

THE EMMAUS MANUAL:
AN EVENSONG
*SINGING AND CHANTING THIS IS GOOD NEWS
TOGETHER*

INSTRUCTIONS

The purpose of the EVENSONG is a deeper trust in Christ by His Gospel.

The Gospel is the good news,
That Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior
That Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.
That forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit is offered in His Name.

The Gospel is the light by which He reveals Himself, and the bread by which He gives Himself to us. By this trust we know Him, and with this trust we serve Him.

The Gospel comes to us through the words of Scripture, both the Old Testament *promises* of a good king, a new heart, and a return home and the New Testament *announcement* that Christ by His Death, Resurrection, and promise to Return, has fulfilled all these promises and that are all “yes” in Him. The Scripture were written, then, to give Christ to us by this Gospel

“But these are written that you may believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and by believing you may have life in His Name.” JOHN 20:31

EVENSONG is the singing and chanting and recitation of the Good News that comes to us through the words Scripture, both the Old Testament promises and New Testament Announcement. It is made up of three parts: confession, Scripture, prayer,

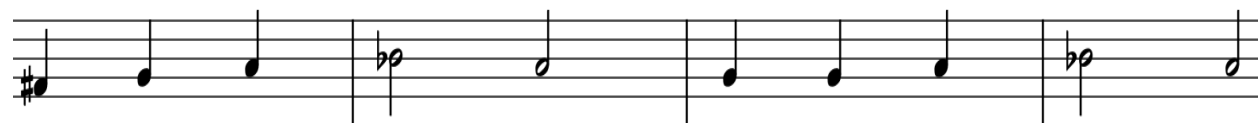
As we make our confession, we return to Christ.

As we hear the promises of Scripture, we deepen our trust in Him by His Gospel.

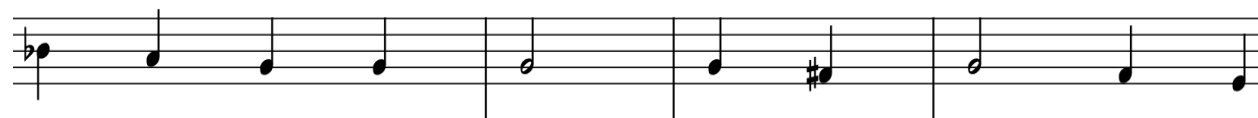
As we attempt prayer, we trust Him with things in our life through the power of His Spirit.

EVENSONG can be done alone or in a group. If in a group, one person reads and sings, and the group responds by reading or singing the bold portions. The notes are simple for people to follow.

OPENING ACCLAMATION



By yo—ur Cr—oss O Christ our Sav—ior



The po—wer of Death has been v—-a—-an



quished and the pow—er of the dev—il ha—s



Been d—e—stroyed the hu—-man r—-ace saved by—



-y f—-aith o—ffers you a h—ymn f—-o—-r



ev—-er

I. CONFESSION *returning to Him*

OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless
until they rest in you:
Look with compassion
upon the heartfelt desires
of your servants,
and purify our disordered affections,
that we may behold your eternal glory
in the face of Christ Jesus;
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



Bless—e—d Je—-----sus at thy Word



We are gath—ered all to hear Thee



Let ou—r hearts and souls be stirred



All to seek and love and fear thee



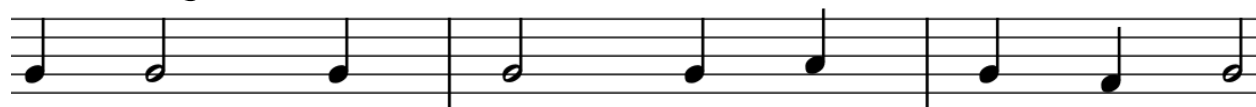
Thou al—-----one to God can win us



Thou must work all good with—in us

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

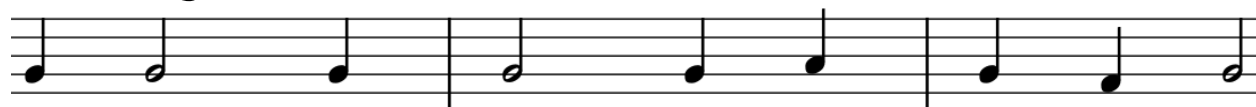
Almighty God
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid,
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



Come Ho—----ly Ghost ou-r so-uls in—-spire



And ligh—-ten with Ce—----le—-st—--ial Fire



En—a—-----ble with per—-pe—-tu—-al light



The dull—nes of our bl—i—-n—-ded sight

OPENING SENTENCE

And the city has no need
of sun or moon to shine on it,
for the glory of God gives it light,
and its lamp is the Lamb.
By its light will the nations walk,
and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.



