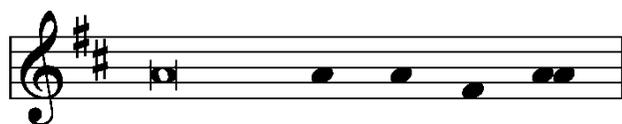


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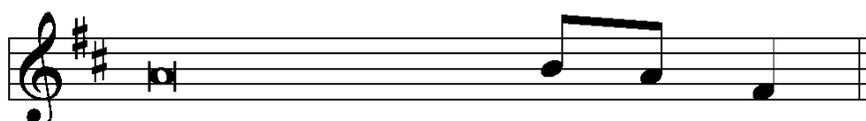
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Stand

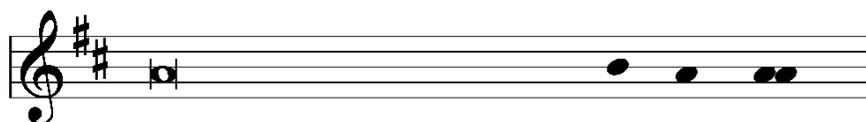
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**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**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.



*Lent:* Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.



<sup>10</sup>All my enemies shall be ashamed and greatly | troubled;\*  
they shall turn back and be put to shame in a | moment.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**And to the Holy | Spirit;**

**As it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**Is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

<sup>4</sup>Turn, O LORD, deliv- | er my life;\*

save me for the sake of your | steadfast love.

Office Hymn:

LSB 445

**"When You Woke That Thursday Morning"**



1 When You woke that Thurs - day morn - ing, Sav - ior,  
2 Nev - er so a - lone and lone - ly, Long - ing  
3 What was there that You could give them That would  
4 One in faith, in love u - nit - ed, All one  
5 One day all the Church will cap - ture That bright



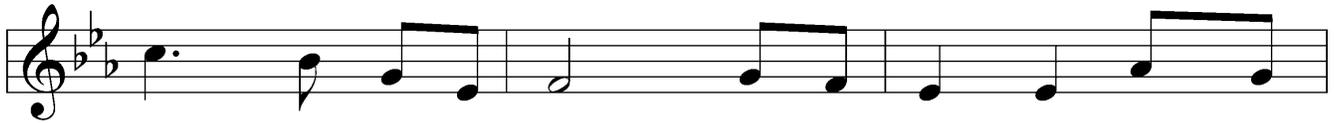
teach - er, faith - ful friend, Thoughts of self and safe - ty  
with tor - ment - ed heart To be with Your dear ones  
nev - er be out - spent, What great gift that would out -  
bod - y, You the head, When we meet, by You in -  
vi - sion glo - ri - ous, And Your saints will know the



scorn - ing, Know - ing how the day would end;  
on - ly For a qui - et hour a - part:  
live them, What last will and tes - ta - ment?  
vit - ed, You are with us, as You said.  
rap - ture That Your heart de - sired for us,



Lamb of God, fore - told for a - ges, Now at  
Sin - less Lamb and fall - en crea - ture, One last  
"Show Me and the world you love Me, Know Me  
One with You and one an - oth - er In a  
When the longed - for peace and u - nion Of the



last the hour had come When but One could pay sin's  
pas - chal meal to eat, One last les - son as their  
as the Lamb of God: Do this in re - mem - brance  
u - ni - ty sub - lime, See in us Your sis - ter,  
Great - est and the least Meet in joy - ous, blest com -



wa - ges: You as - sumed their dread - ful sum.  
teach - er, Wash - ing Your dis - ci - ples' feet.  
of Me, Eat this bod - y, drink this blood."  
broth - er, One in ev - 'ry place and time.  
mu - nion In Your nev - er - end - ing feast.

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*Sit*

## Readings

### **Matthew 26:1-29**

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**℣** A reading from Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter.

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples, <sup>2</sup>“You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.”

<sup>3</sup>Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, <sup>4</sup>and plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. <sup>5</sup>But they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people.”

