

Midweek Vespers

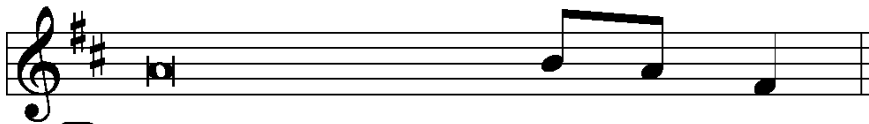
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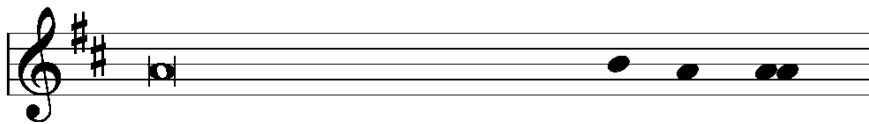
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L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



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.



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

Psalm 143 (antiphon v.1)

(The congregation sings the indented portions
and the *Gloria Patri*.)



- ¹Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!*
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- ³For the enemy has pursued my soul; he has crushed my life |
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- he has made me sit in darkness like | those long dead.
- ⁴Therefore my spirit faints with- | in me;*
- my heart within me | is appalled.
- ⁵I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that | you have
- done;*
- I ponder the work | of your hands.
- ⁶I stretch out my | hands to you;*
- my soul thirsts for you like a | parched land.
- ⁷Answer me quickly, O LORD! My | spirit fails!*
- Hide not your face from me, lest I be like those who go
- down | to the pit.

⁸Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in | you
I trust.*

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soul.

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and you will destroy all the adversaries of my soul,

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And to the Holy | Spirit;

As it was in the be- | ginning,*

Is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

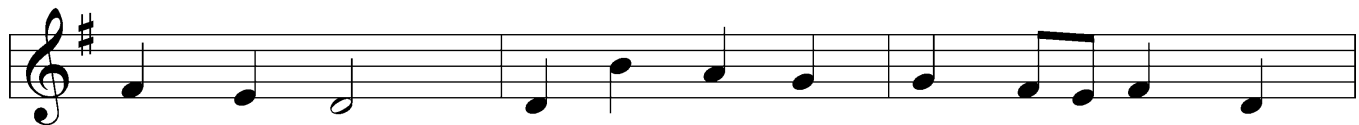
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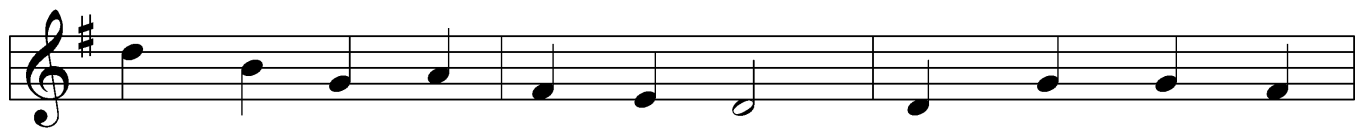
Office Hymn: "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain" *LW 435*



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -
4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -
From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and
Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain
Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.
deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

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Sit

Readings

Matthew 27:32-66

L A reading from Matthew, the twenty-seventh chapter.

³²As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³And when

they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. ³⁶Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. ³⁷And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." ³⁸Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. ³⁹And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." ⁴¹So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, ⁴²"He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" ⁴⁴And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

⁴⁵Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." ⁴⁸And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." ⁵⁰And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

⁵¹And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵²The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

⁵⁵There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, ⁵⁶among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

⁵⁷When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. ⁵⁹And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud ⁶⁰and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. ⁶¹Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

⁶²Next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate ⁶³and said, "Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise.' ⁶⁴Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the

dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first." ⁶⁵Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can." ⁶⁶So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

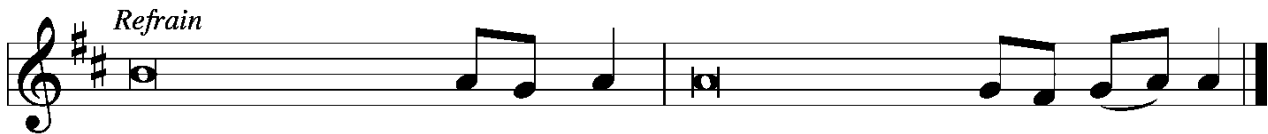
C Thanks be to God.

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.

