



## **Immanuel Lutheran Church**

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*The Vigil of Easter*  
*April 19, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.*

*In the semidarkness the Christ Candle is lighted.*

## SERVICE OF LIGHT

### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### Invitation

- P** Beloved in the Lord, on this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, we are gathered here in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord in which, by hearing His Word and celebrating His Sacraments, we share in His victory over death.

### Collect

- P** Let us pray.  
O God, You are like a refiner's fire, and Your Spirit enkindles the hearts of Your faithful people with the fire of Your love. Bless, we implore You, this new flame and those who keep this joyful Easter festival that, burning with desire for life with You, we may be found rightly prepared to share in the Feast of Light which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

*The pastor traces the cross on the candle while saying:*

- P** Christ Jesus, the same yesterday, today, and forever, the beginning and the ending,

*and then traces the Greek letters Alpha and Omega on the candle while saying:*

the Alpha and the Omega.

*He traces the year on the candle, saying:*

His are time and eternity; His are the glory and dominion, now and forever.

*He traces the five nails in the candle, saying:*

By His wounds we have healing both now and forever. Amen.

*Then, lighting the candle from the Christ Candle, he says:*

May the light of Christ, who is risen in glory from the dead, scatter all the darkness of our hearts and minds.

### Collect

**P** Let us pray.

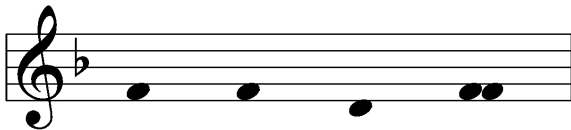
Almighty and most merciful God, pour out on us Your abundant blessing that all who in true faith share this night in joyful celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead may be filled with Your heavenly benediction. Once we were in darkness, but now we are in the Light, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

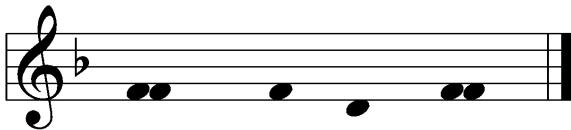
*All light their candles from the paschal candle and then follow the candle bearer in procession into the darkened church.*

*At the entrance of the nave, the bearer of the paschal candle stops and chants:*

### Lux Christi



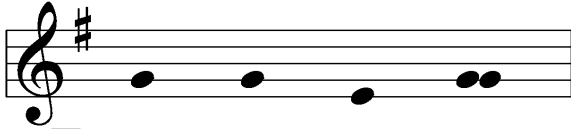
**A** The light of Christ.



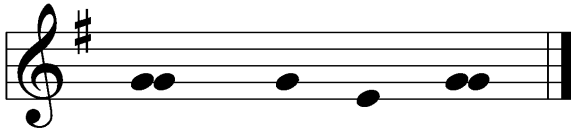
**C** Thanks be to God.

*When the candle bearer reaches the middle of the nave, he chants for the second time:*

### **Lux Christi**



**A** The light of Christ.

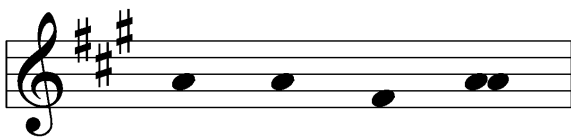


**C** Thanks be to God.

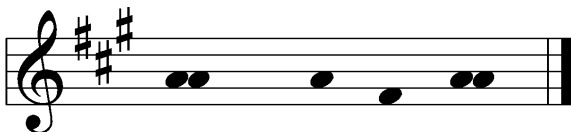
*When the candle bearer arrives at the candle stand, he turns to face the congregation.*

*After all have reached their places, the candle bearer lifts the candle high and chants the third time:*

### **Lux Christi**



**A** The light of Christ.



**C** Thanks be to God.

*After the candle bearer places the paschal candle in its stand, the assistant turns to face the people and chants or speaks the Easter Proclamation (Exsultet).*

## Exsultet

- A** Rejoice now, all you heav'nly choirs of angels; rejoice now, all creation; sound forth, trumpet of salvation, and proclaim the triumph of our King. Rejoice too, all the earth, in the radiance of the light now poured upon you and made brilliant by the brightness of the everlasting King; know that the ancient darkness has been forever banished. Rejoice, O Church of Christ, clothed in the brightness of this light; let all this house of God ring out with rejoicing, with the praises of all God's faithful people.

## Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al-so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## Proper Preface

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places, with all our heart and mind and voice, praise You, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty everlasting God, and Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. For He is the very Paschal Lamb who offered Himself for the sin of the world, who has cleansed us by the shedding of His precious blood. This is the night when You brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt and led them through the Red Sea on dry ground. This is the night when all who believe in Christ are delivered from bondage to sin and are restored to life and immortality. This is the night when Christ, the Life, arose from the dead. The seal of the grave is broken and the morning of the new creation breaks forth out of night. Oh, how wonderful and beyond all telling is Your mercy toward us, O God, that to redeem a slave You gave Your Son. How holy is this night when all wickedness is put to flight and sin is washed away. How holy is this night when innocence is restored to the fallen and joy is given to those downcast. How blessed is the night when man is reconciled to God in Christ. Holy Father, accept now the evening sacrifices of our thanksgiving and praise. Let Christ, the true light and morning star, shine in our hearts, He who gives light to all creation, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*All may extinguish their candles at this time. The paschal candle remains lighted throughout the service.*

*Sit*

## SERVICE OF READINGS

### Introduction to Readings

**P** In this most holy night our Savior, Christ the Lord, broke the power of death and by His resurrection brought life and salvation to all creation. Let us praise the Lord, for He truly keeps His Word. The sun of righteousness has dawned upon us who have sat in darkness and in the shadow of death.

**The Creation**

**The Flood**

**The Testing of Abraham**

**Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea**

**Salvation Offered Freely to All**

**A New Heart and a New Spirit**

**God's Faithfulness to Israel**

**The Valley of Dry Bones**

**Job Confesses the Redeemer**

**Jonah Preaches to Nineveh**

**The Gathering of God's People**

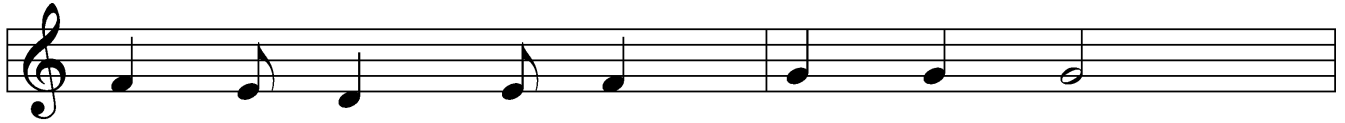
**The Fiery Furnace**

Hymn: 930 All You Works of God, Bless the Lord

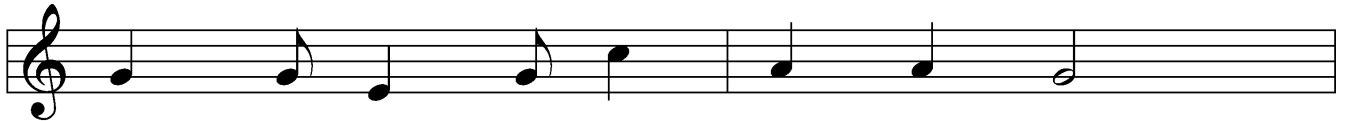
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1 All you works of God, bless the Lord!  
2 Sing, you sun and you moon a - bove,  
3 Frost of win - ter with song so cold,  
4 Hills and moun - tains, now sing His worth,



All you an - gels, now bless the Lord;  
Stars of heav - en, now sing His love;  
Dews of sum - mer, your song un - fold;  
All you green things that grow on earth;



Come, you heav - ens and pow'rs that be,  
Dew and show - ers, you winds that blow,  
Light and dark - ness, you day and night,  
Seas and riv - ers, you springs and wells,



Praise the Lord and His maj - es - ty:  
Heat and fire, you ice and snow:  
Clouds of thun - der, you light - nings bright:  
Beasts and cat - tle, you birds and whales:

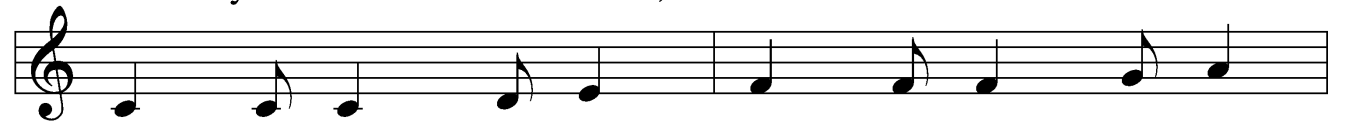
*Refrain*



Raise your voic - es high, praise and mag - ni - fy,



All you works of God, bless the Lord!



Raise your voic - es high, praise and mag - ni - fy,



All you works of God, bless the Lord!



5 Come, humanity, sing along,  
Sing, you people of God, a song;  
Priests and servants, your Lord now bless,  
Join, you spirits and souls at rest: Refrain

△ 6 Bless the Lord, all you pure of heart;  
All you humble, His praise impart;  
God the Father and Son adore,  
Bless the Spirit forevermore! Refrain

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*During the canticle, the candle bearer carries the paschal candle to the font, followed by the pastor.*

## SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM

### Baptismal Address

**P** On this holiest of nights, the whole Church of our Lord Jesus Christ recalls His death and burial, rejoicing with great joy in the Gospel of His glorious and mighty resurrection from the dead. The apostle Paul says:

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. We know that our old self was crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

## The Flood Prayer

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold us all according to Your boundless mercy and bless us with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in us, which has been inherited from Adam and which we ourselves have committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that we be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, we would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## Renunciation

**P** Do you renounce the devil?

**C** Yes, I renounce him.

**P** Do you renounce all his works?

**C** Yes, I renounce them.

**P** Do you renounce all his ways?

**C** Yes, I renounce them.

## Profession of Faith

- P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?  
**C** **Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**
- P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?  
**C** **Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**
- P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?  
**C** **Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Addressing the entire congregation, the pastor says:*

## Blessing

- P** The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ✠ everlasting.  
**C** **Amen.**

## The Peace

- P** Peace ✠ be with you.  
**C** **Amen.**

## SERVICE OF PRAYER

### Litany of the Resurrection

- A** O Lord,  
**C** have mercy.
- A** O Christ,  
**C** have mercy.
- A** O Lord,  
**C** have mercy.
- A** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,  
**C** hear us.
- A** Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us and has taken away the sin of the world,  
**C** have mercy on us.
- A** Who was crucified for our transgressions and raised for our justification,  
**C** have mercy on us.
- A** Who foretold Your passion saying, "The Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise again,"  
**C** have mercy on us.
- A** Who destroyed death by dying, and by rising to life again brought life and immortality to light,  
**C** have mercy on us.
- A** Whose resurrection was first announced by an angel to the women,  
**C** have mercy on us.
- A** Who appeared to Mary Magdalene and was worshiped by her,  
**C** have mercy on us.
- A** Who revealed Yourself to the two disciples on the Emmaus road and made Yourself known to them in the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread,  
**C** have mercy on us.
- A** Who appeared to the disciples, bestowing on them Your peace and Your Spirit,  
**C** have mercy on us.
- A** Who showed Your wounded hands and side to the apostle Thomas that he too might believe,  
**C** have mercy on us.
- A** Who appeared to seven disciples on the Sea of Tiberias, bringing a miraculous catch of fish,  
**C** have mercy on us.