<sup>6</sup>Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, <sup>7</sup>a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table. <sup>8</sup>And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, "Why this waste? <sup>9</sup>For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor." <sup>10</sup>But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me. <sup>11</sup>For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. <sup>12</sup>In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial. <sup>13</sup>Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her."

<sup>14</sup>Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests <sup>15</sup>and said, "What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?" And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. <sup>16</sup>And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him.

<sup>17</sup>Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?" <sup>18</sup>He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" <sup>19</sup>And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>20</sup>When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. <sup>21</sup>And as they were eating, he said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." <sup>22</sup>And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?" <sup>23</sup>He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray

me. <sup>24</sup>The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born." <sup>25</sup>Judas, who would betray him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said so."

<sup>26</sup>Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." <sup>27</sup>And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, <sup>28</sup>for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup>I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Responsory (Lent)

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- L** 1 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are  
the God of my sal - va - tion.  
2 In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.  
3 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are  
the God of my sal - va - tion.



**C** Rescue me from my en - e - mies, protect me  
from those who rise a - gainst me.

## Sermon:

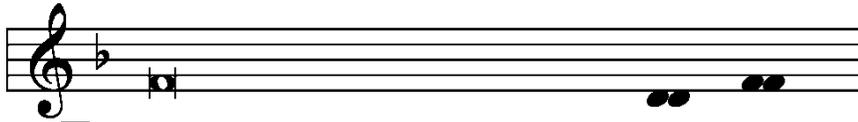
Matthew 26:1-29

"St. Matthew's account of Jesus's Passion's fulfilling prophecy:  
Psalm 41:9"

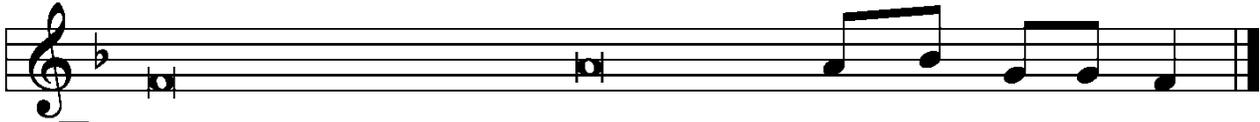








**L** Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,



**C** and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

*Sit*

## Offering

(Offerings placed in the Box in the Narthex before the Service are brought forward here.)

*Kneel/Stand*

Prayer

## Litany (Musical Setting)

(Where petitions are grouped, sing the indicated response after each petition.)



**L** O Lord,



**C** have mer - cy.



**L** O Christ,



**C** have mer - cy.



**L** O Lord,



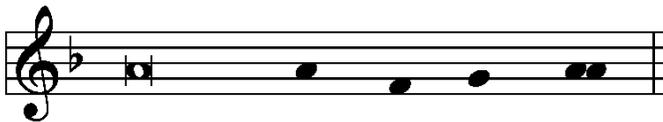
**C** have mer - cy.



**L** O Christ,



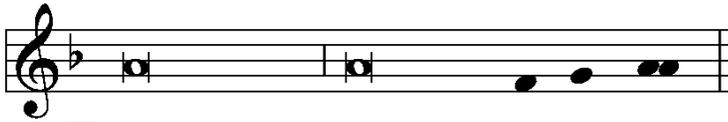
**C** hear us.



**L** God the Fa - ther in heaven,



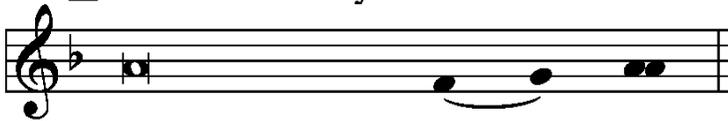
**C** have mer - cy.



**L** God the Son, Redeemer of the world,



**C** have mer - cy.



**L** God the Holy Spir - it,



**C** have mer - cy.



**L** Be gra - cious to us.



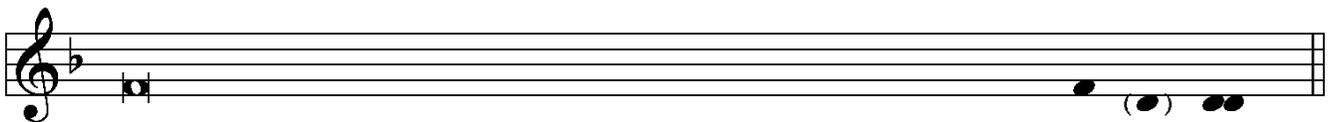
**C** Spare us, good Lord.



