

# **The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

## **Divine Service—Setting Three—LSB 184**

### ***The Preaching of the Word of Christ Bears the Good Fruits of Faith and Love***

As “the rain and the snow come down from heaven” and “water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout” (Is. 55:10), so the Word of God accomplishes the purpose for which He speaks it, granting joy and peace through the forgiveness of sins and producing the fruits of faith and love in those who are called by His name. Christ Jesus, the incarnate Word, has established the name of the Lord as “an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off” (Is. 55:13). He opens our ears to hear, our minds to understand and our hearts to believe His Word, lest the evil one come and snatch it away. He thus transforms our rocky hearts into good soil, which clings to the Gospel and “indeed bears fruit” (Matt. 13:23). He is Himself the firstfruits of all who “have received the Spirit of adoption as sons” (Rom. 8:15). Thus being “led by the Spirit of God,” we are not afraid, but we cry out in faith to our Father in heaven (Rom. 8:14–15). For as we suffer with Christ, the beloved Son, so shall we “also be glorified with him” (Rom. 8:17).



**Messiah Lutheran Church**  
**Keller, Texas**  
**July 12, 2026**

**Prelude**

*Stand*

**Opening Hymn 823 May God Bestow on Us His Grace**



1 May God be-stow on us His grace, With bless-ings rich pro-  
2 Thine o - ver all shall be the praise And thanks of ev - 'ry  
△ 3 O let the peo-ple praise Thy worth, In all good works in -



vide us; And may the bright-ness of His face  
na - tion; And all the world with joy shall raise  
creas - ing; The land shall plen - teous fruit bring forth,



To life e - ter - nal guide us, That we His  
The voice of ex - ul - ta - tion. For Thou shalt  
Thy Word is rich in bless - ing. May God the



sav - ing health may know, His gra - cious will and plea - sure,  
judge the earth, O Lord, Nor suf - fer sin to flour - ish;  
Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the Spir - it bless us!



And al - so to the na-tions show Christ's rich - es with-out  
Thy peo-ple's pas - ture is Thy Word Their souls to feed and  
Let all the world praise Him a - lone, Let sol - emn awe pos -



mea - sure And un - to God con - vert them.  
nour - ish, In righ - teous paths to keep them.  
sess us. Now let our hearts say, "A - men!"

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# Confession and Absolution

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.** *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *[Hebrews 10:22]*

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.** *Psalm 124:8*

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *Psalm 32:5*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit. *[John 20:19-23]*

**C** **Amen.**



# Service of the Word

## Introit

*Psalm 65:1-9*



<sup>1</sup>Praise is due to you, O God, in | Zion,\*  
and to you shall vows | be performed.

<sup>2</sup>**O you who | hears prayer,\***  
**to you shall | all flesh come.**

<sup>3</sup>When iniquities prevail a- | gainst me,\*  
you atone for our trans- | gressions.

<sup>4</sup>**Blessed is the one you choose and bring near,**  
**to dwell | in your courts!\***

**We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,**  
**the holiness of your | temple!**

<sup>5</sup>By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness,  
O God of our sal- | vation,\*  
the hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the | farthest seas;

<sup>6</sup>**the one who by his strength established the | mountains,\***  
**being girded | with might;**

<sup>7</sup>who stills the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring | of their waves,\*  
the tumult of the | peoples,

<sup>8</sup>**so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe | at your signs.\***  
**You make the going out of the morning and the evening to | shout for joy.**


<sup>9</sup>You visit the earth and water it;  
you greatly enrich it;  
the river of God is full of | water;\*  
you provide their grain,  
for so you have pre- | pared it.