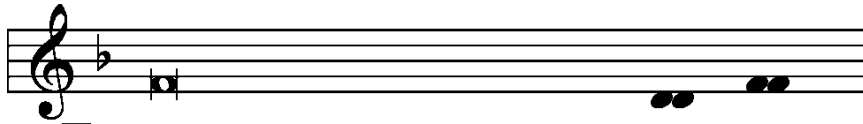


- C** Rescue me from my en - e - mies, protect me
from those who rise a - gainst me.

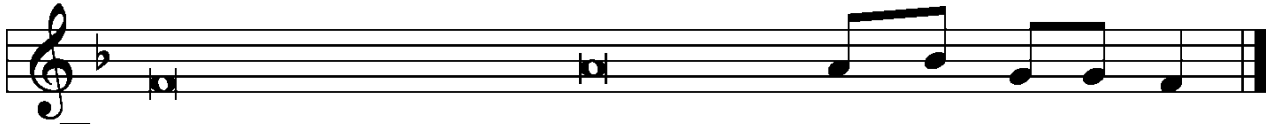
Sermon:

Isaiah 53:9; Matthew 27:57, 60

"St. Matthew's account of Jesus's Passion's fulfilling prophecy"



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.



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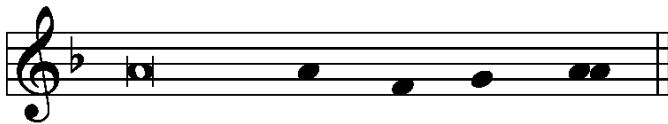
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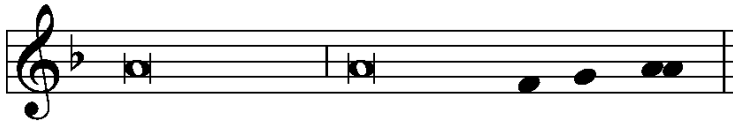
C hear us.



L God the Fa - ther in heaven,



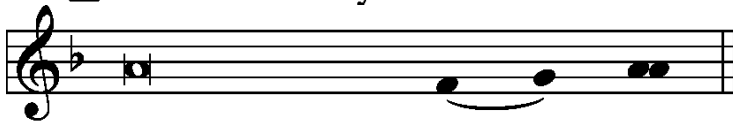
C have mer - cy.



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.



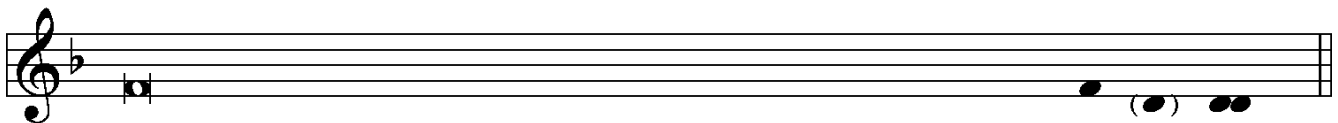
C Spare us, good Lord.



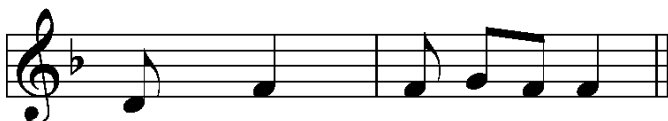
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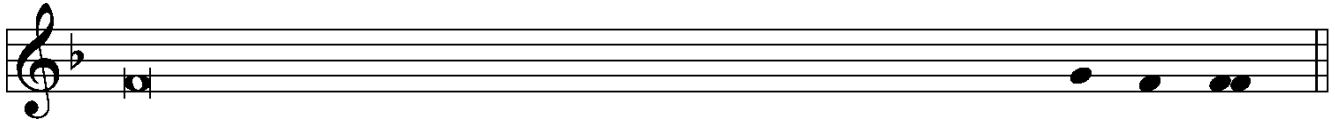
C Help us, good Lord.



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:



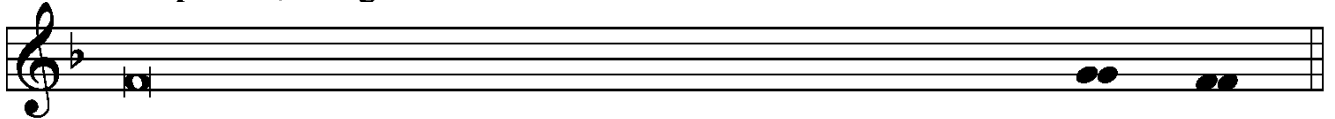
C Good Lord, de - liv - er us.



