

Fight the
GOOD FIGHT

C R E C C O U N C I L



WORSHIP SERVICE

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

7:00 PM

CHURCH *of the* REDEEMER

West Monroe, Louisiana

MINISTER: "In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, let us worship God."

† HYMN

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

Unison

1. A hymn of glo-ry let us sing, new songs through-out the
2. The ho-ly ap-os-tol-ic band up-on the Mount of
3. To whom the an-gels, draw-ing nigh, "Why stand and gaze up-
4. "A-gain shall ye be-hold Him so as ye to-day have

Harmony

world shall ring: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
Ol-ives stand; Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
-on the sky? Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
seen Him go, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Unison

Christ, by a road be-fore un-trod, as-cend-eth to the
And with His fol-low-ers they see Je-sus' re-splen-dent
This is the Sav-ior," thus they say, "This is His no-ble
In glo-rious pomp as-cend-ing high, up to the por-tals

Harmony

throne of God.
maj-es-ty.
tri-umph day." Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-
of the sky."

Unison

-lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia!

Words: The Venerable Bede, 673–735; trans. Benjamin Webb, 1854, alt.
 Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623, harm. R. Vaughan Williams, 1906

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† SALUTATION:

Minister: “Grace to you and peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. The Lord be with you.”

Cong: “*And with your spirit*”

Minister: ““O magnify the Lord with me:”

Cong: “*And let us exalt His name together.*”

Minister: “*Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with the voice of triumph! For the Lord Most High is awesome; He is a great King over all the earth. He will subdue the peoples under us, And the nations under our feet. He will choose our inheritance for us, The excellence of Jacob whom He loves.*” **Amen.**

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

CONFESSON OF SINS:

Minister: “Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God”

Cong: *Most merciful God: We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean; we have sinned in thought, word, and deed; not only in outward transgressions, but also in secret thoughts and desires, that we are not able to understand, but which are all known to You. We flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace through our Lord Jesus Christ. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.*

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Minister: “Arise and hear the good news of God’s forgiveness: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

† OPENING ACCLAMATION:

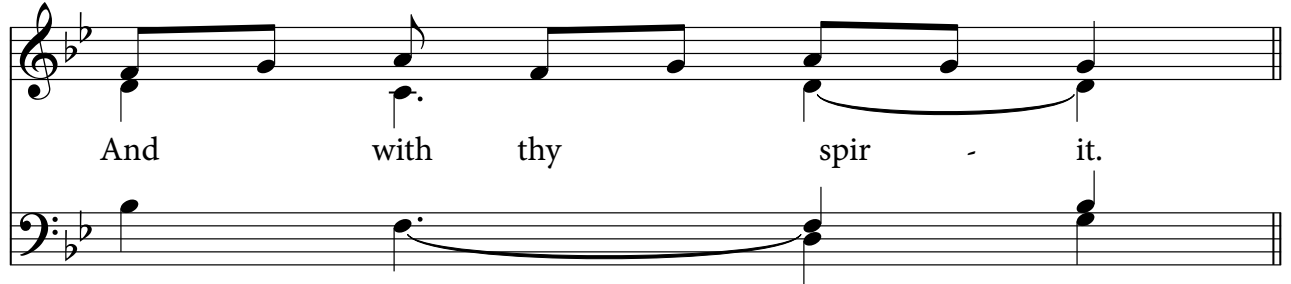
Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise to God the Fa - ther, Son, — and Ho - ly Spi - rit,
 Glo-ry to You, O Lord, both now and for - ev - er, Hal - le - lu - jah!

†ASCENSION (Sung Preface & Sursum Corda):



Minister: The Lord be with you.

