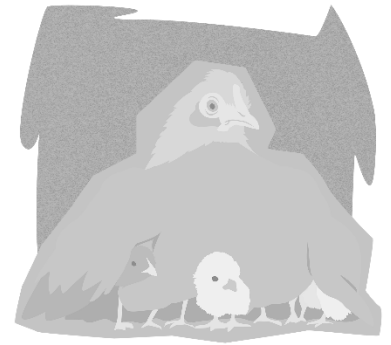


GOD WOULD; WE WOULD NOT**WELCOME**

Welcome in the name of Christ Jesus. As we worship, we pray that you will open your heart in preparation as our Savior comes to us through the word and sacraments. If you are a guest, please sign your name, address and most importantly your phone number in our Guest Book in the entrance and come and worship with us again. If we can be of assistance to you in your spiritual walk through life please let us know. We invite you to join us for refreshments after the service in the room adjoining the worship facility.

**AS WE GATHER**

Throughout biblical history, God used prophets to call His people to repentance with the promise of mercy. God's mercy should encourage us to return to Him, but too often, the people of God have refused His care. That is the story of Jeremiah, who was sent by the Lord to speak His Word, warn His people of disaster if they refused Him, and promise mercy to all who repent. It is also our story. The Law warns us of the failure to confess our sins and the Gospel promises forgiveness to all who confess and believe in our Lord Jesus Christ. Today, we pray the Lord to grant us hearts willing to hear His Word, confess our sins, believe in the forgiveness of Christ, and rejoice in this blessing all our days.

COMMUNION PRACTICE

Lamb of God celebrates the Lord's Supper in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an elder. For further study, see Matthew 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.

+ PREPARATION +

HYMN

508 *The Day Is Surely Drawing Near*



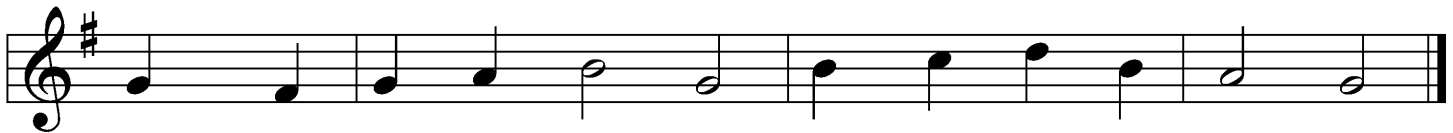
1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When Je - sus, God's a - noint - ed,
2 The fi - nal trum - pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak - en,
4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but car - nal plea - sures,
5 My Sav - ior paid the debt I owe And for my sin was smit - ten;
7 O Je - sus Christ, do not de - lay, But has - ten our sal - va - tion;



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap -
And all who rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a -
Who here de - spised His pre - cious Word And loved their earth - ly
With - in the Book of Life I know My name has now been
We of - ten trem - ble on our way In fear and trib - u -



point - ed. Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on
wak - en. But all who live will in that hour, By God's al -
trea - sures! With shame and trem - bling they will stand And at the
writ - ten. I will not doubt, for I am free, And Sa - tan
la - tion. O hear and grant our fer - vent plea: Come, might - y



flames shall rav - age earth As Scrip - ture long has warned us.
might - y, bound - less pow'r, Be changed at His com - mand - ing.
judg - e's stern com - mand To Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.
can - not threat - en me; There is no con - dem - na - tion!
judge, and set us free From death and ev - 'ry e - vil.

👆 INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 74:1

P O God, why do You cast us off forever?

C Why does Your anger smoke against the sheep of Your pasture?

P May the Lord direct us to the ruins of our righteousness

C that we may learn repentance.

Silence for meditation and reflection.

