

DIVINE SERVICE SETTING III WITH HOLY COMMUNION - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 17 & April 18, 2021

[congregation speaks **BOLDED** text]

PRELUDE & SILENT PRAYER

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“GOD LOVES ME DEARLY”

LSB #392

1. God loves me dearly, Grants me salvation, God loves me dearly, Loves even me. **Refrain**

Refrain: Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly, God loves me dearly, Loves even me.

2. I was in slav'ry, Sin, death, and darkness; God's love was working To make me free. **Refrain**

3. He sent forth Jesus, My dear Redeemer, He sent forth Jesus And set me free. **Refrain**

4. Jesus, my Savior, Himself did offer; Jesus, my Savior, Paid all I owed. **Refrain**

5. Now I will praise You, O Love Eternal; Now I will praise You All my life long. **Refrain**

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.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

LSB 184

P. O almighty God, merciful Father,

C. **I, A POOR, MISERABLE SINNER, CONFESS UNTO YOU ALL MY SINS AND INIQUITIES WITH WHICH I HAVE EVER OFFENDED YOU AND JUSTLY DESERVED YOUR TEMPORAL AND ETERNAL PUNISHMENT. BUT I AM HEARTILY SORRY FOR THEM AND SINCERELY REPENT OF THEM, AND I PRAY YOU OF YOUR BOUNDLESS MERCY AND FOR THE SAKE OF THE HOLY, INNOCENT, BITTER SUFFERINGS AND DEATH OF YOUR BELOVED SON, JESUS CHRIST, TO BE GRACIOUS AND MERCIFUL TO ME, A POOR, SINFUL BEING.**

ABSOLUTION

LSB 185

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.**

✠ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ✠

INTROIT

Psalm 30:1-5; antiphon: Psalm 16:11b

P. In your presence there is fullness of joy;

C. **AT YOUR RIGHT HAND ARE PLEASURES FOREVERMORE.**

P. I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up

C. AND HAVE NOT LET MY FOES REJOICE OVER ME.

P. O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,

C. AND YOU HAVE HEALED ME.

P. O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;

C. YOU RESTORED ME TO LIFE FROM AMONG THOSE WHO GO DOWN TO THE PIT.

P. Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,

C. AND GIVE THANKS TO HIS HOLY NAME.

P. For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

C. WEeping MAY TARRY FOR THE NIGHT, BUT JOY COMES WITH THE MORNING. 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.

P. In your presence there is fullness of joy;

C. AT YOUR RIGHT HAND ARE PLEASURES FOREVERMORE.

GLORIA PATRI

LSB 186



☐ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

KYRIE

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



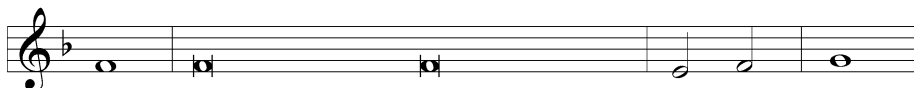
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

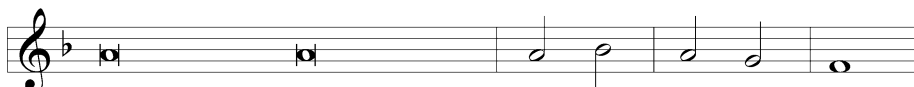
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☐ Glory be to God on high: ☐ and on earth peace, good - will toward



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.

Q And with thy spir - it.

P. Let us pray. ... O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C. AMEN.

THE FIRST READING

ACTS 3:11-21

¹¹While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. ¹²And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release Him. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life,

whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And His name — by faith in His name — has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. ¹⁷“And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets long ago.”

P. This is the Word of the Lord.

C. THANKS BE TO GOD.

GRADUAL

ADAPT. FROM MATTHEW 28:7; HEBREWS 2:7; PSALM 8:6

A. CHRIST HAS RISEN FROM THE DEAD. [GOD THE FATHER] HAS CROWNED HIM WITH GLORY AND HONOR. HE HAS GIVEN HIM DOMINION OVER THE WORKS OF HIS HANDS; HE HAS PUT ALL THINGS UNDER HIS FEET.