☐ Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

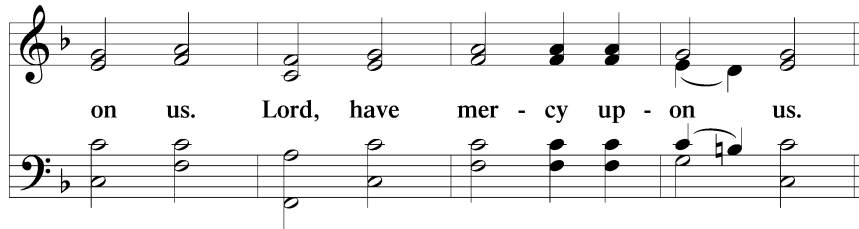
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

## Kyrie

Mark 10:47



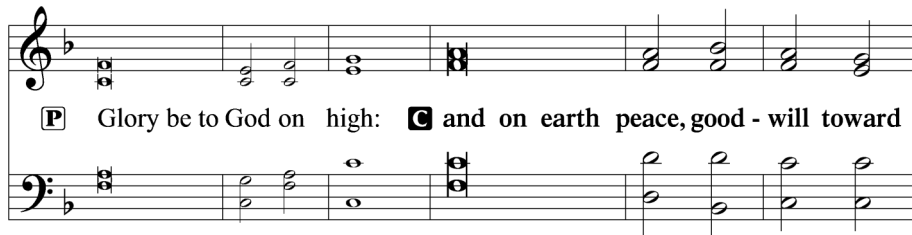
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



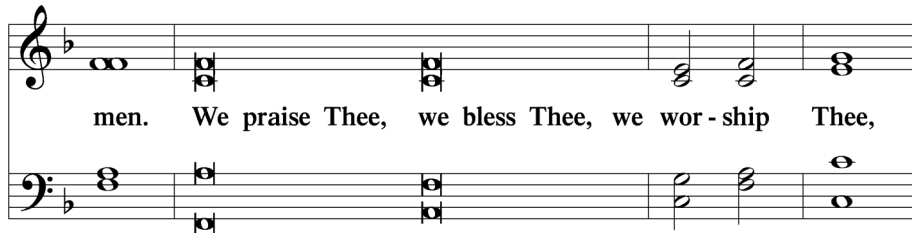
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

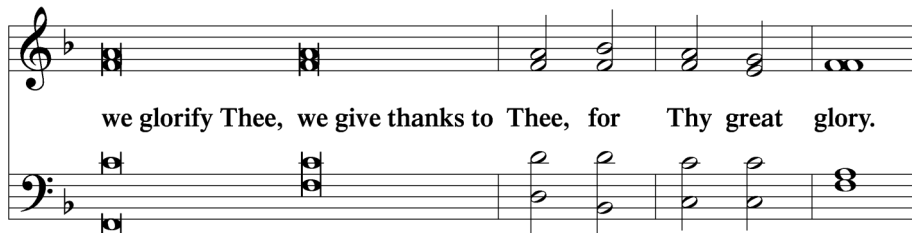
Luke 2:14; John 1:29



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only - begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

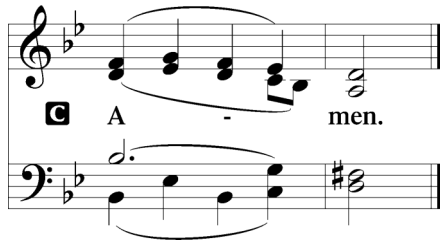
**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray.

**P** Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 55:10–13*

<sup>10</sup>“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven  
and do not return there but water the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
<sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.  
<sup>12</sup>“For you shall go out in joy  
and be led forth in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall break forth into singing,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
<sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall make a name for the LORD,  
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Gradual *sung by the Kantor*

*Romans 11:33, 36*

*Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!  
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!  
For from him and through him and to him are all things.  
To him be glory forever. Amen.*

**Epistle***Romans 8:12–17*

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup>For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand***Alleluia**

**C** Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

**Holy Gospel***Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

**C** Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, <sup>6</sup>but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>He who has ears, let him hear. . . .

<sup>18</sup>“Hear then the parable of the sower: <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, <sup>21</sup>yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. <sup>23</sup>As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in a key with one flat (B-flat). The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The music consists of several measures of chords and single notes, primarily in the lower register. Below the staves, the text "Praise be to Thee, O Christ." is written in a simple, bold font.