P O Lord,

C we poor sinners cry to You and beg Your mercy. We confess that we have lived as if You did not matter and as if we mattered most of all. Our Lord's name we have not honored as we should; our worship and prayers have faltered. We have not loved God above all things, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done the good Your Word desires and have done the evil Your Word forbids. May God be merciful to us, forgive us all our sins, and strengthen our faith for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit. To the impenitent and unbelieving I declare that so long as you continue in your impenitence, God will not forgive your sins and will visit your iniquity upon you until you turn from your sinful ways, come to repentance, and trust in the merits of Jesus Christ alone.

C Amen.

P May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

+ WORD +

INTROIT

Psalm 74:1–3; antiphon: Psalm 69:9

- P** For zeal for your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.
- C** **O God, why do you cast us off forever? Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your pasture?**
- P** Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old, which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!
- C** **Remember Mount Zion, where you have dwelt.**
- P** Direct your steps to the perpetual ruins; the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctuary!
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P** For zeal for your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.

KYRIE

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the peace we have with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For peace among the families of the nations and in coming generations, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all who rejoice here for our access by faith into this grace in which we stand, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** By Your purposeful suffering, rejection, death, and resurrection—help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY

P On this Second Sunday in Lent, we are reminded that the Lord is rich in mercy and willing to forgive our sins and save us by His grace, but we are not always ready to approach Him in the humility of faith and with a heart of repentance. From the prophet Jeremiah comes the story of how the Word of the Lord was met with rejection, anger, and rebellion. In Philippians, a sorrowful Paul recounts the story of those who once believed but now walk as enemies of the Lord. In the Gospel, we hear the lament of the Lord who wanted to gather His people under the arms of His mercy, but they would not.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 26:8–15

L A reading from Jeremiah, chapter 26.

⁸When Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die! ⁹Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant’?” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

¹⁰When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. ¹¹Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.”

¹²Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. ¹³Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. ¹⁵Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 4; antiphon: v. 8

- L** ¹Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!
- ²O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?
- ³But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.
- ⁴Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.
- ⁵Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.
- ⁶There are many who say, “Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!”
- ⁷You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.
- ⁸In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

EPISTLE

Philippians 3:17—4:1

- L** A reading from Philippians, chapter 3.

¹⁷Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

¹Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE

Luke 13:35

- P** Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:31–35

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²And he said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. ³³Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.' ³⁴O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! ³⁵Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

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

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

There is a Redeemer

VERSE



1. There is a Re - deem - er Je - sus, God's own Son; _____
2. Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names; _____
3. When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face; _____



Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Ho - ly One.
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, O _____ for sin - ners slain.
There I'll serve my King for - ev - er in _____ that ho - ly place.

CHORUS



Thank You, O my Fa - ther, for giv - ing us Your Son, _____ and



leav - ing Your Spir - it till the work - on - earth is done.

SERMON

🕒 NICENE CREED

Nicene Creed

🗣️ 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 ✝️ of the world to come. Amen.

🕒 PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

🗣️ Bidden by Your mercy, O Lord, we come in prayer to petition Your aid for the Church, the nation, the sick, and all people who have requested our prayers.

O Lord, as once You warned Your people to mend their ways and their deeds and heed the voice of Your Word, so grant us grace that we mend our sinful ways, repent of all the things we have done wrong, and heed the voice of Your Word. Bring us to the obedience of faith that we may enjoy Your mercy and tender compassion. Lord, in Your mercy,

🗣️ **hear our prayer.**

🗣️ Grant grace to Your Church and those who preach and teach Your Word, that they be faithful to Your Word and truth and that Your Church may prosper and many be brought to faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

🗣️ **hear our prayer.**

🗣️ Guide and prosper our nation in paths of goodness and virtue. Bless our president, governor, and all elected and appointed government officials, that we may be free to worship You in spirit and truth and live as godly citizens while on earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

🗣️ **hear our prayer.**

- P** Deliver us from stubbornness of heart and willful desire that we may learn in all humility and patience and share with others the Gospel of the cross. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Show Your compassion to all who cry to You for mercy and who bear any afflictions of body and soul, [*especially . . .*]. Grant them healing in accordance with Your will and patience until Your deliverance comes. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Give us generous hearts, that what we have received we share with those in need and that we support the work of Your kingdom with all our abilities and with the tithes and offerings we bring. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Humble our hearts that we may approach Your altar in good conscience, forgiven of our sins and trusting in Jesus' Word. Grant that we come united in doctrine, receive here His body and blood with thanksgiving, and depart His Table to serve our neighbor in love. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

Additional petitions may be inserted here.

