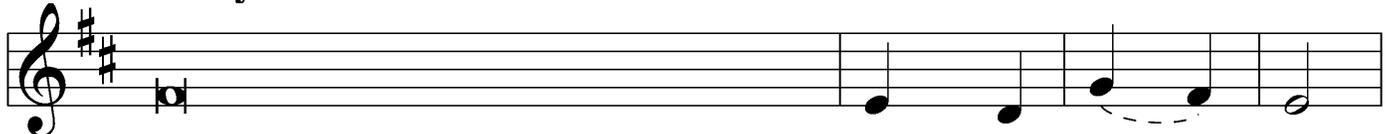
**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

**VENITE**

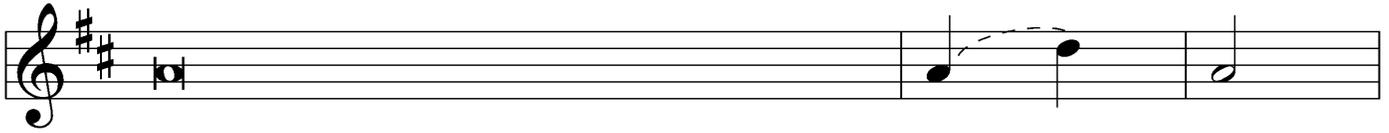
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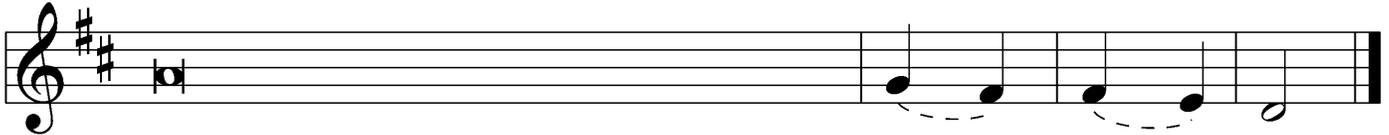
**C** 1 O come, let us sing . . . . . to the Lord,  
2 For the Lord is a . . . . . great God  
3 The sea is His, for He . . . . . made it,  
  
5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . to the Son



1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.  
2 and a great . . . . . king a - bove all gods.  
3 and His hand . . . . . formed the dry land.  
  
5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spir - it;



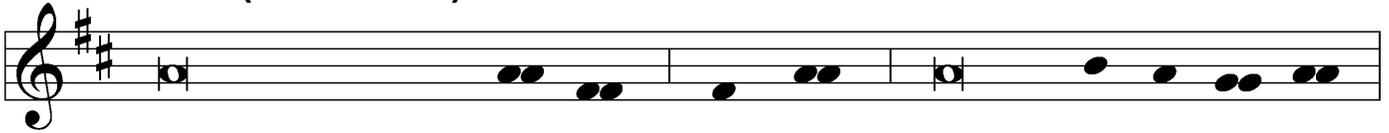
1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,  
 2 The deep places of the earth are . . . . . in His hand;  
 3 O come, let us worship and . . . . . bow down,  
 4 For He . . . . . is our God,  
 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to . . . . . Him with songs of praise.  
 2 the strength of the hills is . . . . . His al - so.  
 3 let us kneel before the . . . . . Lord, our mak - er.  
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.  
 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

**ANTIPHON (COMMON)**

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**L** Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



**G** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

**ADDITIONAL PSALMS**

*Psalm 111; antiphon: v. 9a, b*

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. <sup>2</sup>Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. <sup>3</sup>Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. <sup>4</sup>He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful. <sup>5</sup>He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever. <sup>6</sup>He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations. <sup>7</sup>The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy; <sup>8</sup>they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. <sup>9</sup>He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name! <sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

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

**G** Thanks be to God.

(Sit)

## 370 WHAT CHILD IS THIS



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is  
2 Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are  
3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While  
feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The  
own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is  
si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall  
lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the



Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;  
pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;  
song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar - y!  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

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## + READINGS +

### OLD TESTAMENT

*Isaiah 63:7–14*

**L** A reading from Isaiah, chapter 63.

<sup>7</sup>I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD, the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