You O Lord Are m-y L-----amp



My God y---ou make my dark-ness bright

For God who said
“Let light shine out of darkness”
has shone in our hearts to give the light
of the knowledge of the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.”



Light and peace in Je-sus Christ our Lor-----d



Th---anks be to Go-----d

A SHORT CONFESSION

Dearly beloved, the Scriptures teach us to acknowledge our many sins and offenses, not concealing them from our heavenly Father, but confessing them,

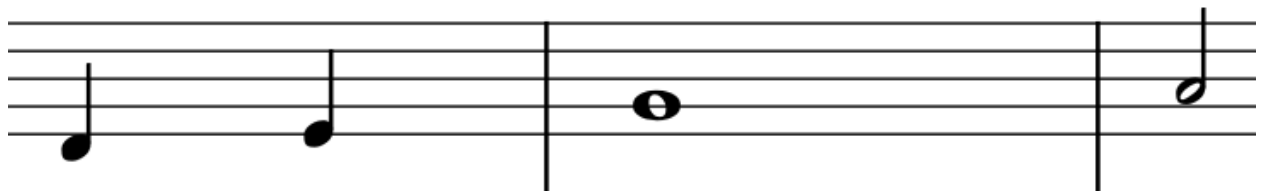
with humble and obedient hearts, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

We ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins

before Almighty God,

but especially when we come together in His presence to give thanks for the great benefits

we have received at his hands,
to declare his most worthy praise,
to hear his holy Word,
and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others,
those things which are necessary
for our life and our salvation.
Therefore, draw near with me
to the throne of heavenly grace.



Seek the Lord while he wills to be found



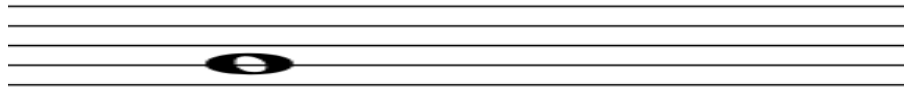
Call upon him when he draws near



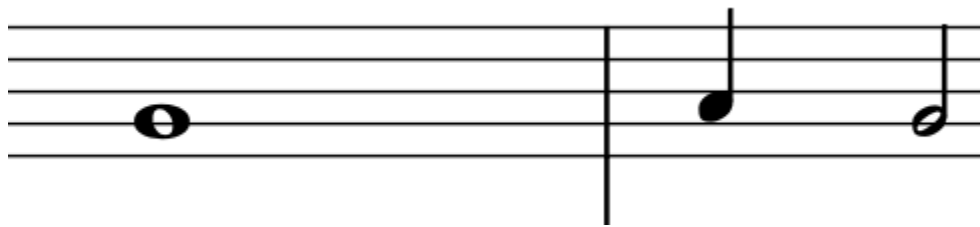
Let the wi-cked for-sake their ways



And the evil ones their thoughts



And let them turn to the Lo



And he will have com—pass—ion

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son
our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**have mercy upon us,
 forgive us our sins,
 and by the power of your Holy Spirit
 raise us up to serve you
 in newness of life,
 to the glory of your Name. Amen.**



O Lord God,
 Lamb of God,
 Son of the

Fa — th—-er



That takest away the sin of the world



Have Mercy

up—-o—-n us



Thou that sittest
at the right hand of God the Father



Have Mercy upon us



Cre—ate in me



A clean heart O God



And r—e—new



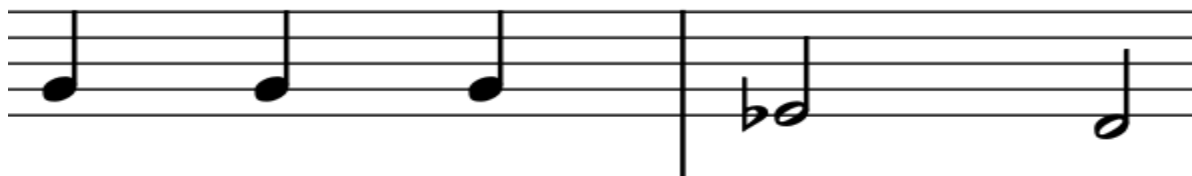
A right spi---rit with— in me



Cast me not a-----way



From thy pre—sence and



Take not thy Ho-----ly



Sp—ir—-it from m



Re—store un—-to me



The joy of thy Salv—a—-a—tion



And up—-hold me with



Th—y free Spir—-it A—-men

ABSOLUTION

Grant to your faithful people,
Merciful Lord, pardon and peace.
That we may be cleansed from all our sins
And serve you with a quiet mind,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