## Nicene Creed

**C** I 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 His 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 Spirit 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 at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
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 I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

## Hymn of the Day: 586 Preach You the Word



1 Preach you the Word and plant it home To men who  
2 We know how hard, O Lord, the task Your ser - vant  
3 The sow - er sows; his reck - less love Scat - ters a -  
4 Though some be snatched and some be scorched And some be



like or like it not, The Word that shall en -  
bade us un - der - take: To preach Your Word and  
broad the good - ly seed, In - tent a - lone that  
choked and mat - ted flat, The sow - er sows; his



sure and stand When flow'rs and men shall be for - got.  
nev - er ask What pride - ful prof - it it may make.  
all may have The whole - some loaves that all men need.  
heart cries out, "Oh, what of that, and what of that?"

- 5 Of all his scattered plenteousness  
One-fourth waves ripe on hill and flat,  
And bears a harvest hundredfold:  
"Ah, what of that, Lord, what of that!"
- 6 Preach you the Word and plant it home  
And never faint; the Harvest Lord  
Who gave the sower seed to sow  
Will watch and tend His planted Word.

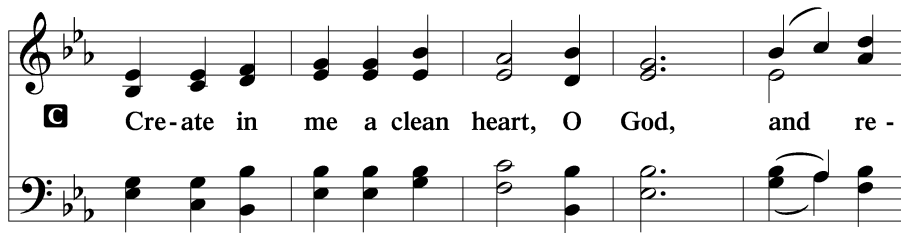
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## Sermon

*Stand*

## Offertory

*Psalm 51:10-12*



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -

way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it

from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -

tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

**Reception of the Offering**

**Prayer of the Church**

# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*



**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



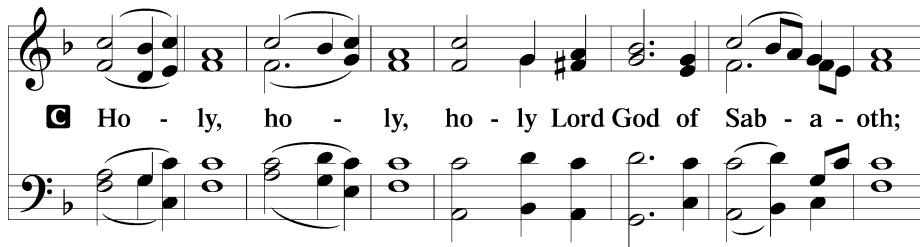
**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

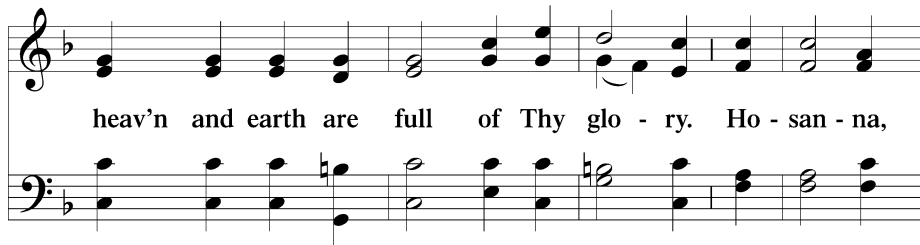
**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus**