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:



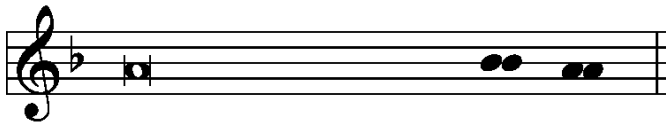
C Help us, good Lord.



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:



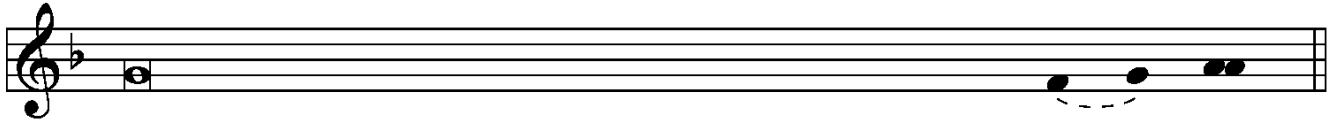
C Help us, good Lord.



L We poor sinners im - plore You



C to hear us, O Lord.



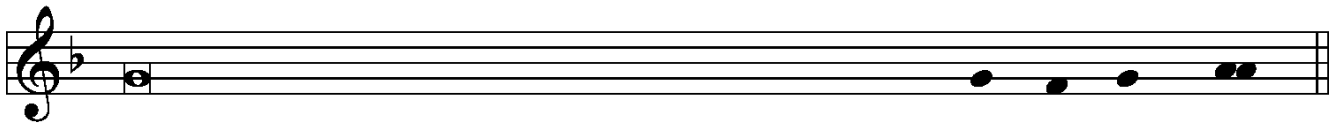
L To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church;
to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your
Church in the true knowledge and understanding
of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy liv - ing;

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:



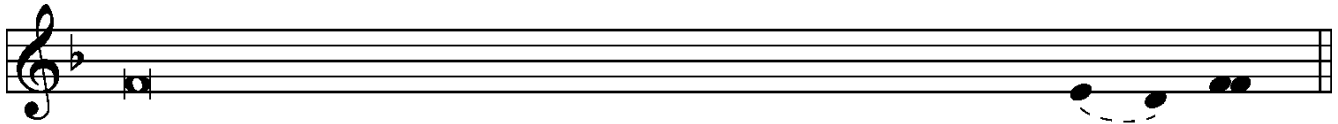
C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.



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



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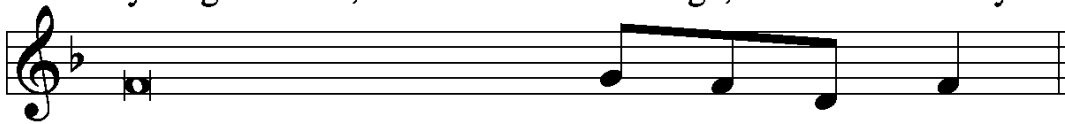
L To give to all peoples concord and peace;
to preserve our land from discord and strife;
to give our country Your protection in every time of need;

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

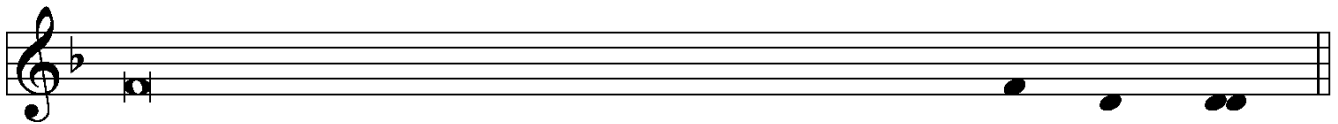
To watch over and help all who are in danger,
necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who trav - el;

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:



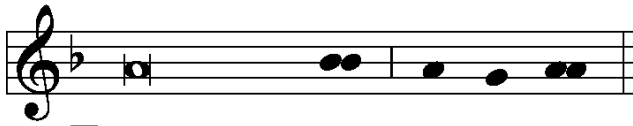
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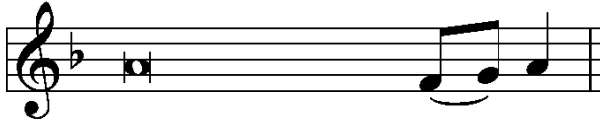
L To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers
and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our
use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:



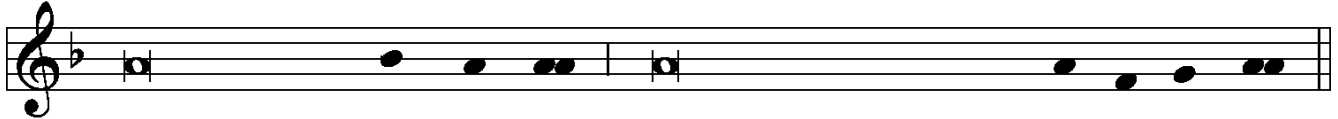
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L Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,