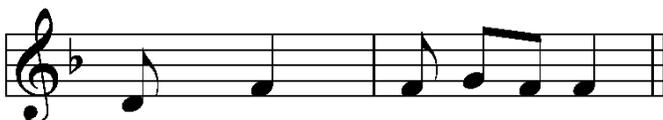
**L** Be gra - cious to us.



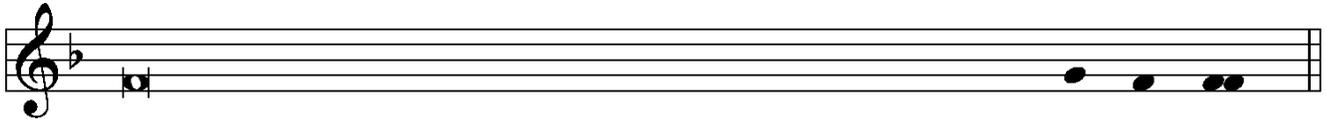
**C** Help us, good Lord.



**L** From all sin, from all error, from all . . . . . e - vil;  
From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and e - vil death;  
From pestilence and famine;  
from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from re - bel - lion;  
From lightning and tempest;  
from all calamity by fire and water; and from ever - last - ing death:



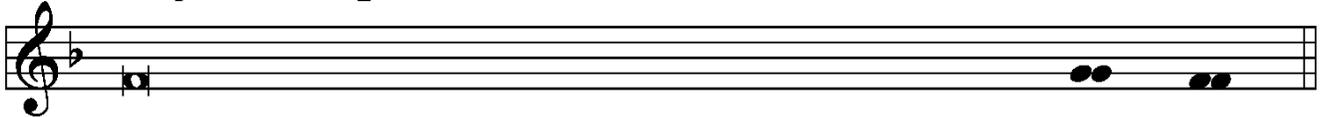
**C** Good Lord, de - liv - er us.



**L** By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy na - tiv - i - ty;  
By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation;  
by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your  
cross and passion; by Your precious death and . . . . . bur - i - al;  
By Your glorious resurrection and ascension;  
and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the . . . . . Com - fort - er:



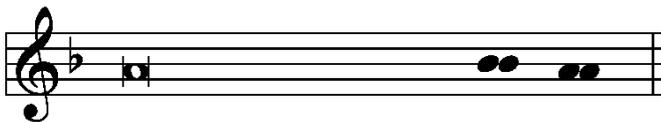
**C** Help us, good Lord.



**L** In all time of our tribulation; in all time  
of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judg - ment:



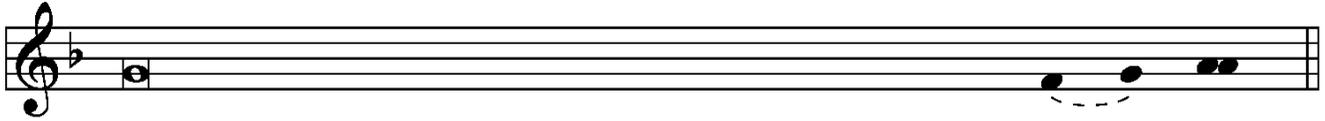
**C** Help us, good Lord.



**L** We poor sinners im - plore You



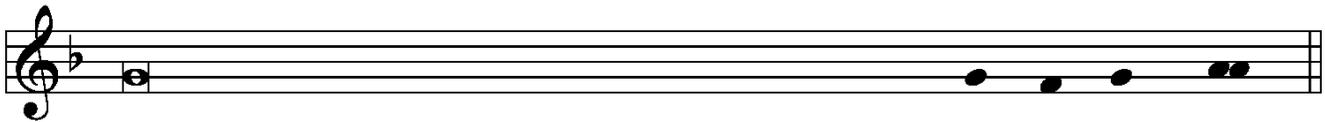
**C** to hear us, O Lord.