- P** Hear Your people, O Lord, who come to You at Your own invitation, with the concerns of our hearts and praise of our lips, trusting that You will grant us all things needful and protect us from all things harmful to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.
- C** **Amen.**

OFFERING

*Offering Plates are in the Fellowship Hall
Please enter your attendance in the Record of Fellowship*

+ SACRAMENT +

↑ PREFACE

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

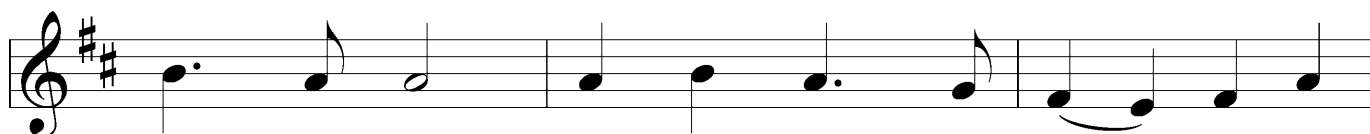
P With great thanksgiving, we come at Your bidding to offer You the praise and worship You are due, O Lord, for the mercy that sustained Your people of old until You delivered up Your own Son to the cross, the Lamb of God for the sins of the world. Rejoicing in all that He has accomplished for our salvation, we anticipate and await the day when, one in Your presence, we shall celebrate the unending feast. Now with angels and archangels and with the whole company of heaven, we join in praising Your name and saying:

SANCTUS

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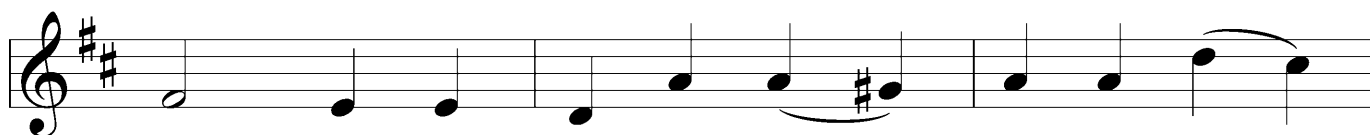
C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



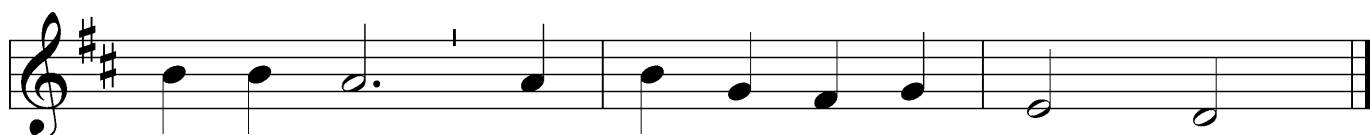
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your



glo - ry. 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

P From the foundations of the world, O Lord, You have made Yourself known as a God of mercy, giving the promise to Adam and Eve in the garden, sending forth the prophets to speak hope in Your name, and calling Your people to repentance and faith. We give You thanks that now in these latter days You have fully revealed Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, in the cross where our salvation was made, and in the resurrection which prefigures our own reunion in heaven. Keep us in this faith and fear that we may endure in faith to the end and be saved for Your mercy's sake.