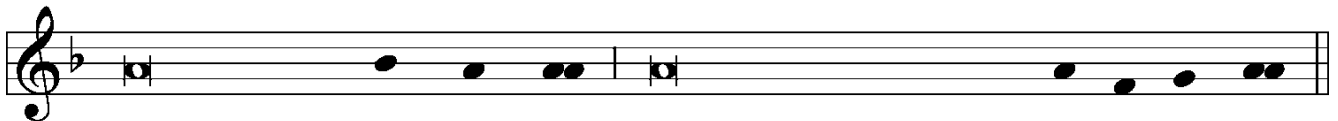
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L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,



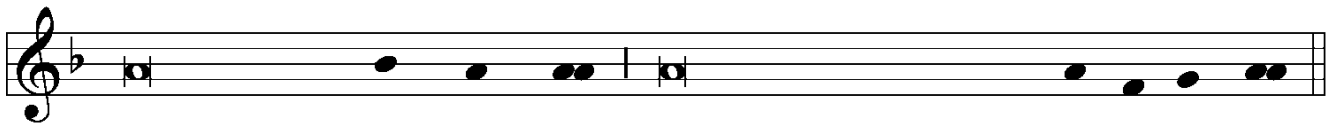
C have mer - cy.



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



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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



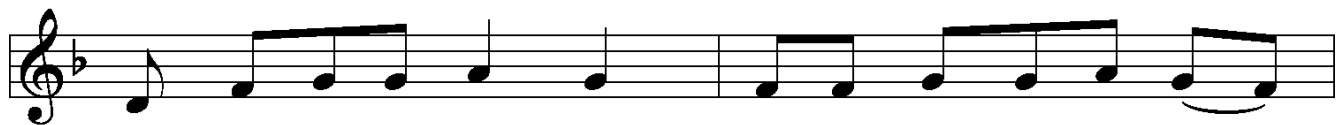
bread; and for-give us our tres-pass - es as we for-give



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 -



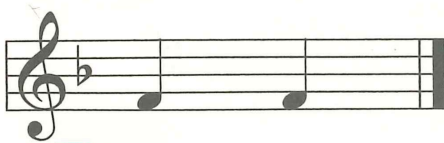
ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Versicle and Response

- L** O Lord, do not deal with us according | to our sins.*
C **Do not reward us according to our in- | iquities.**

Litany Collect

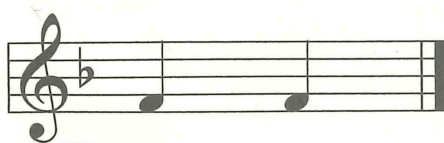
- P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, You desire not the death of a sinner, but rather that we turn from our evil ways and live. Graciously spare us those punishments which we by our sins have deserved, and grant us always to serve You in holiness and pureness of living; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Collect for Lent 5

- P** Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; 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

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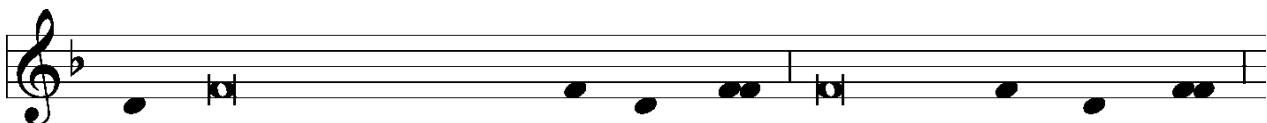
L Let us bless the Lord.

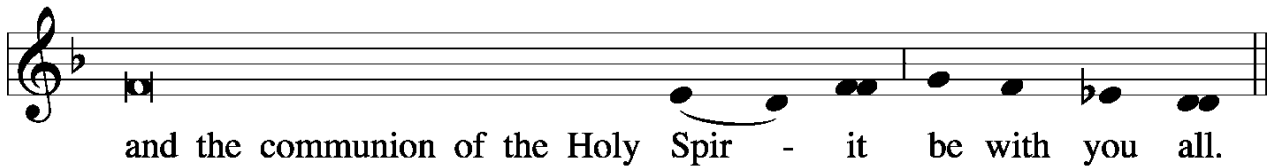


C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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Closing Hymn: "Now the Light Has Gone Away" *LSB 887*



1 Now the light has gone a - way; Fa - ther, lis - ten while I pray,
2 Je - sus, Sav - ior, wash a - way All that has been wrong to - day;
3 Let my near and dear ones be Al - ways near and dear to Thee;
4 Now my eve - ning praise I give; Thou didst die that I might live.
5 Thou, my best and kind - est Friend, Thou wilt love me to the end.