- A** Who appeared to Peter and to the Twelve, to over 500 disciples, to James and to all the apostles, and to Paul on the Damascus road,
- C** **have mercy on us.**
- A** Who commissioned Your Church to make disciples of all nations by baptizing and teaching them,
- C** **have mercy on us.**
- A** By Your glorious resurrection from the dead,
- C** **good Lord, deliver us.**
- A** By Your victory over sin and death,
- C** **good Lord, deliver us.**
- A** By the majesty of Your risen body,
- C** **good Lord, deliver us.**
- A** We poor sinners implore You
- C** **to hear us, Lord Jesus.**
- A** That we may daily die and rise with You in our Baptism and walk in the freedom of Your forgiveness,
- C** **grant us, good Lord.**
- A** That we may set our minds on things above and not on earthly things, serving others as we have been served by You,
- C** **grant us, good Lord.**
- A** That we may dwell with You forever in the new creation as citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem, together with all the saints,
- C** **grant us, good Lord.**
- A** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- C** **have mercy on us.**
- A** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- C** **have mercy on us.**
- A** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- C** **grant us Your peace.**
- A** O Lord,
- C** **have mercy.**
- A** O Christ,
- C** **have mercy.**
- A** O Lord,
- C** **have mercy. Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### Easter Acclamation

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*The altar candles may now be lighted from the paschal candle. Lights in the church are turned on, bells may be rung, the chancel may be decorated, and the altar may be prepared for the Sacrament while the congregation sings the Hymn of Praise.*


### This Is the Feast (Setting One)

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*Refrain*




**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
5 For the Lamb \_\_\_\_\_ who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

### Collect of the Day

- P** Let us pray.  
O God, You made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection. Preserve in us the spirit of adoption which You have given so that, made alive in body and soul, we may serve You purely; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

### Holy Gospel

*Mark 16:1-8*

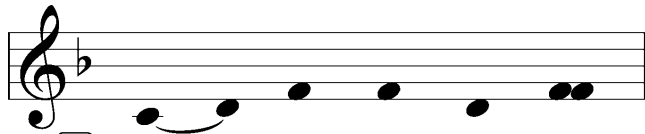
- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.
  
- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*A brief sermon may be preached.*

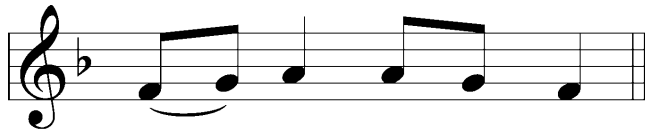
## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT (SETTING ONE)

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### Preface



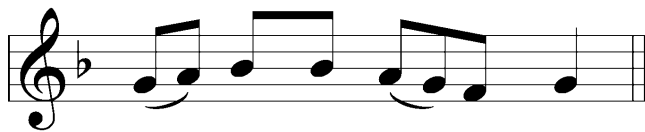
**P** The Lord be with you.



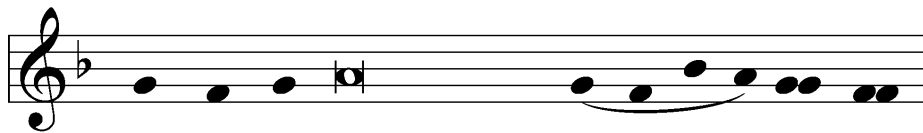
**C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



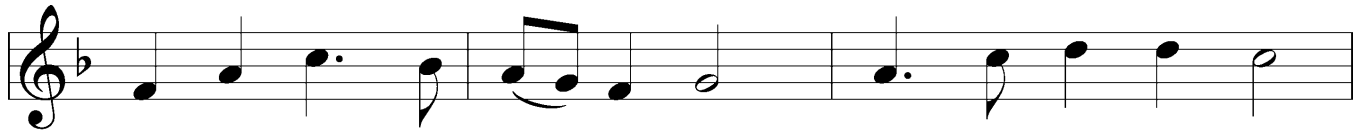
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### Proper Preface



## Sanctus

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**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



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

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

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**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## Proclamation of Christ