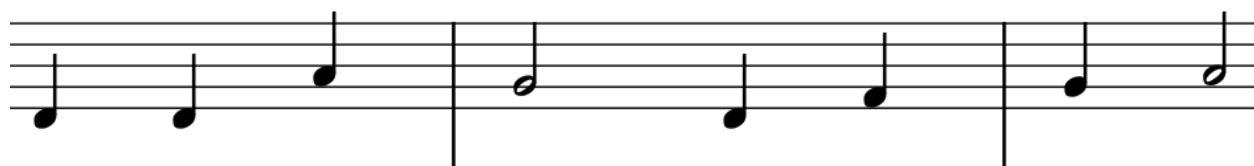
Christ our passover
Lamb has been
Sacrificed once for all up—on the Cross



There—fore let us keep the Feast



Bread of the world in Mer-cy brok-en



Wine of the soul in Mer—cy shed



By whom the Words of Life were spo—ken



And in whose death our sins are dead

INVITATORY

O Lord, open our lips;

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise

O God, make speed to us

O Lord, make haste to help us

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

And to the Holy Spirit,

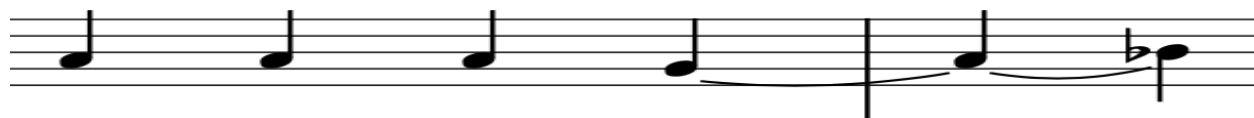
As it was in the beginning,

Is now, and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen.

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's Name be praised.



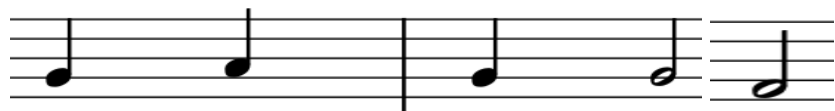
Let us give th-----an-----ks



To the Lo-----rd our God



It is r-----i-----ght to give him



Th-----anks and pr-----aise

II. SCRIPTURE *receiving Him*

O GLADSOME LIGHT

O gladsome light,

Pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven

O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed.

Now as we come

To the setting of the sun

And our eyes behold the vesper light

We sing your praise, O God:

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times

To be praised by happy voices,

O Son of God, O giver of life,

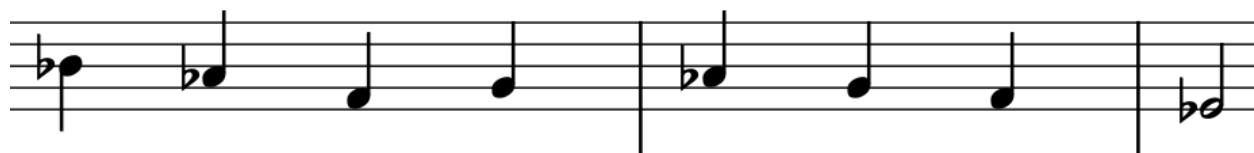
And to be glorified through all the worlds.