Ask - ing Thee to watch and keep And to send me qui - et sleep.
Help me ev - 'ry day to be Good and gen - tle, more like Thee.
O bring me and all I love To Thy hap - py home a - bove.
All my bless - ings come from Thee; Oh, how good Thou art to me!
Let me love Thee more and more, Al - ways bet - ter than be - fore.

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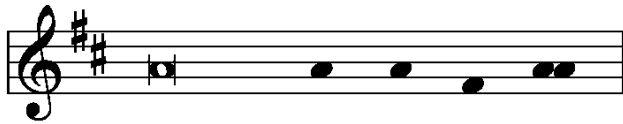
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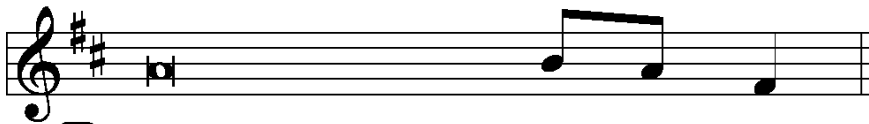
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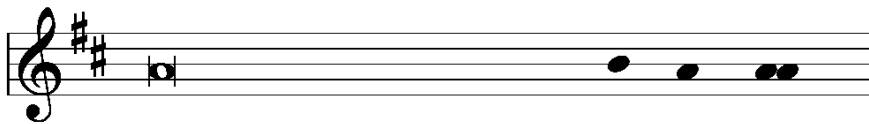
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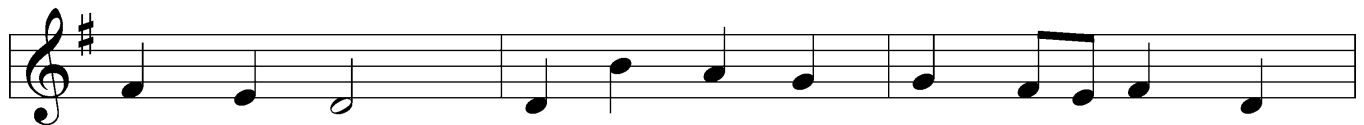
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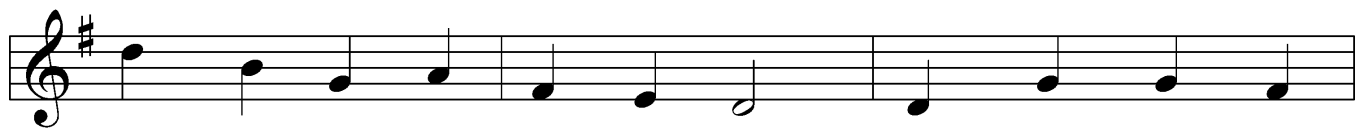
Office Hymn: "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain" *LW 435*



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -
4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -
From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and
Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain
Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.
deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

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Sit

Readings

Matthew 27:32-66

L A reading from Matthew, the twenty-seventh chapter.

³²As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³And when

they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. ³⁶Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. ³⁷And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." ³⁸Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. ³⁹And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." ⁴¹So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, ⁴²"He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" ⁴⁴And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

⁴⁵Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." ⁴⁸And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." ⁵⁰And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

⁵¹And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵²The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

⁵⁵There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, ⁵⁶among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

⁵⁷When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. ⁵⁹And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud ⁶⁰and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. ⁶¹Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

⁶²Next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate ⁶³and said, "Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise.' ⁶⁴Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the

dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first." ⁶⁵Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can." ⁶⁶So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

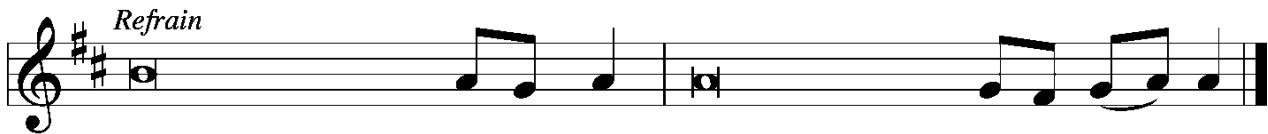
C **Thanks be to God.**

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:

Isaiah 53:9; Matthew 27:57, 60

"St. Matthew's account of Jesus's Passion's fulfilling prophecy"