Congregation:



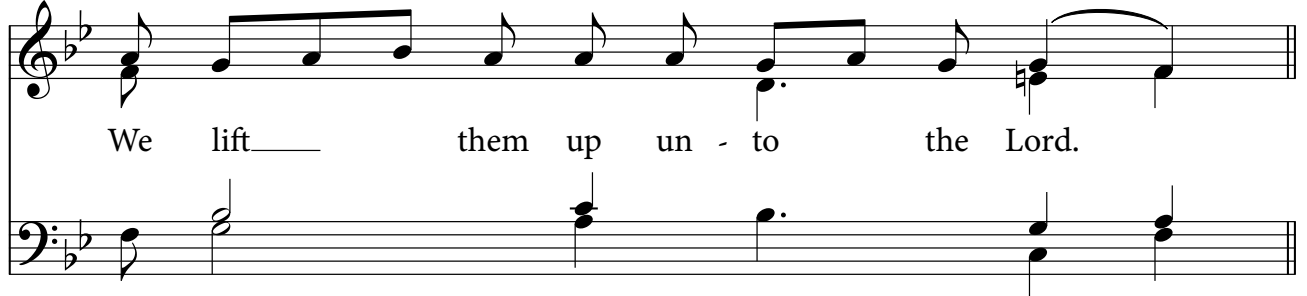
And with thy spir - it.

Minister:



Lift _____ up your hearts.

Congregation:



We lift _____ them up un - to the Lord.

Minister:



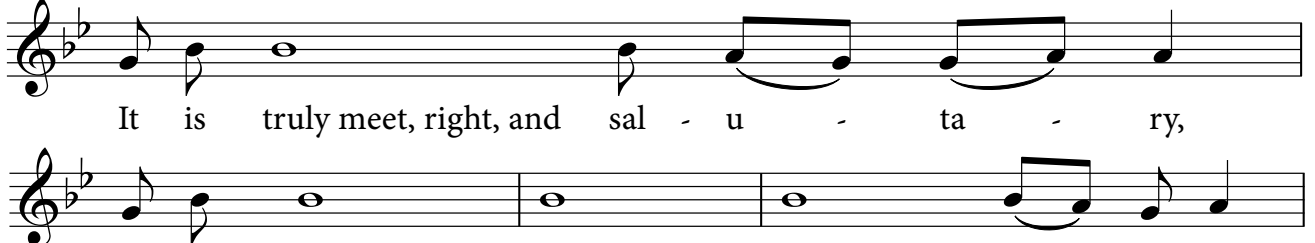
Let us give _____ thanks un - to _____ the Lord our _____ God.

Congregation:



It is meet _____ and right so _____ to do.

Minister:



It is truly meet, right, and sal - u - ta - ry,

that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks un - to thee.



O Lord, Ho - ly Fa - ther, Al - might - y Ev - er - last - ing God:



There - fore with an - gels and arch - an - gels, and with all



the com - pa - ny of heav - en, we laud and magnify thy



glo - rious Name; ev - er - more prais - ing thee, and sing - ing:

† SANCTUS



fff Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Lord, God of Hosts! Hea - ven and earth are



full of Your glo - ry! Ho - san - na in the High - est! Blessed is he who

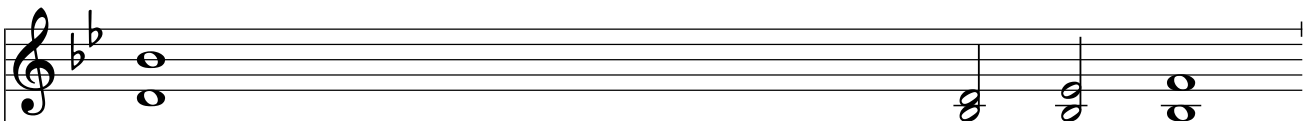


comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est.

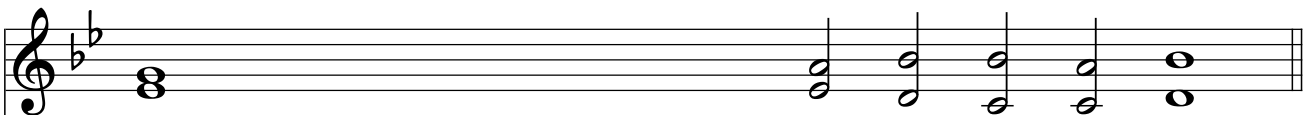
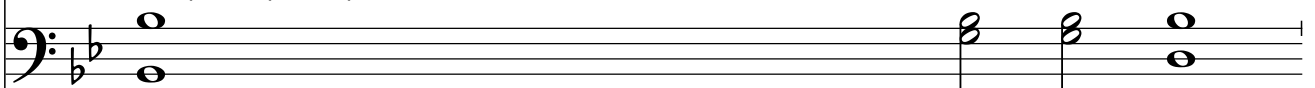
† PRAYER OF ADORATION