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

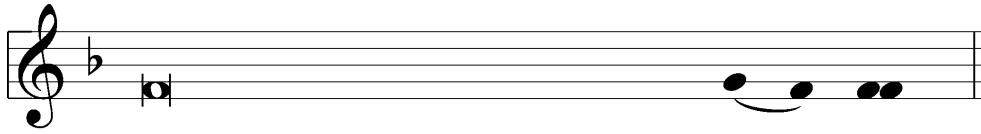
## Lord’s Prayer

**C** **Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**Pax Domini**

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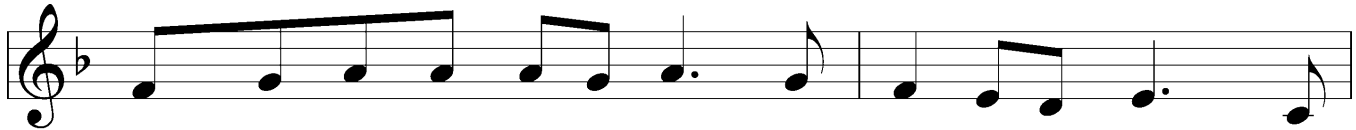
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



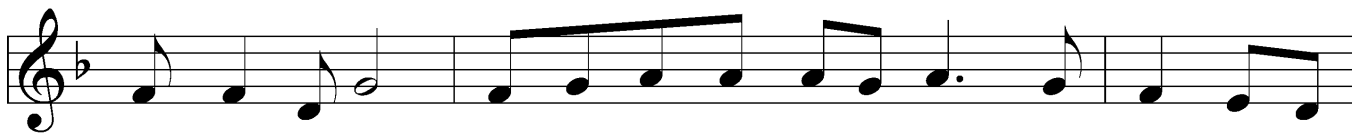
**C** A - men.

**Agnus Dei**

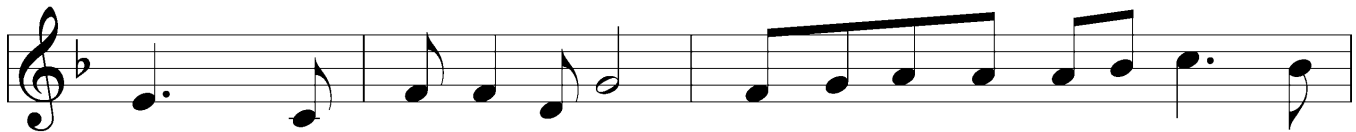
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**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Sit*

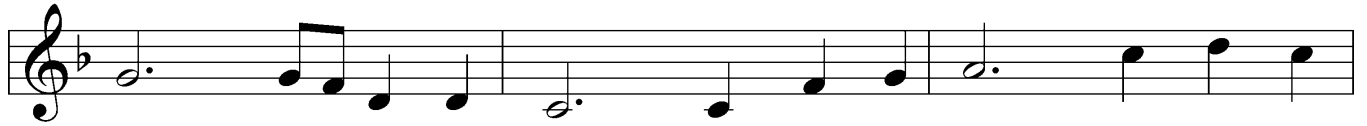
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Distribution Hymn: 561 The Tree of Life

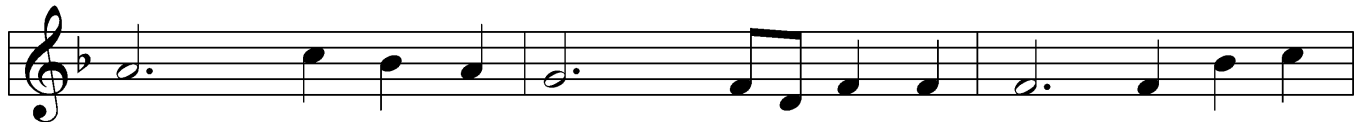
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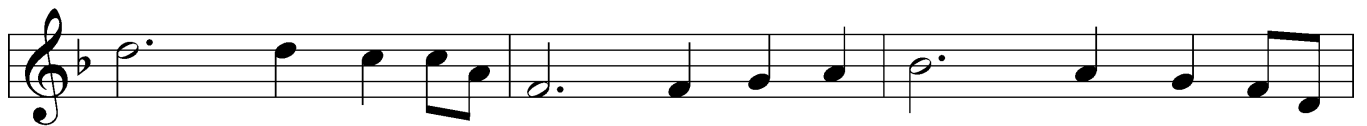
1 The tree of life with ev - 'ry good In E - den's  
 2 The still - ness of that sa - cred grove Was bro - ken,  
 3 What mer - cy God showed to our race, A plan of  
 4 Now from that tree of Je - sus' shame Flows life e -