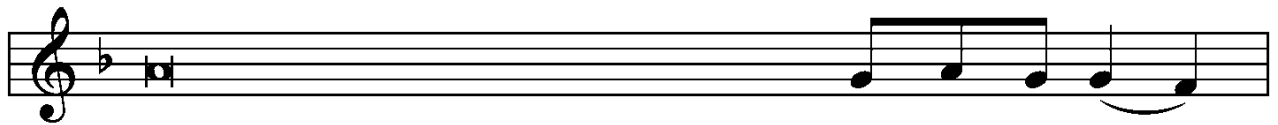
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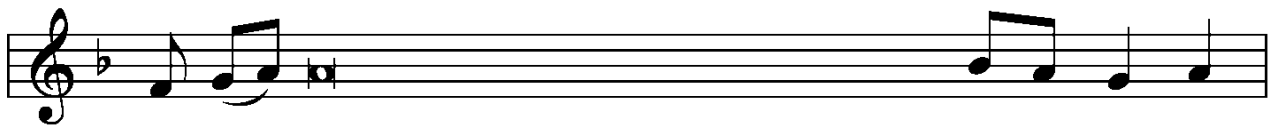
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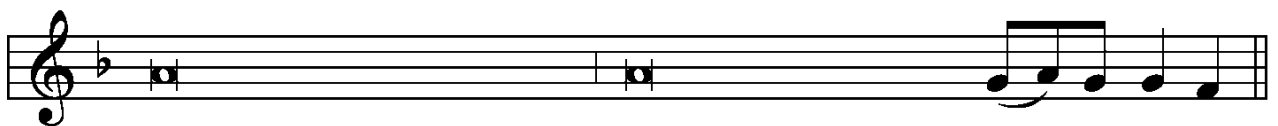
I He has filled the hun - gry with good things,



and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.



II He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mer - cy



as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for - ev - er.



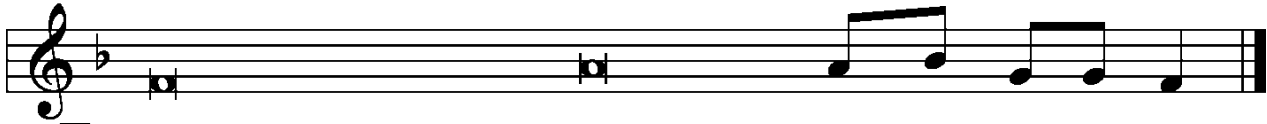
C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



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



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,



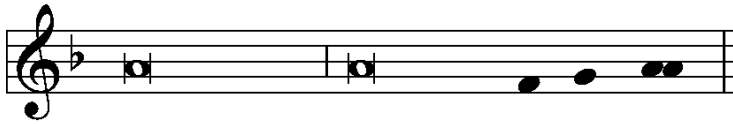
C hear us.



L God the Fa - ther in heaven,



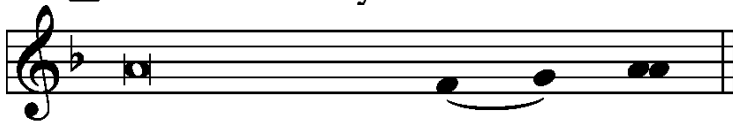
C have mer - cy.



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.



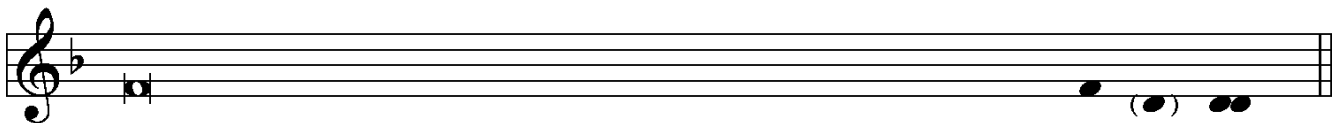
C Spare us, good Lord.



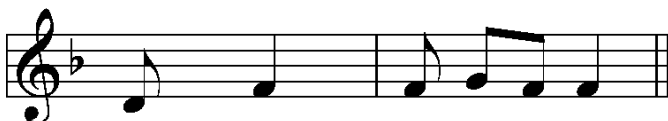
L Be gra - cious to us.