O grac—ious light Lord Jes—sus Christ



In you the Fath—ers Glor—y shone



Imm-or—tal Ho—ly blessed is He



And blessed are you His onl-y Son



Now sun—set comes but light shines forth



The lamps are lit to pierce the night

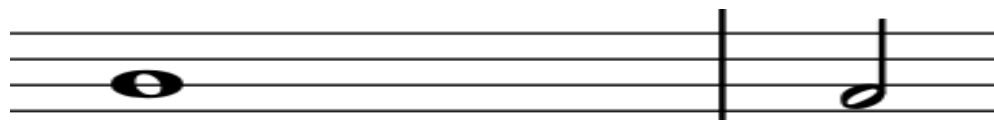


Praise Fath—er, Son and Spi—rit, God

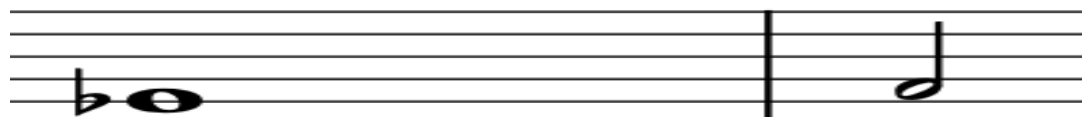


Who dwells in the e—tern-al Light

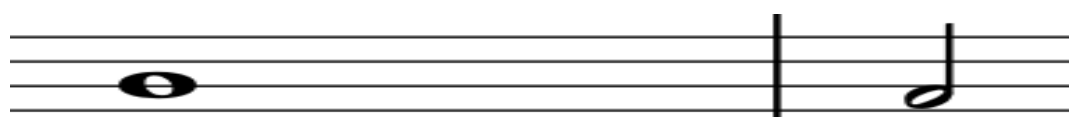
PSALM 27: 1-4 *or some other psalm*



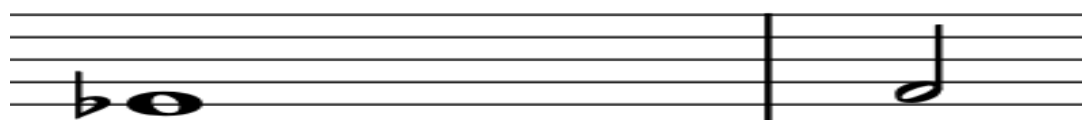
The Lord is my light and
My salvation whom then shall I fear?



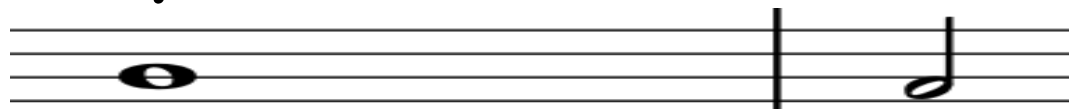
**The Lord is the strength of
my life of whom then
shall I be afraid?**



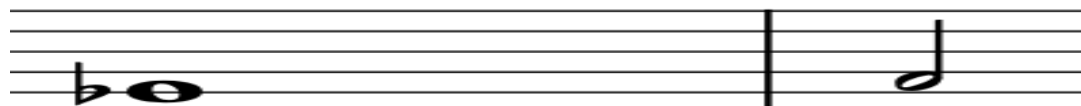
When the wicked, even my enemies
And my foes, came upon me to
Eat up my flesh



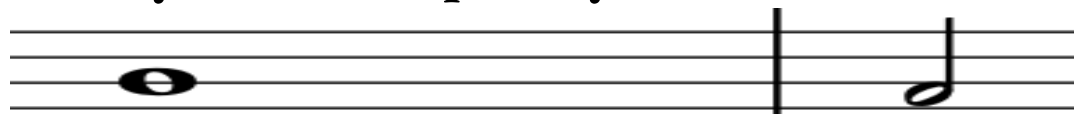
They stumbled and fell



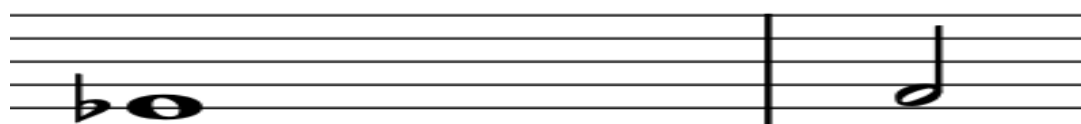
Though a host were encamped
Me, yet my heart would not be afraid



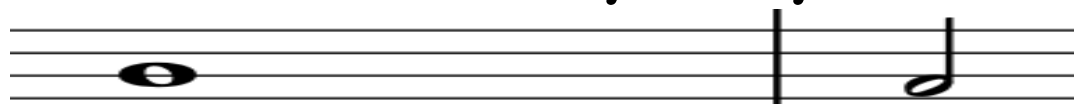
**And though war rose up against
Me, yet would I put my trust in Him**



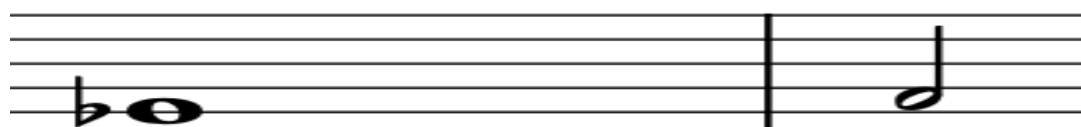
One thing have I desired of the
Lord, one thing I seek