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 **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P Recalling the saving acts by which we have been redeemed—our Lord’s incarnation and obedient life, His suffering and death upon the cross, His resurrection from the dead, and His ascension to Your right hand—we give You thanks and praise, and we await the day when He shall appear and bring all things to their final consummation in the marriage feast of the Lamb without end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

WE SHARE THE PEACE

♩ AGNUS DEI

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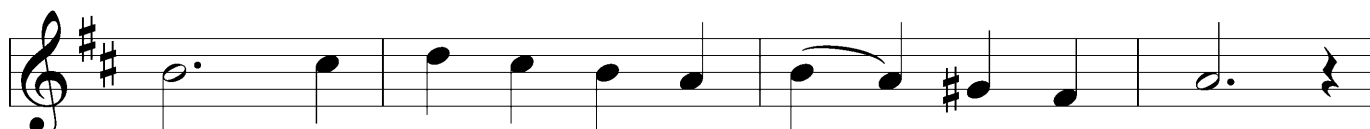
☐ Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



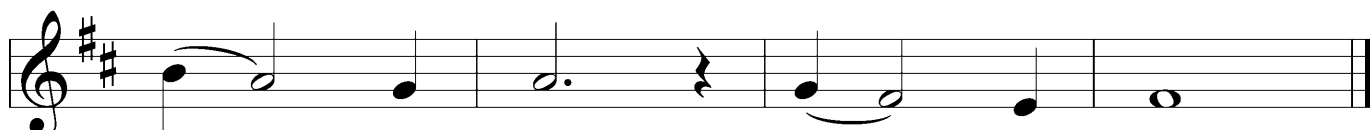
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



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God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

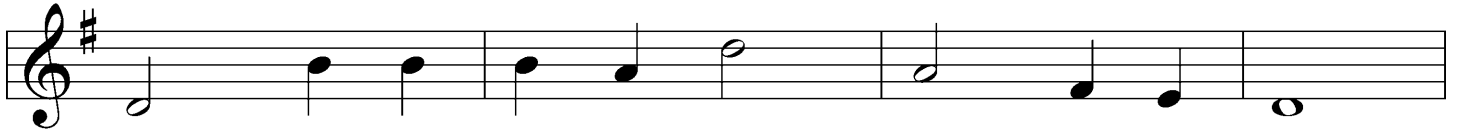
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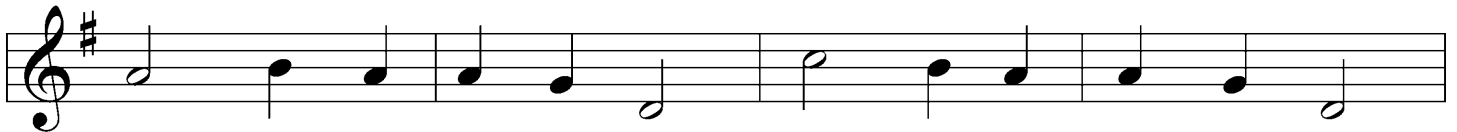
748 *I'm But a Stranger Here*



1 I'm but a strang - er here, Heav'n is my home;
2 What though the tem - pest rage, Heav'n is my home;
3 There - fore I mur - mur not, Heav'n is my home;



Earth is a des - ert drear, Heav'n is my home.
Short is my pil - grim - age, Heav'n is my home;
What - e'er my earth - ly lot, Heav'n is my home;



Dan - ger and sor - row stand Round me on ev - 'ry hand;
And time's wild win - try blast Soon shall be o - ver - past;
And I shall sure - ly stand There at my Lord's right hand;



Heav'n is my fa - ther - land, Heav'n is my home.
I shall reach home at last, Heav'n is my home.
Heav'n is my fa - ther - land, Heav'n is my home.

Text: Thomas R. Taylor, 1807–35

Tune: Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842–1900

Text and tune: Public domain



1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed plea - sure
 2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the might - y
 3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mam - mon of - fers
 4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



When You, and You a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!
 Yet nev - er once re - flects That they are frail and flight - y.
 Yet nev - er is con - tent Though gold should fill its cof - fers.
 My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, My soul's de - light shall be;
 But what I tru - ly prize A - bove all things is He,
 I have a high - er good, Con - tent with it I'll be:
 My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