<sup>8</sup>For he said, “Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely.” And he became their Savior. <sup>9</sup>In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. <sup>10</sup>But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit; therefore he turned to be their enemy, and himself fought against them. <sup>11</sup>Then he remembered the days of old, of Moses and his people. Where is he who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where is he who put in the midst of them his Holy Spirit, <sup>12</sup>who caused his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses, who divided the waters before them to make for himself an everlasting name, <sup>13</sup>who led them through the depths? Like a horse in the desert, they did not stumble. <sup>14</sup>Like livestock that go down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD gave them rest. So you led your people, to make for yourself a glorious name.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

*Galatians 4:4–7*

**L** A reading from Galatians, chapter 4.

<sup>4</sup>When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 2:13–23*

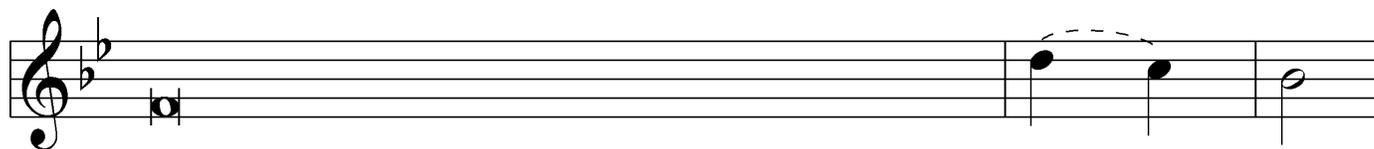
**L** A reading from Matthew, chapter 2.

<sup>13</sup>When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” <sup>14</sup>And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt <sup>15</sup>and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.” <sup>16</sup>Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. <sup>17</sup>Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: <sup>18</sup>“A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.” <sup>19</sup>But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, <sup>20</sup>saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” <sup>21</sup>And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel.

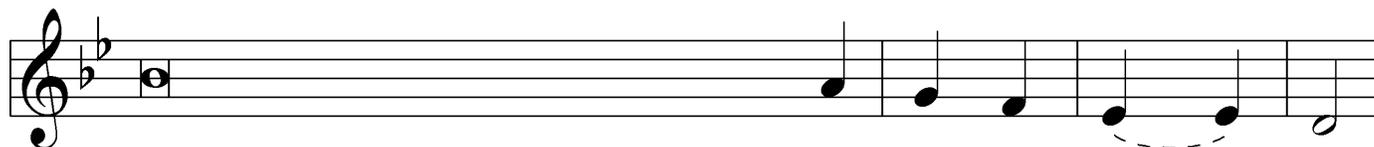


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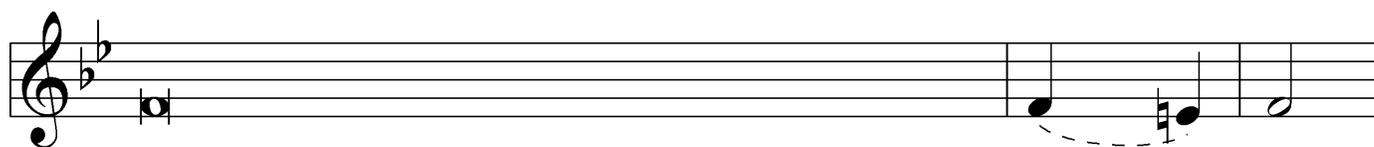
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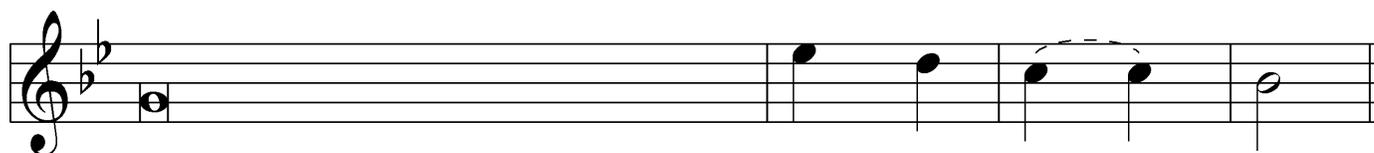
- C** 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.  
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of . . . . . Sab - a - oth;  
3 The noble army of martyrs . . . . . praise — You.