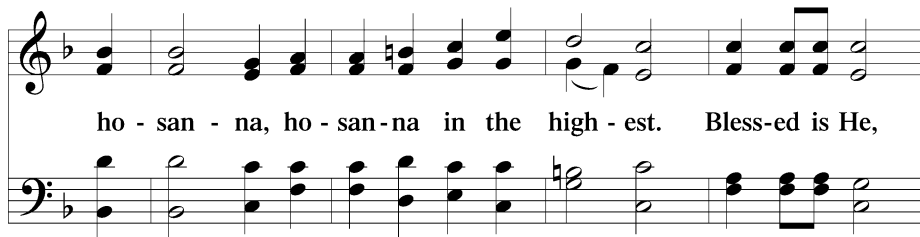
*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



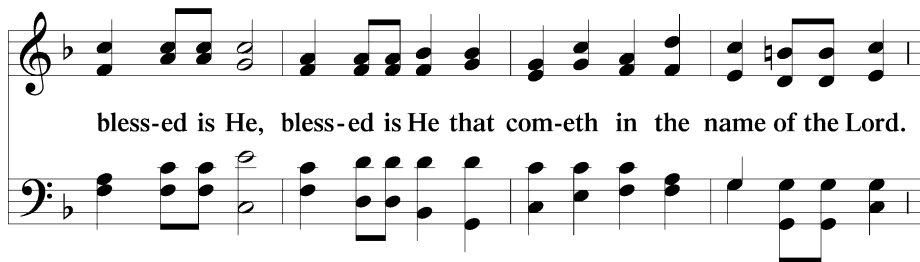
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**Lord's Prayer**

*Matthew 6:9-13*



**P** Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



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



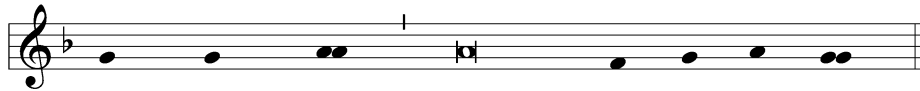
is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;



and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who



tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to



temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.



**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



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



## The Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*



**P** Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,



and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the



dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  bod - y, which is giv-en for you.



This do in re-mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so



He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv - en thanks, He gave it



to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in



My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.



This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

## Pax Domini

*John 20:19*



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



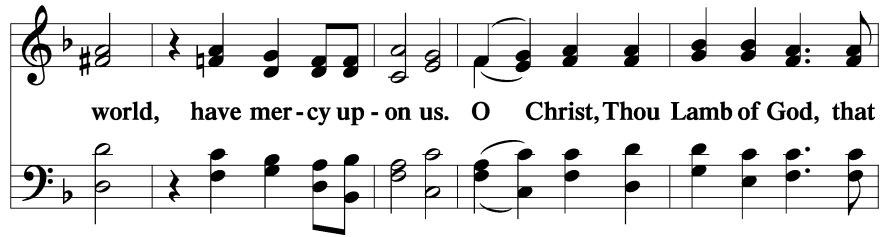
**C** A - men.

**Agnus Dei**

*John 1:29*



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



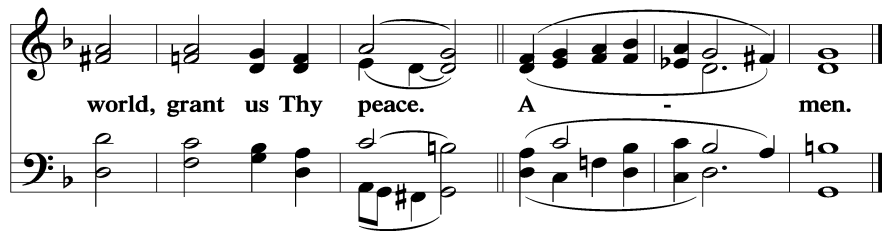
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Sit*