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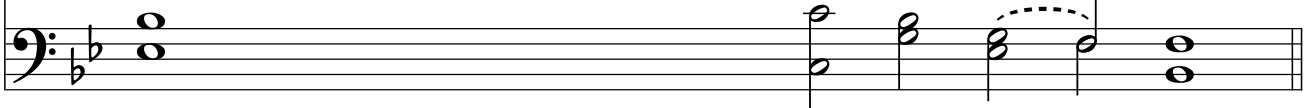
“Te Deum”



1. We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.
2. To Thee all angels cry aloud: the heavens and all the pow'rs there - in.
3. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sa - ba - oth.



All the earth doth worship Thee: the Father ev - er - last - ing.
To Thee cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry,
heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glo - ry.



4. The glorious company of the apostles praise Thee;
 5. The noble army of the martyrs praise Thee:
 6. The Father, of an infinite majesty; Thine adorable, true and on - ly Son;

the goodly fellowship of the proph - ets praise Thee:
 the holy Church throughout all the world doth ac - knowl - edge Thee:
 also the Holy Ghost, the Com - fort - er.

7. Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ,
 8. When Thou tookest upon Thee to de - liv - er man,
 9. When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.
 Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a vir - gin.
 Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all be - liev - ers.

10. Thou sittest at the right hand of God,
 11. We believe that Thou shalt come to be our judge;
 12. Make them to be numbered with Thy saints

in the glory of the Fa - ther.
 we therefore pray Thee: help Thy servants
 whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy pre-cious blood:
 in glory ev - er - last - ing.

13. O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine her - i - tage;
 14. Day by day we mag - ni - fy Thee,
 15. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.

govern them and lift them up for - ev - er.
 and we worship Thy name ever world with - out end.
 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on us.

16. O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in Thee;

O Lord, in Thee have I trusted, let me never be con - foun - ded.

THE LORD INSTRUCTS US

THE LESSON

Deuteronomy 4:1-10

Minister: "The Word of the Lord."

Cong: "Thanks be to God."

CONGREGATIONAL PSALM

Psalm 144:1-8 (Tone E)



- ¹Blessèd be Yah-| weh, my rock, *
who trains my hands for war,
and my fingers for | battle;
- ²he is my steadfast love and my fortress,
my stronghold and my de- | liverer,*
my shield and he in whom I take refuge,
who subdues peoples | under me.
- ³Yahweh, what is man that you re- | gard him,*
or the son of man that you | think of him?
- ⁴Man is | like a breath;*
his days are like a passing | shadow.
- ⁵Bow your heavens, Yahweh, and | come down! *
Touch the mountains so | that they smoke!
- ⁶Flash forth the lightning and | scatter them;*
send out your arrows and | rout them!
- ⁷Stretch out your hand | from on high;*
rescue me and deliver me from the many waters,
from the hand of | foreigners,
- ⁸whose mouths | speak lies*
and whose right hand is a right hand of | falsehood.

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.

Minister: "The Word of the Lord."

Cong: "Thanks be to God."

† HYMN

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

1. Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
 2. What God's al-might - y pow'r hath made His gra-cious mer - cy
 3. The Lord for-sak - eth not His flock, His cho-sen gen - er -
 4. Ye who con-fess Christ's ho - ly name, to God give praise and
 5. Then come be-fore His pres-ence now, and ban-ish fear and

-a - tion; the God of power, the God of love, the God of our
 keep - eth; by morn-ing glow or eve-ning shade His watch-ful eye
 -a - tion; He is their ref - uge and their rock, their peace and their
 glo - ry! Ye who the Fa-ther's pow'r pro-claim, to God give praise
 sad - ness; to your Re-deem - er pay your vow and sing with joy

sal - va - tion; with heal-ing balm my soul He fills, the
 ne'er sleep - eth. With - in the king - dom of His might, Lo!
 sal - va - tion. As with a moth - er's ten - der hand, He
 and glo - ry! All i - dols un - der - foot be trod, the
 and glad - ness. Though great dis-tress my soul be - fell, the

God who eve - ry sor-row stills. To God all praise and glo - ry!
 all is just and all is right. To God all praise and glo - ry!
 leads His own, His cho-sen band. To God all praise and glo - ry!
 Lord is God! The Lord is God! To God all praise and glo - ry!
 Lord my God did all things well. To God all praise and glo - ry!