**L** To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church;  
to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your  
Church in the true knowledge and understanding  
of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy . . . . . liv - ing;  
  
To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense;  
to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and . . . . . are de - ceived;  
  
To beat down Satan under our feet;  
to send faithful laborers into Your harvest;  
and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and . . . . . Spir - it:



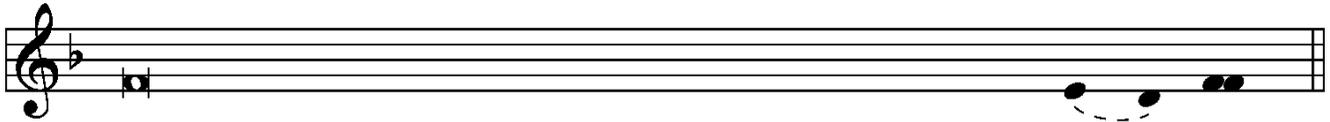
**C** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.



**L** To raise those who fall and to strengthen those  
who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the dis - tressed:



**C** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.



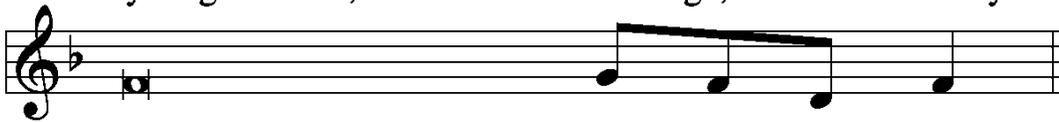
**L** To give to all peoples concord and peace;  
to preserve our land from discord and strife;  
to give our country Your protection in every . . . . . time of need;

To direct and defend our president/queen/king and all in  
authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our peo - ple;

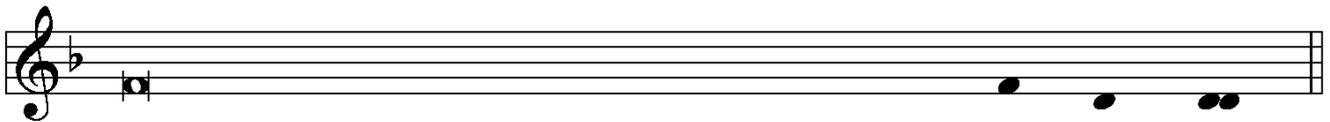
To watch over and help all who are in danger,  
necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who trav - el;

To grant all women with child, and all mothers  
with infant children, increasing happiness in  
their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and pro-vide for them;

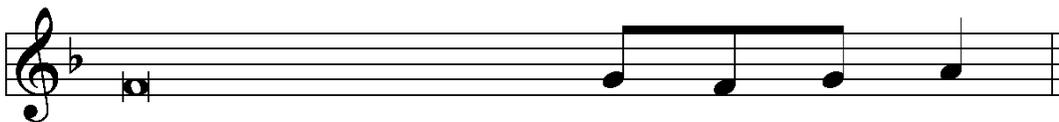
To strengthen and keep all sick persons and  
young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all:



**C** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.



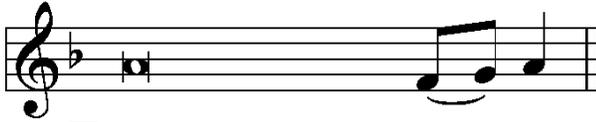
**L** To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers  
and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our  
use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:



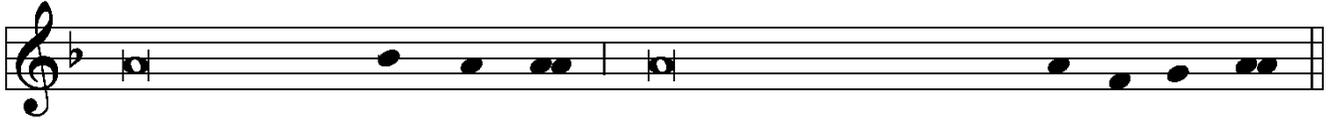
**C** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.