**That I may dwell in the house
Of the Lord all the days of my life**



To behold the fair beauty of the Lord



And to seek him in his temple



Glo---ry to the Fa---ther



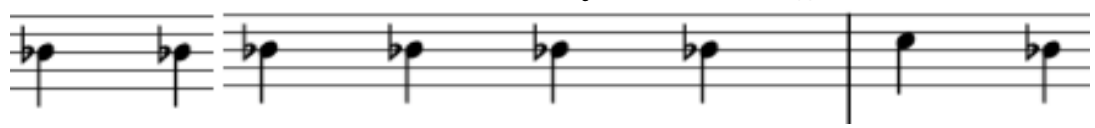
And to th-----e Son



And to the



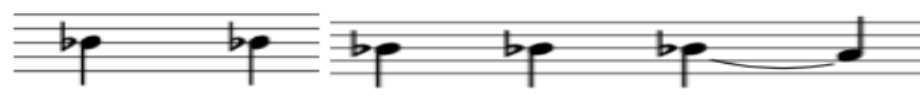
H-----o l-----y Spir-----it



As it was in the be-----ginn-----ing



I-----s now



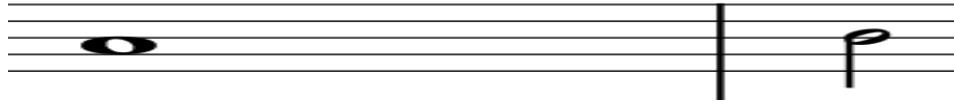
And will be for ev-----er



A---a---m---en

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *passage below or another from Scripture*

A Reading from the 60th chapter of Isaiah



The sun will no more be

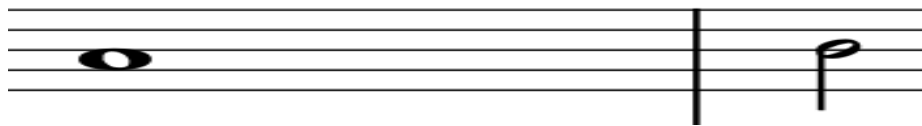
Your light by day



By night you will

not need the

Bright-ness of the mo-on



The Lord will be your everlasting Light



And your God will be you-r glo-ry



The word of the Lord



Thanks be to God

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *passage below or another from Scripture*

A Reading from 6th chapter of Romans



The de--- ath that He died he died to



S—i—n once f—or a—ll



B---ut th-----e life He lives He



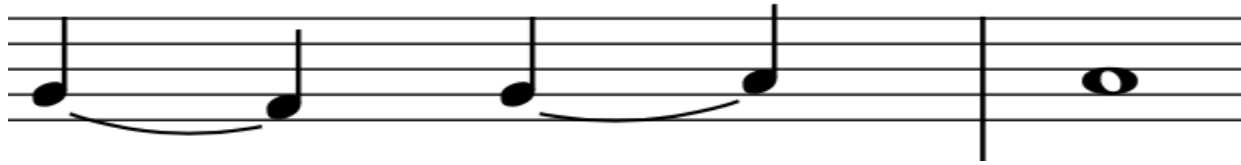
L-----i-----ves t-----o G-----od



So al-----so consider yourselves



De—a—d to s—i—i—n



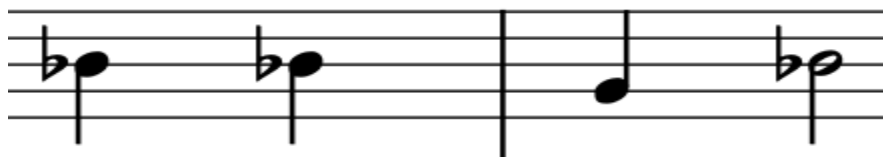
A---nd a---live to God in



J-----e-----sus Christ our L-----ord



The word of the Lord



Thanks be to God

CANTICLE—*SONG OF SIMEON*



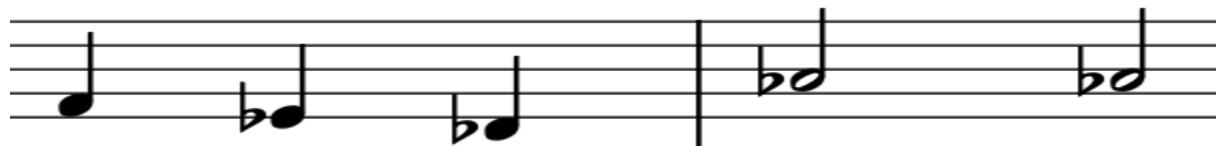
L—-ord you now have set your ser—vant free