EPISTLE READING

1 JOHN 3:1-7

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure. ⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that He appeared to take away sins, and in Him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in Him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen Him or known Him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as He is righteous.

P. This is the Word of the Lord.

C. THANKS BE TO GOD.

ALLELUIA

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Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 24:36-49

P. The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus Himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Touch Me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, He said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and He took it and ate before them. ⁴⁴Then He said to them, “These are My words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness

of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of My Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

P. This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

A. 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 T OF THE WORLD TO COME. AMEN.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“WITH HIGH DELIGHT LET US UNITE”

LSB #483

1. With high delight Let us unite In songs of great jubilation. Ye pure in heart, All bear your part, Sing Jesus Christ, our salvation. To set us free Forever, He Is ris’n and sends To all earth’s ends Good news to save ev’ry nation.
2. True God, He first From death has burst Forth into life, all subduing. His enemy Doth vanquished lie; His death has been death’s undoing. “And yours shall be Like victory O’er death and grave,” Saith He, who gave His life for us, life renewing.
3. Let praises ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord adoration. His honor speed By word and deed To ev’ry land, ev’ry nation. So shall His love Give us above, From misery And death set free, All joy and full consolation.

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SERMON THEME

“HINDSIGHT IS ALWAYS 20-20”

LUKE 24:36-49

VOTUM

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

C. AMEN.

OFFERTORY

LSB 192



☐ 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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH - each petition concludes:

1 Timothy 2:1-4

P. Lord, in your mercy,

C. HEAR OUR PRAYER.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

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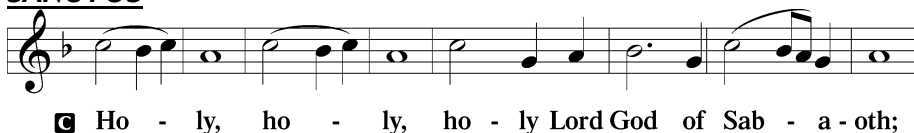
P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them up un - to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.
C It is meet and right so to do.

PROPER PREFACE

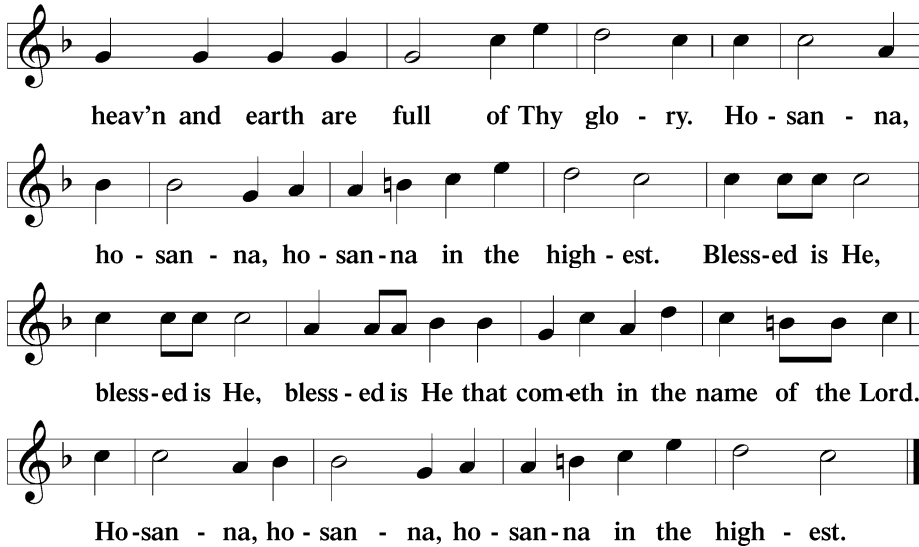
P. It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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

Matthew 6:9-13

- P. Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray.
- A. OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME, THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN. GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD; AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US; AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL. FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.