† READING OF THE GOSPEL

Matthew 11:1-12

Minister: "The Gospel of our Lord."

Cong: "Praise be to You, O Christ."

† THREE-FOLD ALLELUIA:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

† READING OF THE TEXT:

1 Timothy 6:1-16

† PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Fighting the Good Fight"

Pastor Steve Wilkins

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

HYMN #144 (SH)

"Do Not Be Silent God"

(the congregation will sing this hymn)

1. Do not be si - lent, God, or un - re - spond - ing! Do not re -
2. To - geth - er they con - spire in dead - ly ear - nest; a - gainst You
3. Treat them like Mid - i - an, like Ja - bin's ar - my. Treat them like
4. Like fire that burns the woods, like flames of light - ning, pur - sue them

-main at rest, O Might - y One! For now Your
 they have made a cov - e - nant. The Ish - mael -
 Sis - e - ra at Ki - shon's brook. At En - dor
 with Your storms and strike with fear. Fill up their

foes a - rouse and make a cla - mor; Your bit - ter
 -ites are there, the tents of E - dom, the men of
 they were all an - ni - hi - lat - ed, and they be -
 fac - es with hu - mil - i - a - tion, and let them

en - e - mies lift up the head. A - gainst Your
 Mo - ab with the Hag - a - renes. See Ge - bal,
 -came as dung up - on the ground. Like O - reb
 seek Your name, Je - ho - vah, then. Let them be

peo - ple now they plot in se - cret; they meet to
 Am - a - lek, with men of Am - mon; be - hold Phi -
 make their chiefs, their lords like Ze - bah! Who thought they
 ter - ri - fied and shamed for - ev - er, and let them

work a - gainst Your hid - den ones. They say, "Let
 -lis - ti - a and them of Tyre. For As - shur
 would pos - sess the land of God. My God, O
 be dis - mayed and be de - stroyed. Let them know

us go up and end their na - tion. The name of
 too has come and joins their forc - es; they are the
 make them be like whirl - ing dust - clouds; make them like
 You a - lone— You are Je - ho - vah— You are the

Is - ra - el shall be no more!"
 pow - er of the sons of Lot.
 bits of chaff be - fore the wind.
 One Most High o'er all the earth.

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† PRAYER OF INTERCESSION:

Minister: Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: Hear our prayer.



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



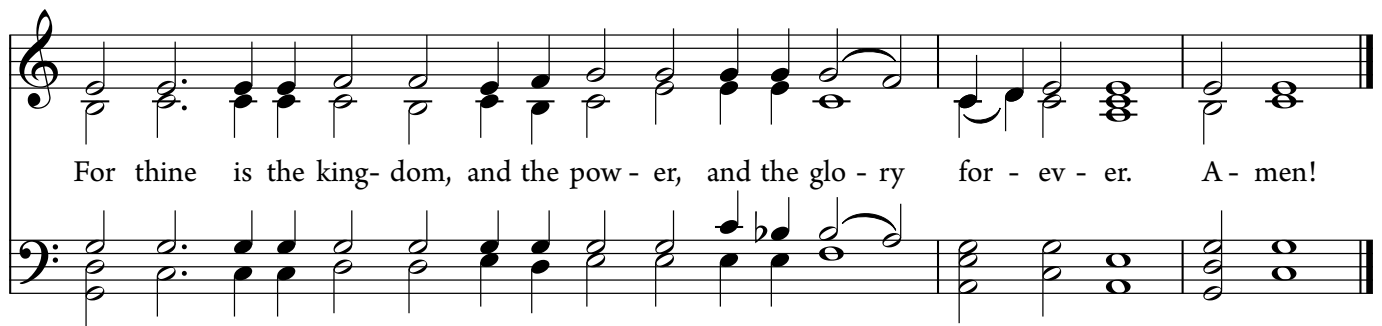
Thy will — be done on earth as it is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread,



and for - give us our debts, — as we for - give our debt - ors,



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 - er, and the glo - ry for - ev - er. A - men!