To go in peace as you have pro—mised

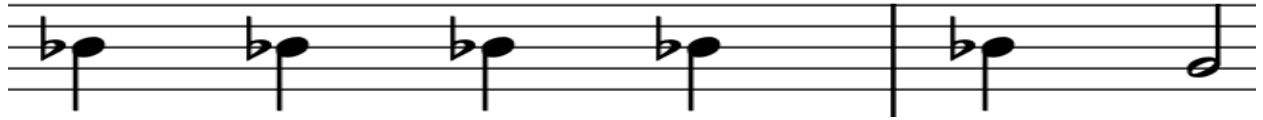


For these eyes of mine



Have seen the sav—-----ior

THE GOSPEL LESSON *choose one*



The Gosp—el of the Lord



Praise to you Lord Christ

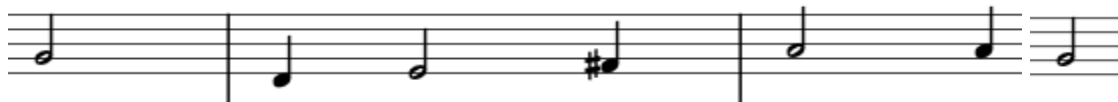
CANTICLE—*JESUS, LAMB OF GOD*



Je—sus Lamb of G—od



Have Me—r—cy o—o—n us



Je—sus bear—er of our Sins



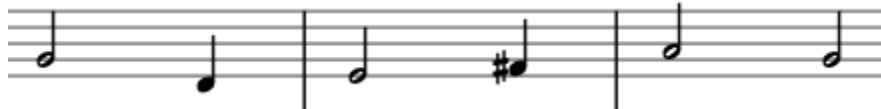
Have Me—r—cy o—o—n us



Je—s—us Re—deem—er



Re—de—e—mer o—f the world



Gi—ive us your pe—ace



Gi—i—ve u—s your peace

APOSTLES' CREED *a summary of Scripture*

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.**

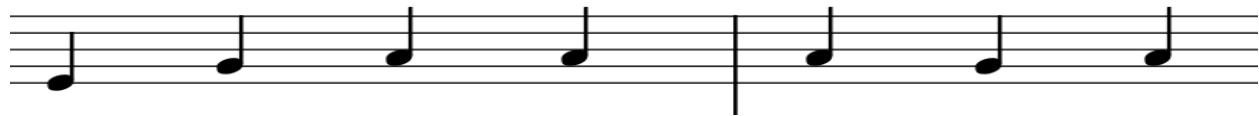
**On the third day He rose again.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again
 to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**



You Chr—ist are th—e King



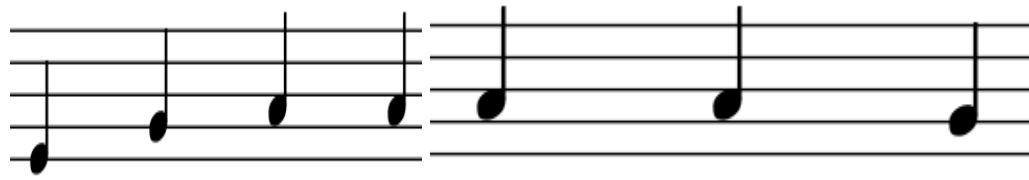
O—f glo—ry



The o—n—ly S—on of



Th—e Fath—er



Y—o—u be-came man to



S—e—e—t u—s free



You o—o—ver—came th—e



St—i—i—ng o—f death



Co—me then Lord and help your



p—e—e—o—p—l—e



Bo—u—ght with th—e price



O—f your own blood



And bring us with your s—a—ints



To glo—ry ev—er l—a—st—ing

III. PRAYER *staying with Him*

The Lord be with you
And with your Spirit,

Let us pray

Our Father, who art in heaven

Hallowed be thy name

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

On earth as it in heaven

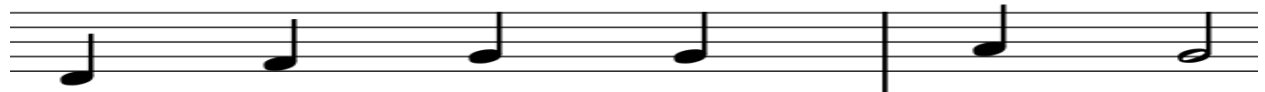
Give us this day our daily bread

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 King—dom



And the power and the glo—r—y



For ev—er and e—v—er



A—m—en

SUFFRAGES

Save your people, Lord,
and bless your inheritance;
**Govern and uphold them,
now and always.**

Day by day we bless you;
We praise your name for ever.

Lord, keep us from all sin today;
**Have mercy upon us,
Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, show us your love and mercy;
For we put our trust in you.

In you, Lord, is our hope;
Let us never be put to shame.