## Distribution

### 766 Our Father, Who from Heaven Above



1 Our Fa - ther, who from heav'n a - bove Bids all of us to  
2 Your name be hal - lowed. Help us, Lord, In pu - ri - ty to  
3 Your king - dom come. Guard Your do - main And Your e - ter - nal  
4 Your gra - cious will on earth be done As it is done be -



live in love As mem - bers of one fam - i - ly And  
keep Your Word, That to the glo - ry of Your name We  
righ - teous reign. The Ho - ly Ghost en - rich our day With  
fore Your throne, That pa - tient - ly we may o - bey Through -



pray to You in u - ni - ty, Teach us no thought - less words to  
walk be - fore You free from blame. Let no false teach - ing us per -  
gifts at - ten - dant on our way. Break Sa - tan's pow'r, de - feat his  
out our lives all that You say. Curb flesh and blood and ev - 'ry



say But from our in - most hearts to pray.  
vert; All poor de - lud - ed souls con - vert.  
rage; Pre - serve Your Church from age to age.  
ill That sets it - self a - gainst Your will.

- 5 Give us this day our daily bread,  
And let us all be clothed and fed.  
Save us from hardship, war, and strife;  
In plague and famine, spare our life,  
That we in honest peace may live,  
To care and greed no entrance give.
- 6 Forgive our sins, Lord, we implore,  
That they may trouble us no more  
We, too, will gladly those forgive  
Who hurt us by the way they live.  
Help us in our community  
To serve each other willingly.
- 7 Lead not into temptation, Lord,  
Where our grim foe and all his horde  
Would vex our souls on ev'ry hand.
- 8 Help us resist, help us to stand  
Firm in the faith, a mighty host,  
Through comfort of the Holy Ghost.  
From evil, Lord, deliver us;  
The times and days are perilous.  
Redeem us from eternal death,  
And, when we yield our dying breath,  
Console us, grant us calm release,  
And take our souls to You in peace.
- 9 Amen, that is, so shall it be.  
Make strong our faith in You, that we  
May doubt not but with trust believe  
That what we ask we shall receive.  
Thus in Your name and at Your Word  
We say, "Amen, O hear us, Lord!"

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## 577 Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast



1 Al - might - y God, Your Word is cast Like  
 2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe This  
 3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares The  
 4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, Life -



seed in - to the ground; Now let the dew of  
 ho - ly seed re - move, But give it root in  
 ris - ing plant de - stroy, But let it yield a  
 giv - ing grace be - stow That all whose souls the



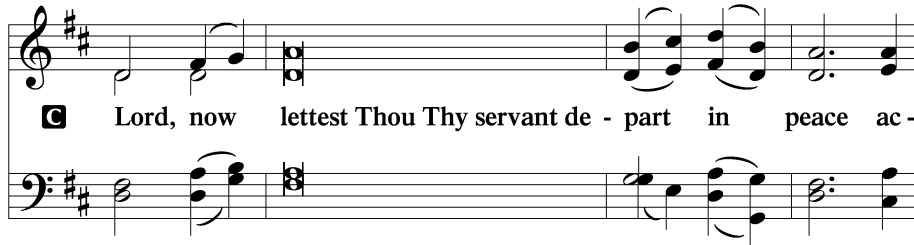
heav'n de - scend And righ - teous fruits a - bound.  
 ev - 'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.  
 hun - dred - fold The fruits of peace and joy.  
 truth re - ceive Its sav - ing pow'r may know.

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Stand

## Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

# Thanksgiving

*Psalm 107:1*

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

The first system of music consists of three staves. The top staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It contains a whole note chord (F#4, A4) followed by a half note (B4) and a quarter note (C5). The middle staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It contains a whole note chord (F#4, A4), a half note (B4), and a quarter note (C5) with a slur over the last two notes. The bottom staff is a bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It contains a whole note chord (F#2, A2), a half note (B2), and a quarter note (C3) with a slur over the last two notes.

- A** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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.

The second system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It contains a whole note chord (F#4, A4), a half note (B4), and a quarter note (C5) with a slur over the last two notes. The bottom staff is a bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It contains a whole note chord (F#2, A2), a half note (B2), and a quarter note (C3) with a slur over the last two notes.

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.