† NICENE CREED:

WE 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 the 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 Ghost 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 on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

AND WE BELIEVE IN THE HOLY GHOST; 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 in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead; And the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER:

Words of Institution

Thanksgiving for the Bread

Communion Hymn #196 (SH) *“Now Shall My Inward Joys Arise”*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Now Shall My Inward Joys Arise". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass clef staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff, with six numbered lines of text. The first line of the melody is: 1. Now shall my in - ward joys a - rise, and burst. The second line is: 2. God in His thirst - y Zi - on hills, some mer - -. The third line is: 3. Why do we then in - dulse our fears, sus - pi - -. The fourth line is: 4. Can a kind wo - man e'er for - get the in - -. The fifth line is: 5. "Yet," saith the Lord, "should na - ture change, and mo - -. The sixth line is: 6. "Deep on the palms of both My hands I have

in - to a song; al - might - y love in -
 -cy drops has thrown, and sol - emn oaths have
 -cions and com - plaints? Is He a God, and
 -fant of her womb, a - mong a thou - sand
 -thers mon - sters prove, Zi - on still dwells up -
 en - graved her name; My hands shall raise her

-spires my heart, and pleas - - ure tunes my tongue.
 bound His love to show'r sal - va - tion down.
 shall His grace grow wear - - y of His saints?
 ten - der thoughts her suck - - ling have no room?
 - on the heart of ev - - er - last - ing Love."
 ru - ined walls and build her bro - ken frame."

Words: Isaac Watts, 1709

Music: William Billings, 1770, in *The New England Psalm Singer*

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Thanksgiving for the Wine
 Passing the peace of Christ

Minister: "The Body and Blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the true faith unto life everlasting; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."
Amen.

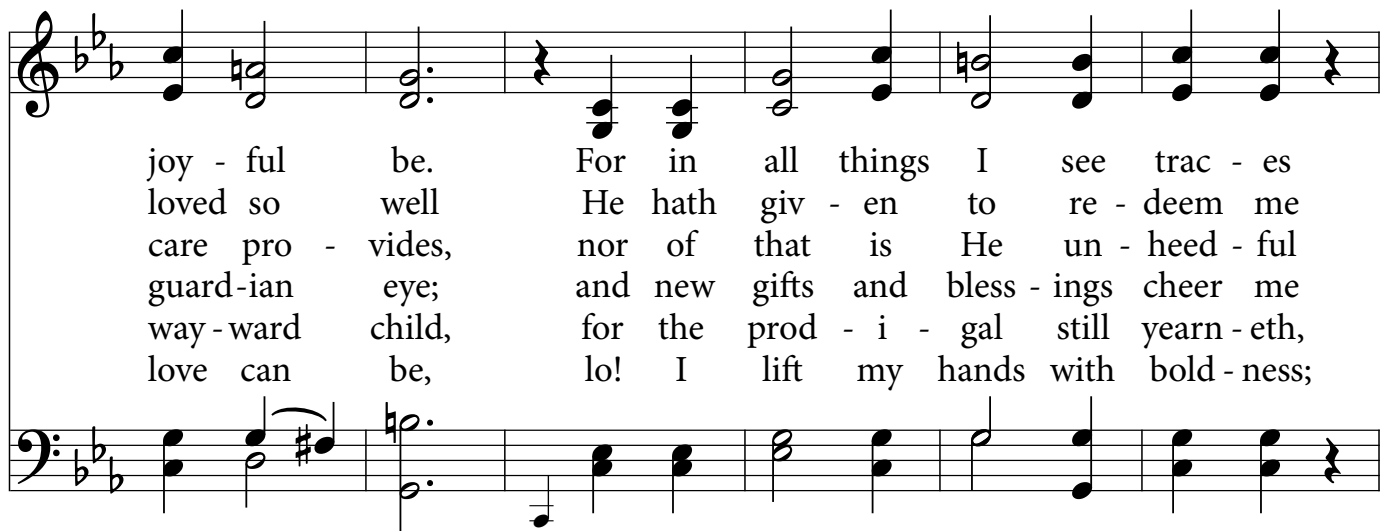
THE LORD COMMISSIONS US

† HYMN #189 (SH)

"I Will Sing My Maker's Praises"