B-----e gracious to us God



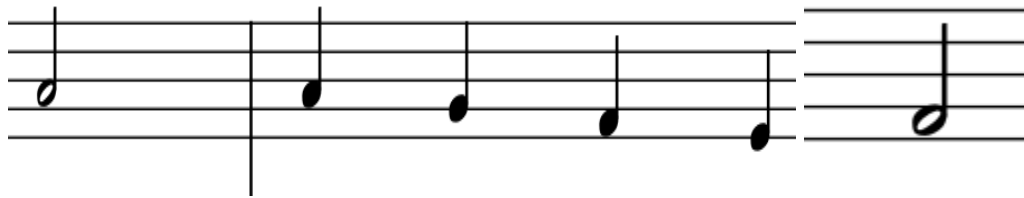
And bl-----ess us



Let your face shine upon us and have



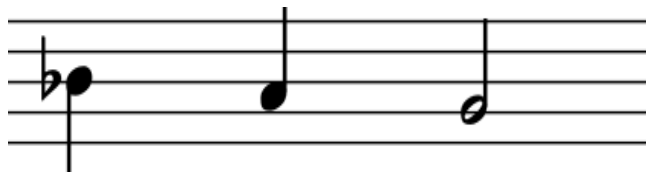
Mer-----**cy** **on** **us**



O S-----o-----n of God



R-----**isen** **from** **the** **Dead**



Save us who



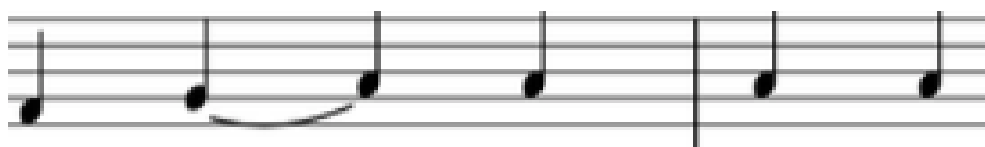
Put **our** **trust** **in** **you**

COLLECTS *choose one or more*

1

FOR RESURRECTION HOPE

Lord God, whose Son
our Savior Jesus Christ
triumphed over the powers of death
and prepared for us
our place in the new Jerusalem:
Grant that we, who have this day
given thanks for his resurrection,
may praise you in that City
of which he is the light,
and where he lives and reigns
for ever and ever. **Amen.**



With y—our const—---ant love



You led the peo—ple you re—-----deemed



With your might you brought them in safe—ty



To your ho—ly dw—e—ll—ing

2

FOR AID AGAINST PERIL

Lighten our darkness,

we beseech you, O Lord;

and by your great mercy

defend us from all perils

and dangers of this night;

for the love of your only Son,

our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



O Christ y—ou are both light and day



You drive a-way the sha-dowed night



As day—-tar you pre-cede the dawn



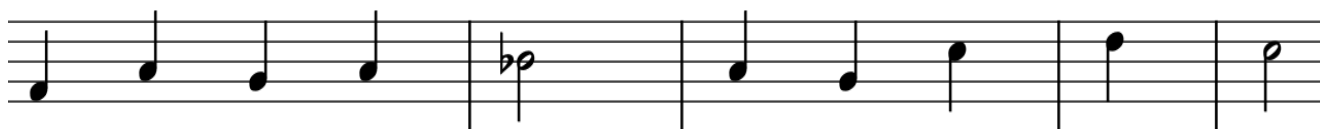
The her—-ald of the Light to come

3

FOR THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Lord Jesus, stay with us,
for evening is at hand and the day is past;
be our companion in the way,
kindle our hearts, and awaken hope,
that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture
and the breaking of bread.

Grant this for the sake of your love. **Amen.**



Be known t—-o us L—-ord J—-e—-sus,



In the b—reak—-in—-g of the bread

PRAYER FOR MISSION *choose one ore more*

Keep watch, dear Lord,
with those who work,
or watch, or weep this night,
and give your angels charge
over those who sleep.

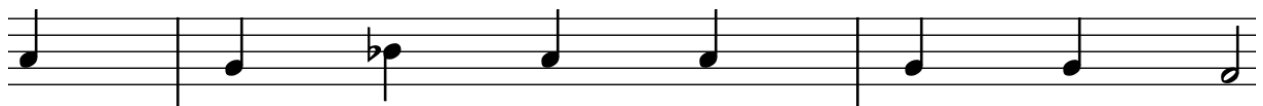
Tend the sick, Lord Christ;
give rest to the weary, bless the dying,
soothe the suffering,
pity the afflicted, shield the joyous;
and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**