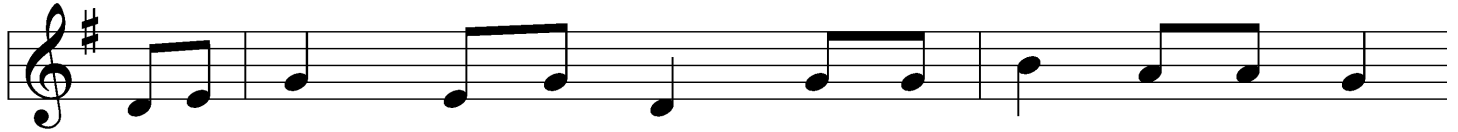
You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
 My Je - sus, He a - lone. What is the world to me!
 My Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!
 Once more, then, I de - clare: What is the world to me!

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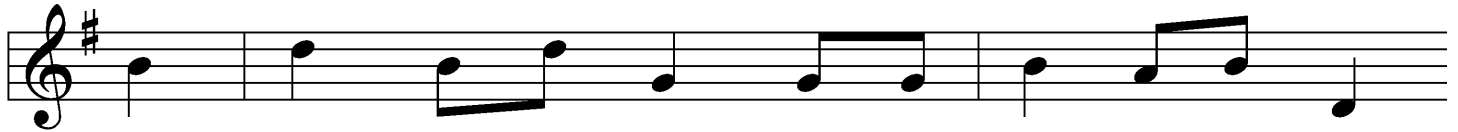
728 How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,
 5 "Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;
 I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.
 My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can He say than to you He has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,
 The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!
 Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.
 Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne."

Text: A Selection of Hymns, 1787, London, alt.

Tune: Genuine Church Music, 1832, Winchester

Text and tune: Public domain



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
 2 See how He sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
 3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent His Son to save us.



Our hu - man sto - ry; God in Him is cen - tered.
 He brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.
 Your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing.
 Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us.

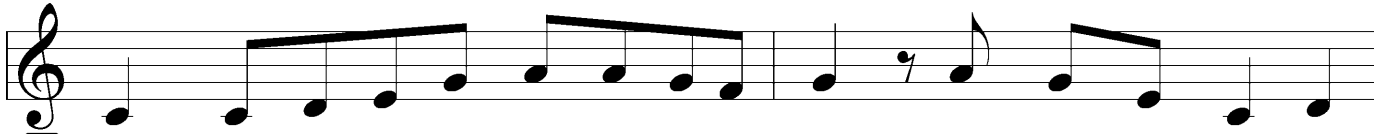


He comes to us, by death and sin sur -
 All men and wom - en, who by guilt are
 To all the world go out and tell the
 Tell how the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry



round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.
 driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.
 sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.
 na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

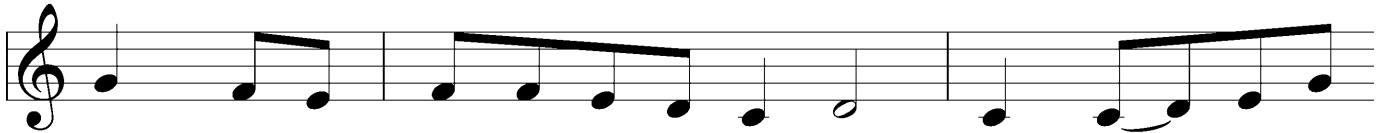
♩ NUNC DIMITTIS



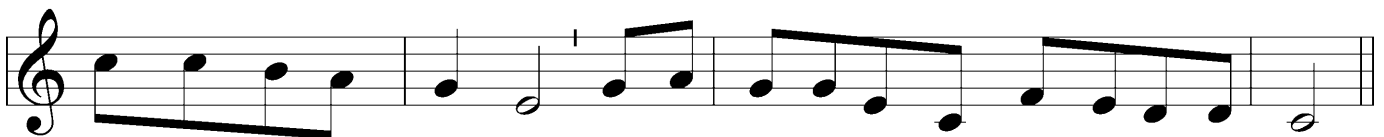
Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-



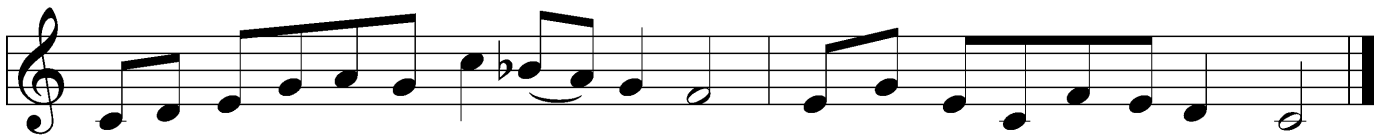
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -



veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.