1. I will sing my Mak - er's prais - es, and in Him most
2. Yea, so dear did He es - teem me that His Son He
3. All that for my soul is need - ful He with lov - ing
4. When I sleep, He still is near me. O'er me rests His
5. As a fa - ther nev - er turn - eth whol - ly from a
6. Since then nei - ther change nor cold - ness in my Fa - ther's



joy - ful be. For in all things I see trac - es
loved so well He hath giv - en to re - deem me
care pro - vides, nor of that is He un - heed - ful
guard - ian eye; and new gifts and bless - ings cheer me
way - ward child, for the prod - i - gal still yearn - eth,
love can be, lo! I lift my hands with bold - ness;



of His ten - der love to me. Noth - ing else than
from the quench - less flames of hell. O Thou Spring of
which my bod - y needs be - sides. When my strength can -
when the morn - ing streaks the sky. Were it not for
long - ing to be re - con - ciled, so my man - y
as Thy child I come to Thee. Grant me grace, O

love could move Him with such sweet and ten - der care ev - er -
 bound-less bless - ing, how could e'er my fee - ble mind of Thy
 -not a - vail me, when my pow'rs can do no more, doth my
 God's pro - tec - tion, had His coun - te - nance not been here my
 sins and er - rors find a ten - der, pard - 'ning God, chas - t'ning
 God, I pray Thee, that I may with all my might, all my

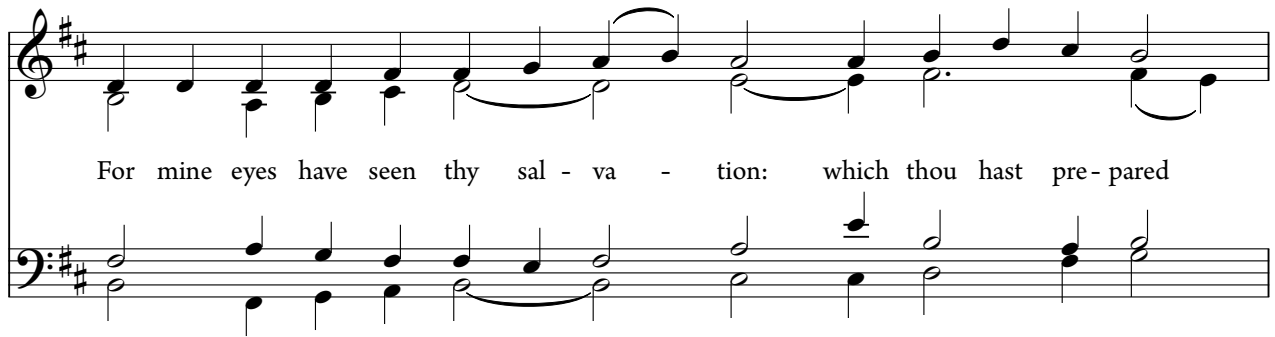
- more to raise and bear all who try to serve and love Him.
 depth the bot - tom find tho' my ef - forts were un - ceas - ing?
 God His strength out - pour; in my need He doth not fail me.
 guide, I had not seen e'er the end of my af - flic - tion.
 frail - ty with His rod, not in ven - geance with His ter - rors,
 life - time, day and night, love and trust Thee and o - bey Thee,

1-5. All things else have but their day, God's great love a - bides for aye.
 6. *and when this brief life is o'er, praise and love Thee ev - er - more.*

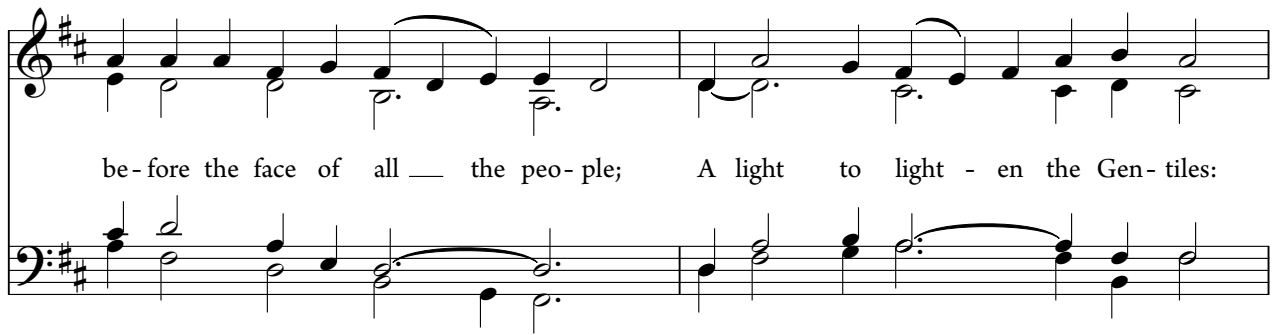
“Nunc Dimittis”