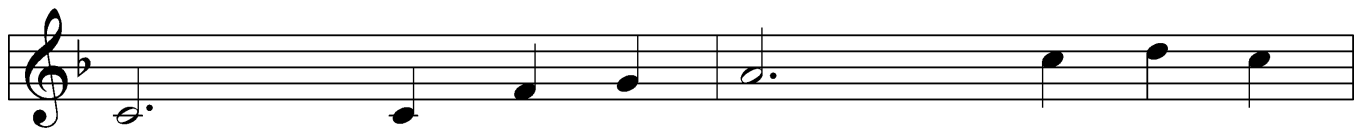
ho - ly or - chard stood, And of its fruit so pure and  
 as the ser - pent strove With tempt - ing voice Eve to be -  
 res - cue by His grace: In send - ing One from wom - an's  
 ter - nal in His name; For all who trust and will be -



sweet God let the man and wom - an eat. Yet in this  
 guile And Ad - am too by sin de - file. O day of  
 seed, The One to fill our great - est need— For on a  
 lieve, Sal - va - tion's liv - ing fruit re - ceive. And of this



gar - den al - so grew An - oth - er tree, of which they  
 sad - ness when the breath Of fear and dark - ness, doubt and  
 tree up - lift - ed high His on - ly Son for sin would  
 fruit so pure and sweet The Lord in - vites the world to



knew; Its love - ly limbs with fruit a -  
 death, Its aw - ful poi - son first dis -  
 die, Would drink the cup of scorn and  
 eat, To find with - in this cross of



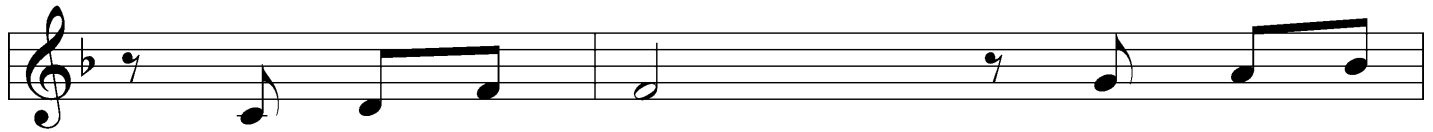
dorned A - gainst whose eat - ing God had warned.  
 played With - in the world so new - ly made.  
 dread To crush the an - cient ser - pent's head!  
 wood The tree of life with ev - 'ry good.

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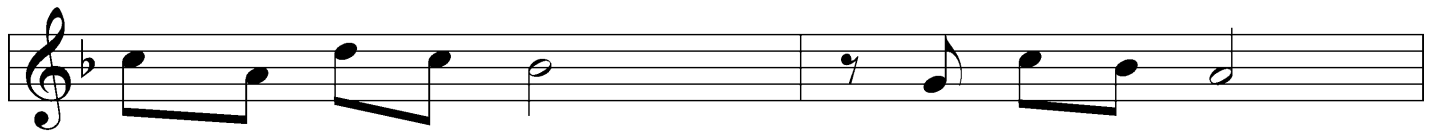
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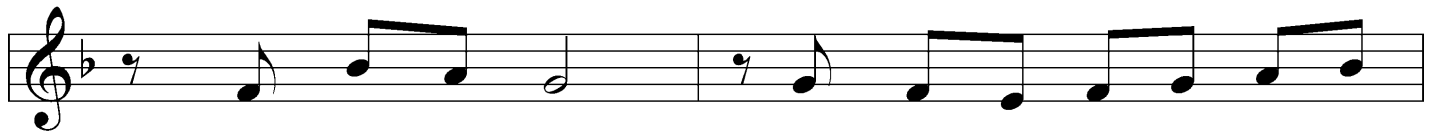
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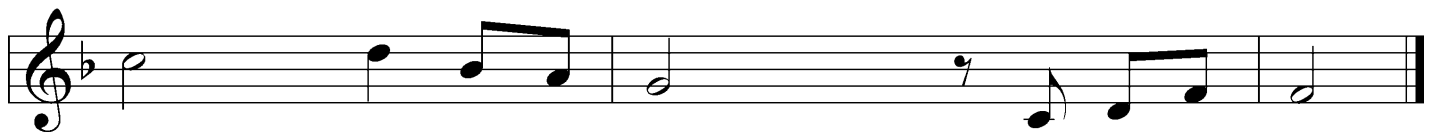
1	What	is	this	bread?	Christ's	bod - y
2	What	is	this	wine?	The	blood of
3	So	who	am	I,	That	I should
4	Yet	is	God	here?	Oh,	yes! By
5	Is	this	for	me?	I	am for -