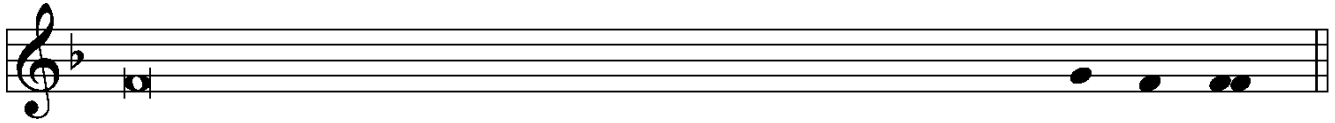
C Help us, good Lord.



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:



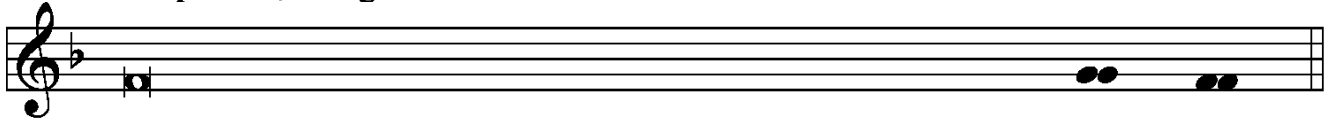
C Good Lord, de - liv - er us.



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:



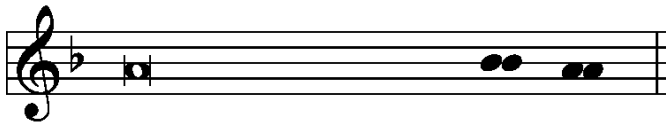
C Help us, good Lord.



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:



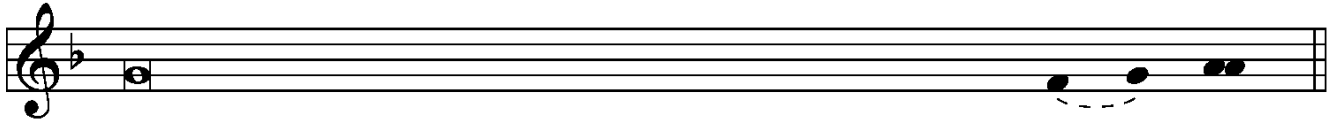
C Help us, good Lord.



L We poor sinners im - plore You



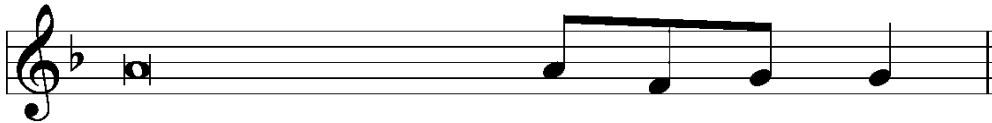
C to hear us, O Lord.



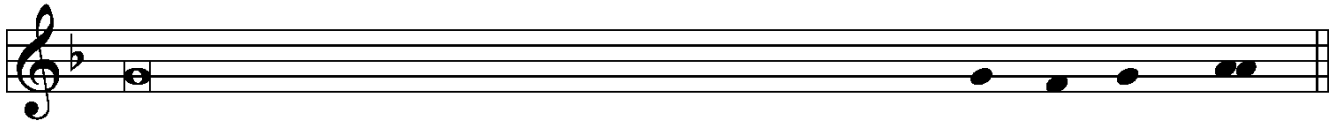
L To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church;
to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your
Church in the true knowledge and understanding
of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy liv - ing;

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:



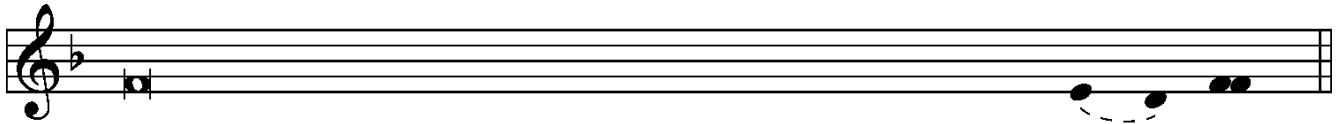
C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.



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.



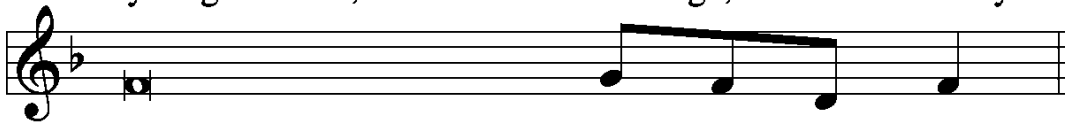
L To give to all peoples concord and peace;
to preserve our land from discord and strife;
to give our country Your protection in every time of need;