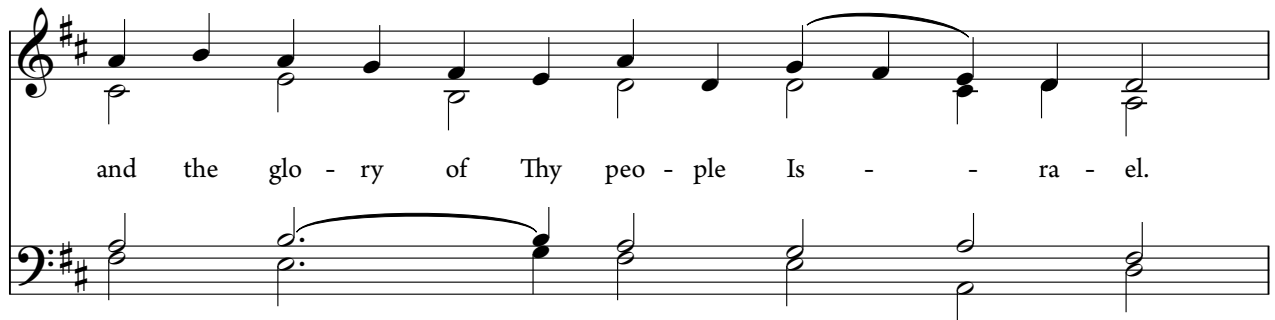
Lord, now let-test thou thy ser - vant de-part in peace; ac-cord-ing to Thy word;



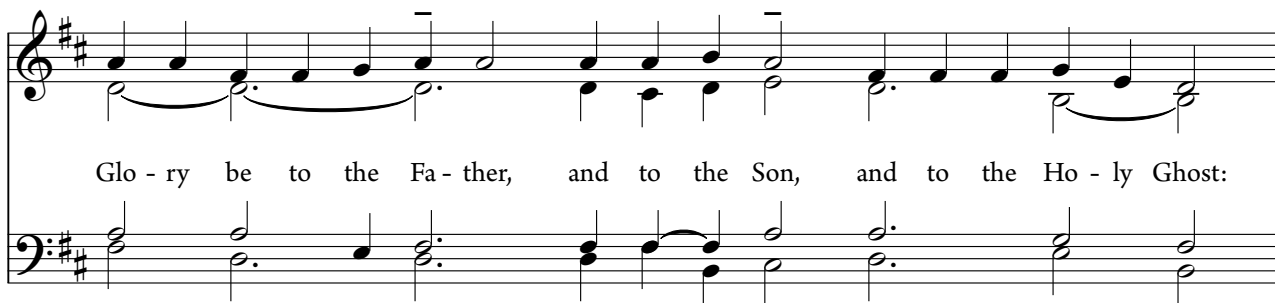
For mine eyes have seen thy sal - va - tion: which thou hast pre-pared