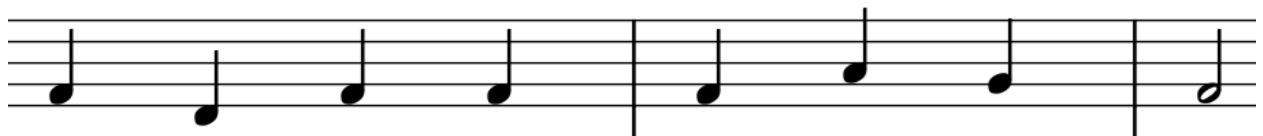
Christ be with me Christ with—---in me



Christ be hind me Christ be- fore me



Christ be—---side me Christ to win me



Christ to com—---fort and re—---store me

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

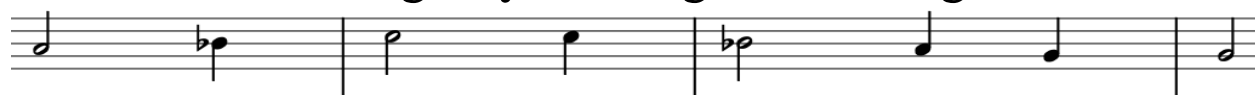
**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants
give you humble thanks
for all your goodness
and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.**

**We bless you for our creation,
preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all
for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world
by our Lord Jesus Christ;
For the means of grace,
and for the hope of glory.**

**And, we pray,
give us such an awareness
of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts
we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips,**

**but in our lives,
by giving up our selves
to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness
all our days;**

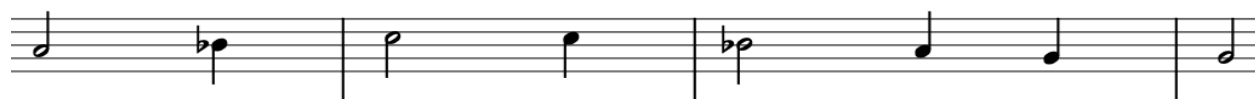
**Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you
and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**



Come with us O bless—-ed Je—-sus



With us ev—er m—o—re to be



And though leav--ing now thine al---tar



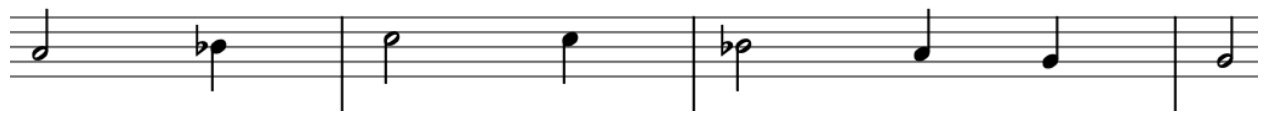
Let us nev—er m—o—re leave thee



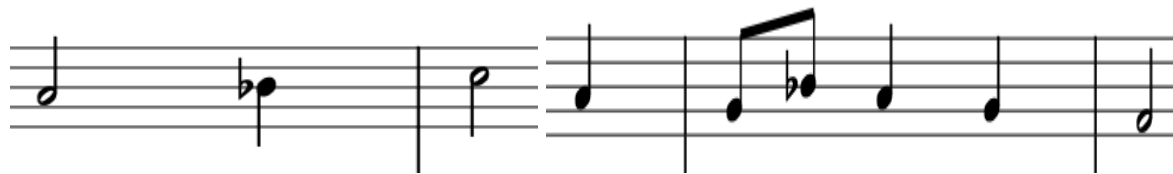
Be thou one with us for—ev—er



In our life thy love di—vine



Our own flesh and blood has ta—ken



And to us thou g—i—i—vest thine

PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God,
you have given us grace at this time,
with one accord
to make our common supplications to you;
and you have promised
through your well- beloved Son
that when two or three are gathered

together in his Name
 you will grant their requests:
 Fulfill now, O Lord,
 our desires and petitions as may be best for us;
 granting us in this world
 knowledge of your truth,
 and in the age to come, life everlasting. **Amen.**



Let us go forth in the name of Chr—ist



Th—anks be to Go———d

Glory to God, whose power,
 Working within us,
 Can do infinitely more than we can ask
 Or imagine.
 Glory to Him,
 From generation to generation in the Church.
 And in Christ Jesus forever and ever. **Amen.**

Therefore we proclaim

The mystery of faith



Chr—ist has d—ied Christ is ri—sen



Christ wi—ll come a—gain



Christ is ri—sen from the dead



Christ is ri—sen from the dead



Christ i—s r—i—sen



From th-----e Dead



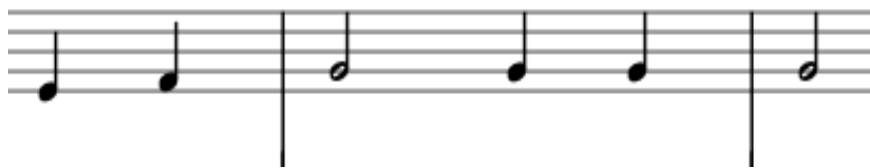
B-----y d-----ath He tram-pled Death



B-----y d-----ea—th He tramp—led Death



And to those in the tombs



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He grant-ed



He grant-ed



H-----e



Gran-ted life