ris - en	from the	dead:	This	bread	we	break,
Je - sus	shed	for	mine;	The	cup	of
live	and	He	should	die	Un -	der
Word	and	prom -	ise	clear,	In	mouth
giv - en	and	set	free!	I	do	be -
				lieve		



This	life	we	take,	Was	crushed	to	pay	for	our	re -
Brings	His	em -	brace	Of	life	and	love	un -	til	I
My	God,	my	God,	Why	have	You	not	for -	sak -	en
He	makes	us	whole—	Christ,	tru -	ly	pres -	ent	in	this
That	I	re -	ceive	His	ver -	y	bod -	y	and	His

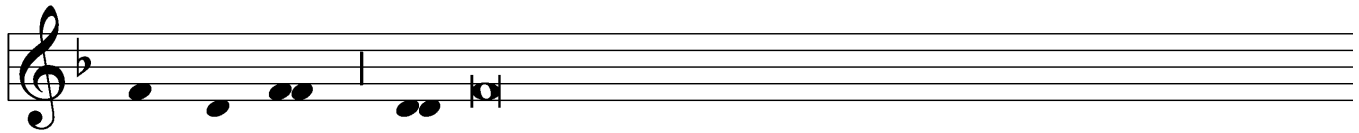


lease.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	peace.
sing!	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	King.
me?	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	free.
meal.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	real.
blood.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	good.

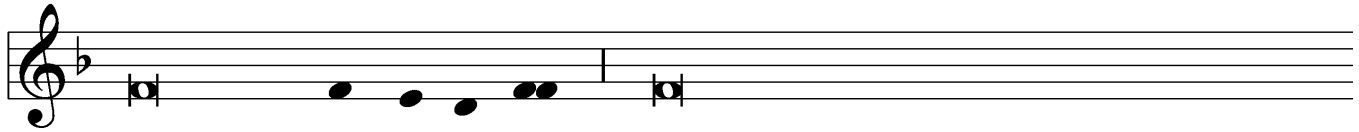
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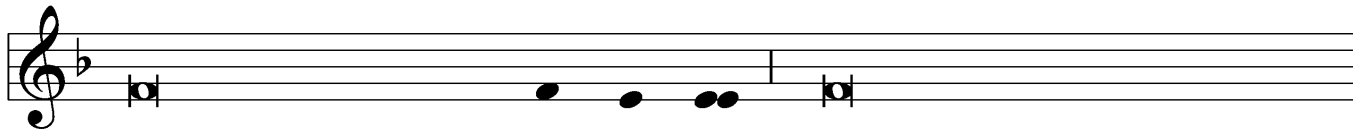
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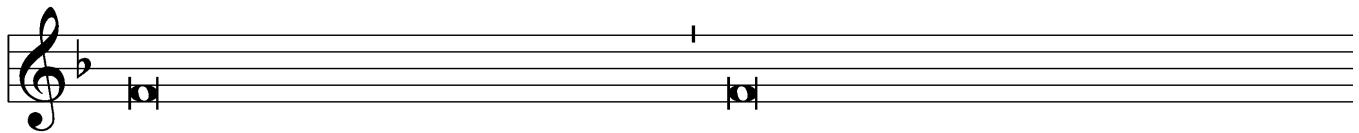
**P** Let us pray. O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten