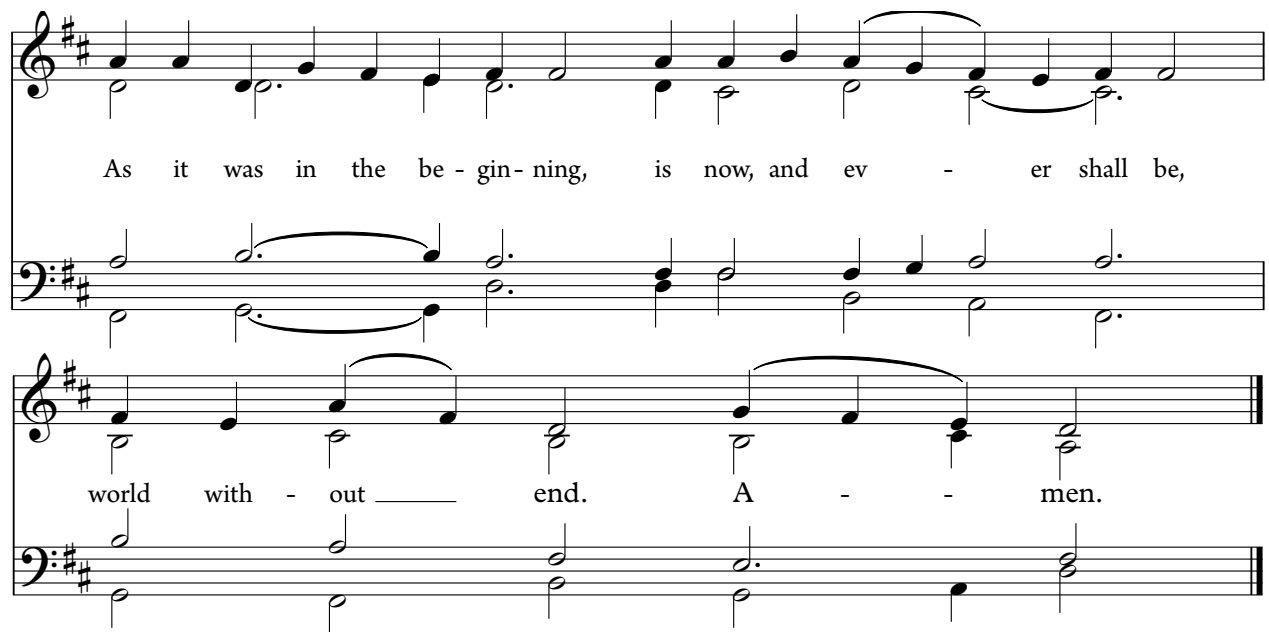
be-fore the face of all — the peo- ple; A light to light - en the Gen- tiles:



and the glo - ry of Thy peo - ple Is - - ra - el.



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,
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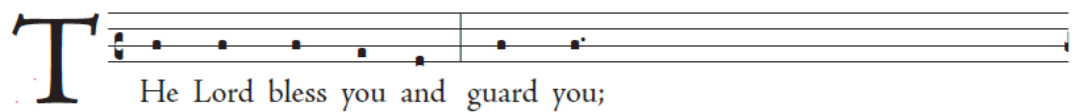
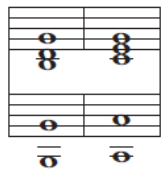
Luke 2:29-32

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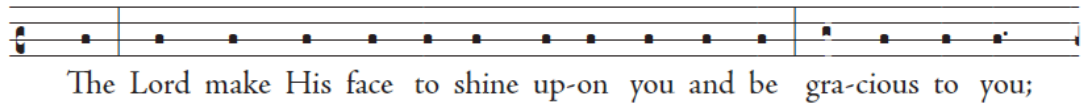
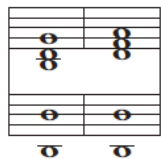
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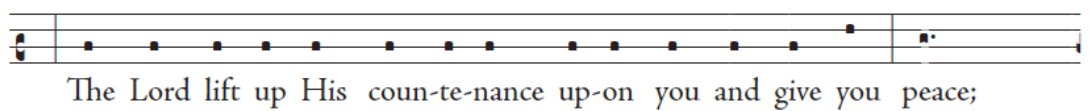
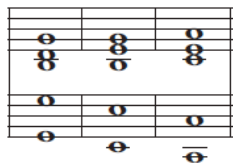
T He Lord bless you and guard you;

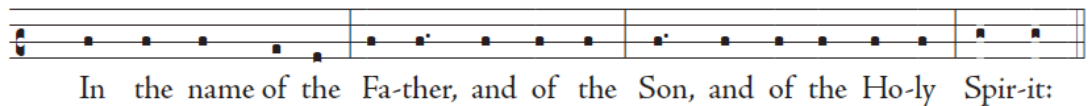
The Lord make His face to shine up-on you and be gra-cious to you;

The Lord lift up His coun-te-nance up-on you and give you peace;

In the name of the Fa-ther, and of the Son, and of the Ho-ly Spir-it:



† THREEFOLD AMEN



A - men, A - men, A - - men.



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