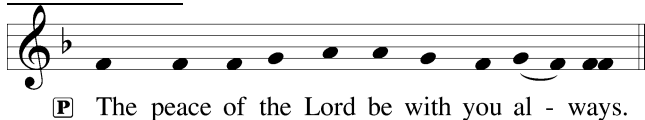
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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- 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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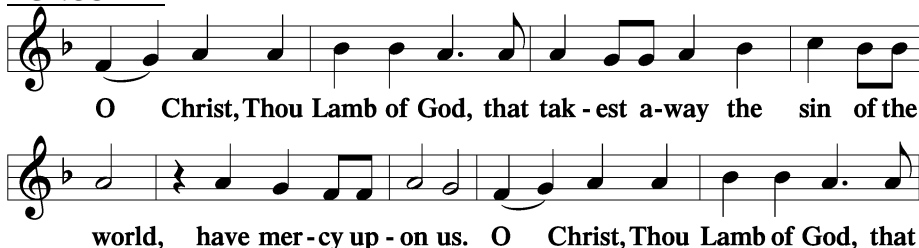
The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



A - men.

AGNUS DEI

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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
 world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that

tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

We believe that in the Lord’s Supper we receive the body and blood of Jesus in, with, and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Because of our concern for each communicant we invite to the Lord’s Table those who have the same belief as we do about the Lord’s Supper. In preparation for this sacrament, you are encouraged to read and answer the following questions:

QUESTIONS TO ASK BEFORE PARTAKING OF THE HOLY COMMUNION:

1. Am I a sinner in need of forgiveness?
2. Do I believe forgiveness comes only through Jesus, who is my Savior?
3. Do I believe Jesus’ Body and Blood are present and given in this meal?
4. Do I want to repent of my sins and live my life more for Jesus?

SILENT PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNING

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your Holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT FEEL THEY CAN PARTAKE AT THIS TIME

“My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.”

THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“CHRIST IS ARISEN”

LSB #459

1. Christ is arisen From the grave’s dark prison. So let our joy rise full and free; Christ our comfort true will be. Alleluia!
2. Were Christ not arisen, Then death were still our prison. Now, with Him to life restored, We praise the Father of our Lord. Alleluia!
3. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Now let our joy rise full and free; Christ our comfort true will be. Alleluia!

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“THE STRIFE IS O’ER, THE BATTLE DONE”

LSB #464

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The strife is o’er, the battle done; Now is the victor’s triumph won; Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!

2. The pow'rs of death have done their worst, But Christ their legions hath dispersed. Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!
3. The three sad days have quickly sped, He rises glorious from the dead. All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!
4. He broke the age-bound chains of hell; The bars from heav'n's high portals fell. Let hymns of praise His triumph tell. Alleluia!
5. Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee, From death's dread sting Thy servants free That we may live and sing to Thee. Alleluia! *Refrain*

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“SENT FORTH BY GOD’S BLESSING”

LSB #643

1. Sent forth by God’s blessing, Our true faith confessing, The people of God from His dwelling take leave. The Supper is ended. O now be extended The fruits of this service in all who believe. The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching, Shall blossom in action for God and for all. His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us To work for God’s kingdom and answer His call.
2. With praise and thanksgiving To God ever-living, The tasks of our ev’ryday life we will face. Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring, Embracing His children of each tribe and race. With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us; Unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

- P. The true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen and preserve you in the truth faith unto life everlasting. Go in peace and in joy.
- C. AMEN.

NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 199

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 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 with - out end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING

LSB 200

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

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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

C. AMEN.

SALUTATION

LSB 201

P The Lord be with you.
G And with thy spir - it.

BENEDICAMUS

LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.
G Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make
 His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.
G A - men, a - men, a - men.