The third system of music consists of three staves. The top staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It contains a whole note chord (F#4, A4), a half note (B4), and a quarter note (C5). The middle staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It contains a whole note chord (F#4, A4), a half note (B4), and a quarter note (C5) with a slur over the last two notes. The bottom staff is a bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It contains a whole note chord (F#2, A2), a half note (B2), and a quarter note (C3) with a slur over the last two notes.

**Benedicamus**

*Psalm 103:1*

Musical notation for the first part of the Benedicamus. It consists of a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). Below the staff is the text: **A** Bless we the Lord.

Musical notation for the second part of the Benedicamus. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The treble staff has a melody: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). The bass staff has a bass line: G3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (quarter), C3 (quarter), B2 (quarter), A2 (quarter). Below the treble staff is the text: **C** Thanks be to God.

**Benediction**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

Musical notation for the first part of the Benediction. It consists of a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). Below the staff is the text: **P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make

Musical notation for the second part of the Benediction. It consists of a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). Below the staff is the text: His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.

Musical notation for the third part of the Benediction. It consists of a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). Below the staff is the text: The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

Musical notation for the fourth part of the Benediction. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The treble staff has a melody: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). The bass staff has a bass line: G3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (quarter), C3 (quarter), B2 (quarter), A2 (quarter). Below the treble staff is the text: **C** A - men, a - men, a - men.

**Closing Hymn: 743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure**



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, Fount of pur - est plea - sure,  
 2 In Thine arms I rest me; Foes who would mo - lest me  
 3 Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; Death, I now de - cry thee;  
 4 Hence, all earth - ly trea - sure! Je - sus is my plea - sure,



Tru - est friend to me, Ah, how long in an - guish  
 Can - not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing,  
 Fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt not harm me  
 Je - sus is my choice. Hence, all emp - ty glo - ry!



Shall my spir - it lan - guish, Yearn - ing, Lord, for Thee?  
 Ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear.  
 Nor thy threats a - larm me While I sing of peace.  
 Naught to me thy sto - ry Told with tempt - ing voice.



Thou art mine, O Lamb di - vine! I will suf - fer  
 Light - nings flash And thun - ders crash; Yet, though sin and  
 God's great pow'r Guards ev - 'ry hour; Earth and all its  
 Pain or loss, Or shame or cross, Shall not from my



naught to hide Thee; Naught I ask be - side Thee.  
 hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.  
 depths a - dore Him, Si - lent bow be - fore Him.  
 Sav - ior move me Since He deigns to love me.

5 Evil world, I leave thee;  
 Thou canst not deceive me,  
 Thine appeal is vain.  
 Sin that once did blind me,  
 Get thee far behind me,  
 Come not forth again.  
 Past thy hour,  
 O pride and pow'r;  
 Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,  
 Leave thee now forever.

6 Hence, all fear and sadness!  
 For the Lord of gladness,  
 Jesus, enters in.  
 Those who love the Father,  
 Though the storms may gather,  
 Still have peace within.  
 Yea, whate'er  
 I here must bear,  
 Thou art still my purest pleasure,  
 Jesus, priceless treasure!

## **Postlude**

### **Service Music:**

#### Prelude:

JESU, MEINE FREUDE (“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”) – J. S. Bach, BWV 610

ST. FLAVIAN (“Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast”) – Jan Bender

ES WOLL UNS GOTT GENADIG SEIN (“May God Bestow on Us His Grace”) – Benjamin Culli

#### Postlude:

Fugue in G minor – J. S. Bach, BWV 578

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<sup>3</sup>*“...A sower went out to sow.*  
<sup>4</sup>*And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path,*  
*and the birds came and devoured them.*  
<sup>5</sup>*Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil,*  
*and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil,*  
<sup>6</sup>*but when the sun rose they were scorched.*  
*And since they had no root, they withered away.*  
<sup>7</sup>*Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.*  
<sup>8</sup>*Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain,*  
*some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.*  
<sup>9</sup>*He who has ears, let him hear...*

*(Matthew 13)*

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