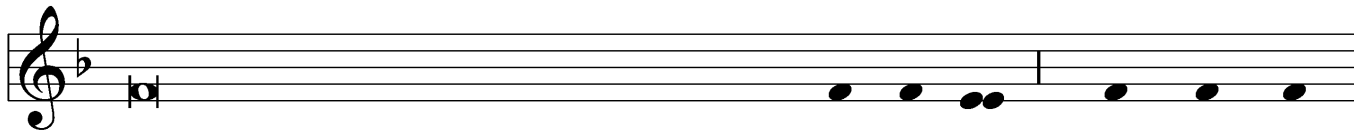
Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered



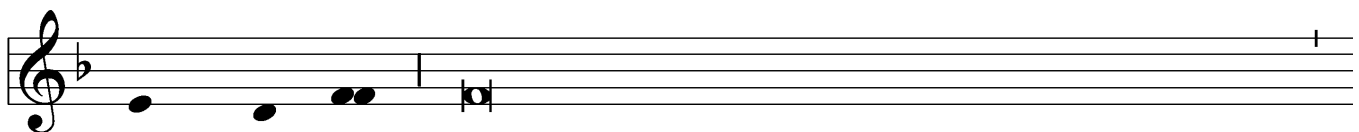
us from the power of the en - e - my. Grant that all our sin may be



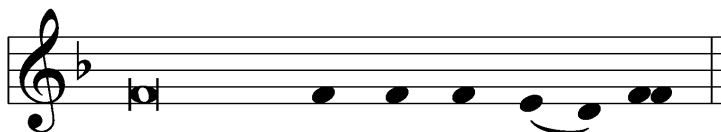
drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to



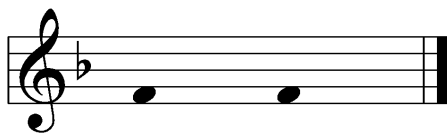
live before You in righteousness and purity for - ev - er; through Je - sus



Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,

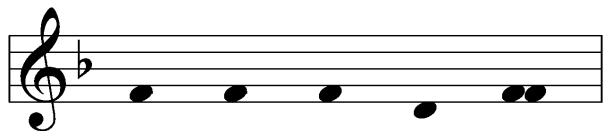


one God, now and for - ev - er.



**C** A - men.

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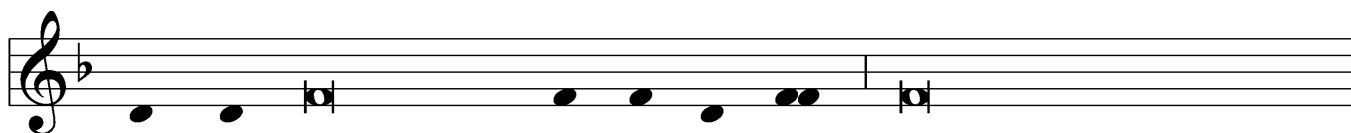


**A** Let us bless the Lord.

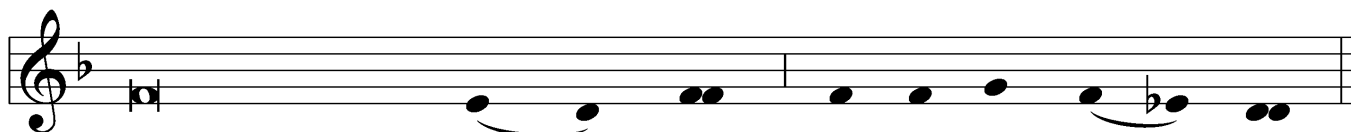


**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction



**P** The al - mighty and mer - ci - ful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son,



and the Holy Spir - it, bless and pre - serve you.



**C** A - men.

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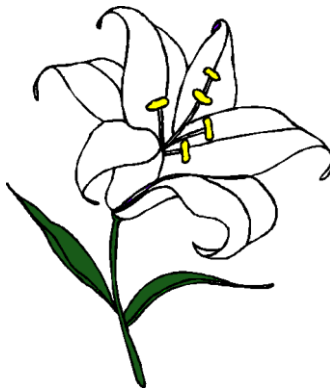
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**EASTER SUNDAY**

**6:30 am – Easter Sunrise Matins**

**7:30 am – Easter Breakfast Potluck**

**9:00 am – The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord**



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