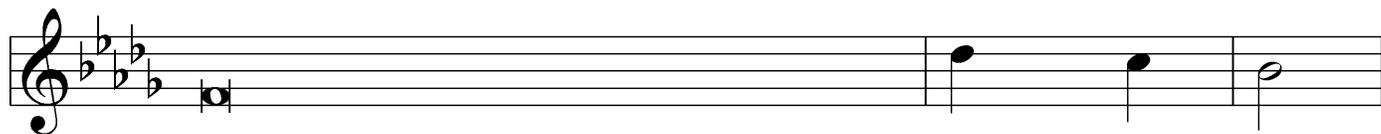
- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.  
2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.  
3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



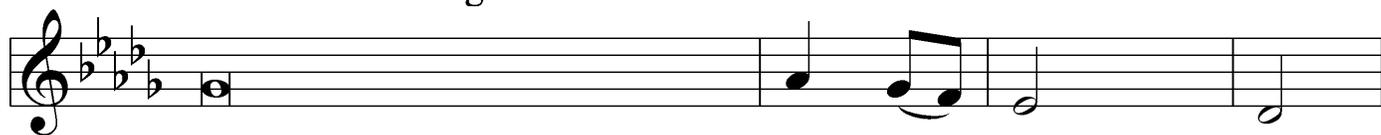
- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.  
2 The glorious company of the apostles . . . . . praise — You.  
3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;  
4 You are the king of glory, . . . . . O — Christ;



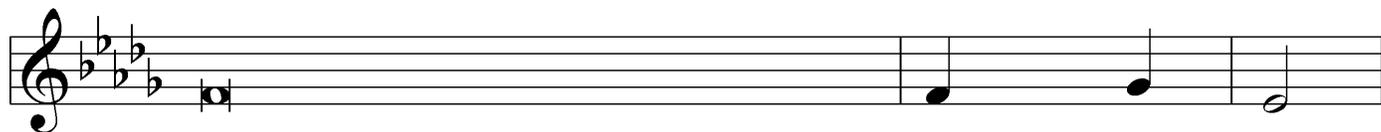
- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:  
2 The goodly fellowship of the . . . . . proph-ets praise — You.  
3 also the Holy . . . . . Ghost, the Com-fort - er.  
4 You are the everlasting Son . . . . . of the Fa - ther.



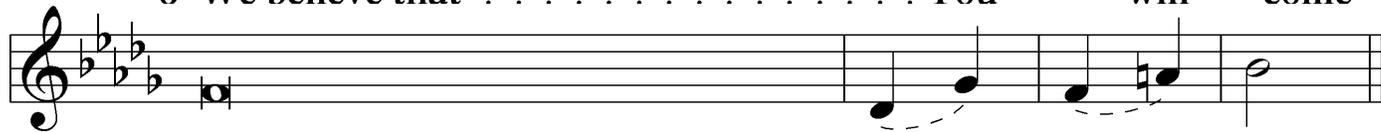
5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,  
6 You sit at the right . . . . . hand of God



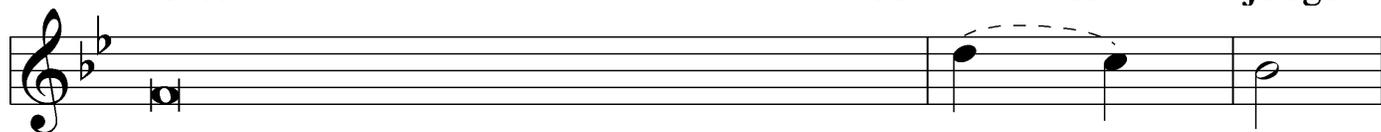
5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.  
6 in the glory . . . . . of the Fa - ther.



5 When You had overcome the . . . . . sharpness of death,  
6 We believe that . . . . . You will come



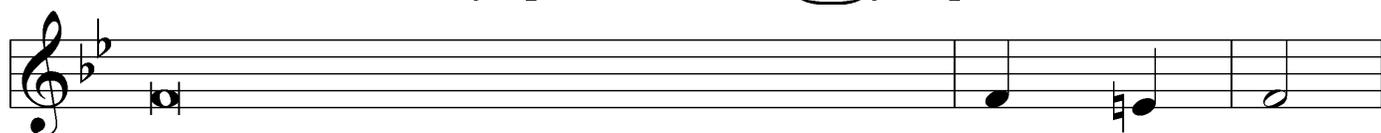
5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.  
6 to . . . . . be our judge.