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

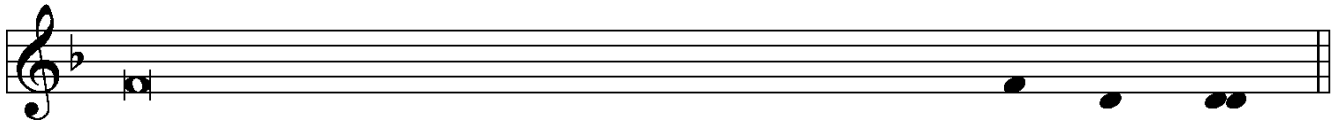
To watch over and help all who are in danger,
necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who trav - el;

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:



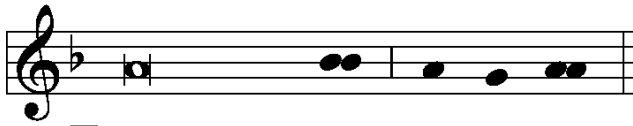
C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.



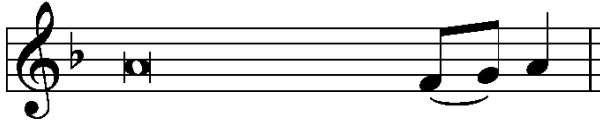
L To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers
and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our
use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:



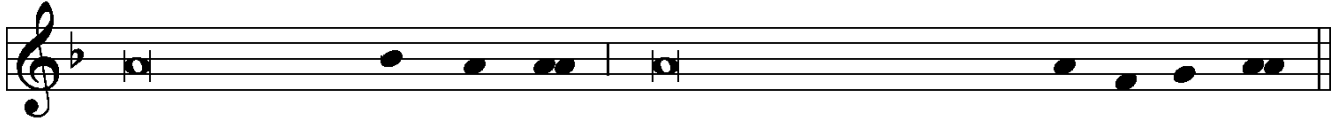
C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.



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



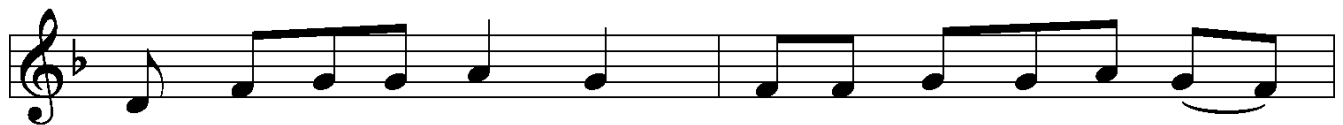
bread; and for-give us our tres-pass - es as we for-give



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 -



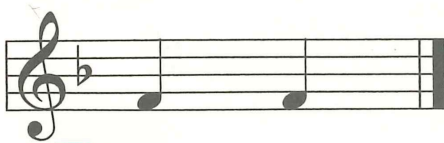
ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Versicle and Response

- L** O Lord, do not deal with us according | to our sins.*
C **Do not reward us according to our in- | iquities.**

Litany Collect

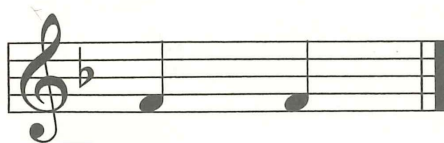
- P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, You desire not the death of a sinner, but rather that we turn from our evil ways and live. Graciously spare us those punishments which we by our sins have deserved, and grant us always to serve You in holiness and pureness of living; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Collect for Lent 5

- P** Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; 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.

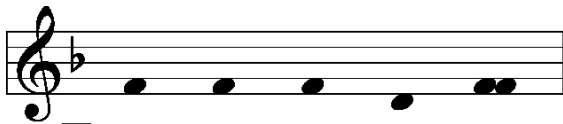


C A - men.

Stand

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L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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

A - men.

Closing Hymn: "Now the Light Has Gone Away" *LSB 887*

1 Now the light has gone a - way; Fa - ther, lis - ten while I pray,
 2 Je - sus, Sav - ior, wash a - way All that has been wrong to - day;
 3 Let my near and dear ones be Al - ways near and dear to Thee;
 4 Now my eve - ning praise I give; Thou didst die that I might live.
 5 Thou, my best and kind - est Friend, Thou wilt love me to the end.

Ask - ing Thee to watch and keep And to send me qui - et sleep.
 Help me ev - 'ry day to be Good and gen - tle, more like Thee.
 O bring me and all I love To Thy hap - py home a - bove.
 All my bless - ings come from Thee; Oh, how good Thou art to me!
 Let me love Thee more and more, Al - ways bet - ter than be - fore.

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