**L** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,



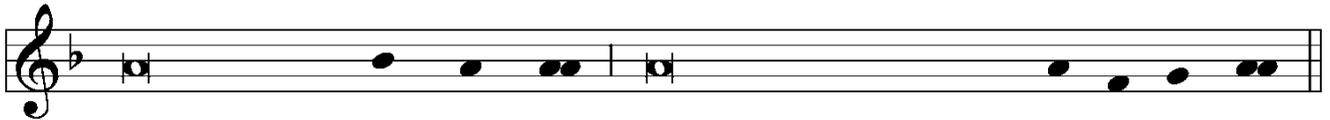
**C** we implore You to hear us.



**L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,



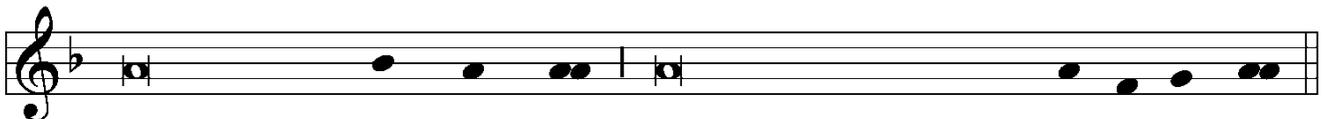
**C** have mer - cy.



**L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,



**C** have mer - cy.



**L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,



**C** grant us Your peace.



**L** O Christ,



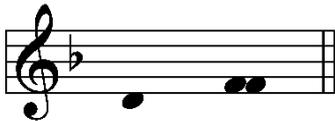
**C** hear us.



**L** O Lord,



**C** have mer - cy.



**L** O Christ,



**C** have mer - cy.



**L** O Lord,



**C** have mer - cy. A - men.



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



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



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



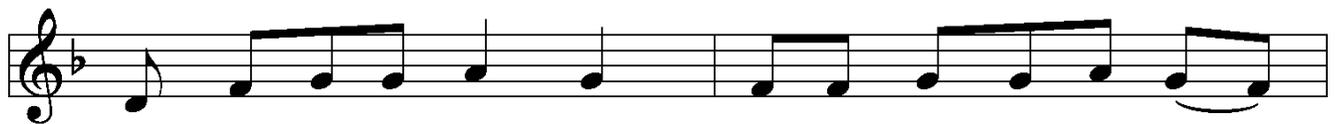
bread; and for-give us our tres-pass - es as we for-give



those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in -



to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo -



ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.



## Versicle and Response

**L** Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory | of Your name.

**C** **Deliver us and purge away our sins for Your | name's sake.**

## Litany Collect

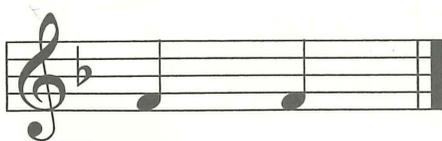
**P** Almighty and everlasting God, since You govern and sanctify the whole Christian Church by Your Holy Spirit, hear our prayers for all its members. Mercifully grant that, by Your grace, we may serve You in true faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Collect for Lent 1

**P** O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church, that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



**C** A - men.

## Collect for Peace

**P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; 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.

*Stand*

## Benedicamus

*LSB 234*



**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

*LSB 234*



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

A - men.

**Closing Hymn:** "O Blessed Light, O Trinity" LSB 890

1 O bless - ed Light, O Trin - i - ty, O ev - er -  
 2 To You our morn - ing song of praise, To You our  
 △ 3 All glo - ry be to God a - bove And to the  
 last - ing U - ni - ty: As now the fi - ery  
 eve - ning prayer we raise; We praise Your light in  
 Son, the Prince of love, And to the Spir - it,  
 sun de - parts, Send forth Your light in - to our hearts.  
 ev - 'ry age, The glo - ry of our pil - grim - age.  
 One in Three! We praise You, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

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