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



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

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

Come to the aid of Your people, O Lord, and turn us from our sin to Christ that we may live for You alone. Deliver unbelievers from the prison of darkness and the curse of death that through repentance they may gladly hear Your Word, confess their sins, receive Your forgiveness, and grow, together with us, into the fullness of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

🕒 ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BIRTHDAYS

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

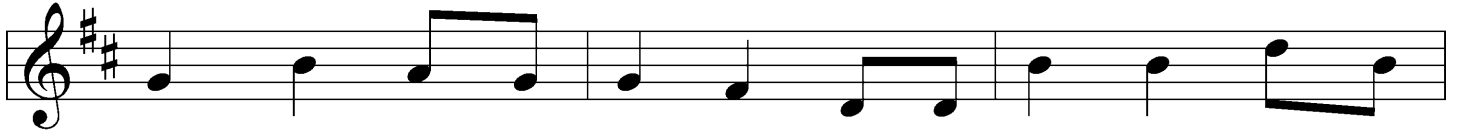
C Thanks be to God.

HYMN

725 Children of the Heavenly Father



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
 2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
 4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
 Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



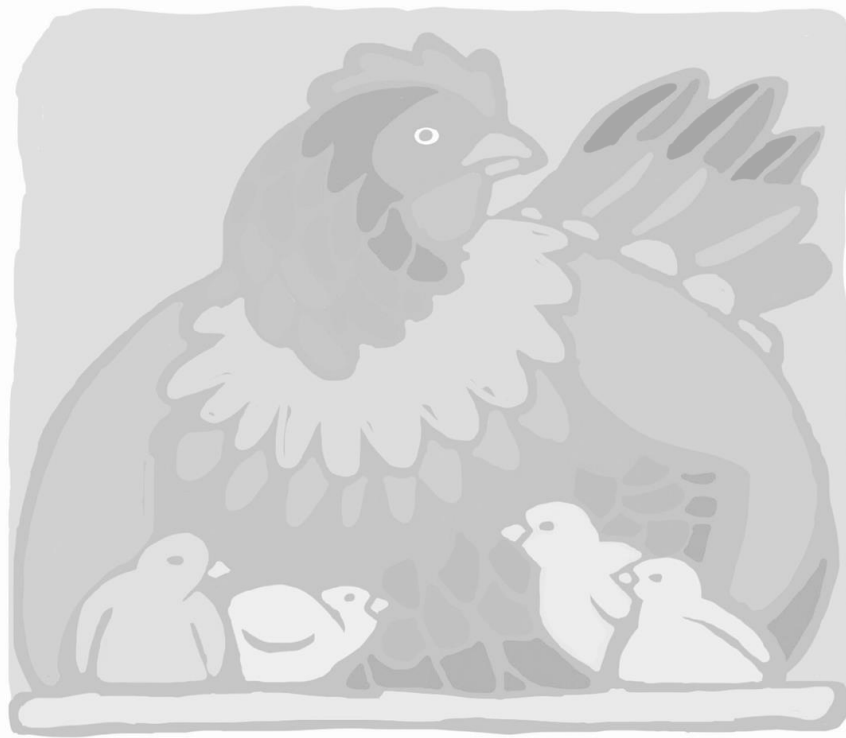
heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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... you will not see me until the
time comes when you say,
“Blessed is the one who
comes in the name of the Lord.”

Luke 13:35, NRSV