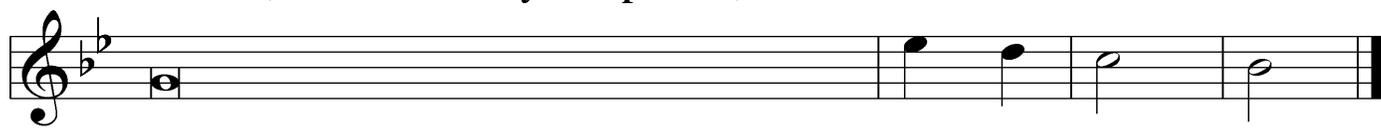
7 We therefore pray You to help Your . . . . . ser - vants,  
8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.  
9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.  
8 Govern them and lift . . . . . them up for - ev - er.  
9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on us.



7 Make them to be numbered . . . . . with Your saints  
8 Day by day we . . . . . magni - fy You.  
9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.



7 in glory . . . . . ev - er - last - ing.  
8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.  
9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

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## OFFERING AND VIDEO

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### + PRAYERS +

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**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

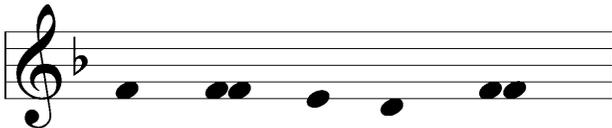
## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.

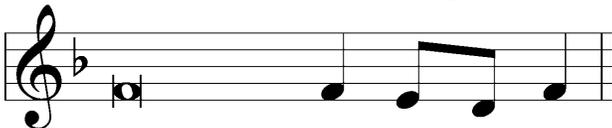
## COLLECTS

### INTRODUCTION TO COLLECTS

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**L** O Lord, hear my prayer.



**C** And let my cry come to You.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**L** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

**L** For the Church throughout the world, that she may rejoice in the gift of the Savior born for us and trust in God's unfailing love, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For this congregation, that we may follow where Christ leads, delight in His Word, and live as His redeemed children in the year to come; and for Peace Conway's ongoing ministry expansion efforts, including the sale of our property and the work of our Building and Early Childhood Education Committees, that the Lord would guide every step with wisdom and unity, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For our homes and families, that Christ would dwell among us with His peace; for those traveling during this holiday season, that they may be kept safe; and for all who are lonely, grieving, or burdened, that they may find comfort in the presence of the Savior who carries His people, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For peace among the nations, for good and faithful leaders, and for all who serve to protect life and uphold justice, that the Lord would grant safety and give wisdom, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the sick, the suffering, the hospitalized, the homebound, and all who cry out for healing in body or soul, especially those we name silently in our hearts... that the Lord would lift them up and surround them with His mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For all those preparing for new ventures, transitions, or decisions in the coming year, that the Lord would strengthen their faith and guide their ways; and for the work of missions, mercy, and Christian care in our congregation and community, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**L** O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## **COLLECT FOR GRACE**

**L** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

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## BENEDICAMUS

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**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

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**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ and the love of God

and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.

**C** A - men.

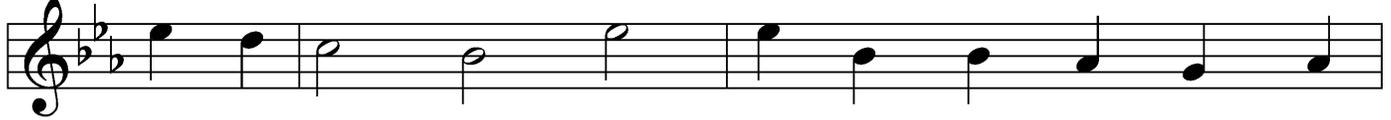
# 670 YE WATCHERS AND YE HOLY ONES



1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, Bright  
 2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, More  
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, Ye  
 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, Su -



ser - apts, cher - u - bim, and thrones, Raise the glad strain:  
 glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, Lead their prais - es:  
 pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: "Al - le - lu - ia,  
 per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: "Al - le - lu - ia,



"Al - le - lu - ia!" Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,  
 "Al - le - lu - ia!" Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal  
 al - le - lu - ia!" Ye ho - ly Twelve, ye mar - tyrs  
 al - le - lu - ia!" To God the Fa - ther, God the



pow'rs, Vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'  
 Word, Most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the  
 strong, All saints tri - um - phant, raise the  
 Son, And God the Spir - it, Three in



choirs: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 Lord: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 song: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 One: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

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## **GUIDING STATEMENT**

**C** Peace Conway is a loving Christian family, faithfully serving all people by sharing the good news of Jesus and caring for people in need.

## **CLOSING PEACE**

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

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