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Prayer Before Worship

O Lord, my Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

PRELUDE

RINGING BELL CALLS US TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN *LSB 905 Come, Thou Almighty King*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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L: Let us begin In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN.

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: BUT IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, GOD, WHO IS FAITHFUL AND JUST, WILL FORGIVE OUR SINS AND CLEANSE US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.

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

L: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: MOST MERCIFUL GOD, WE CONFESS THAT WE ARE BY NATURE SINFUL AND UNCLEAN. WE HAVE SINNED AGAINST YOU IN THOUGHT, WORD, AND DEED, BY WHAT WE HAVE DONE AND BY WHAT WE HAVE LEFT UNDONE. WE HAVE NOT LOVED YOU WITH OUR WHOLE HEART; WE HAVE NOT LOVED OUR NEIGHBORS AS OURSELVES. WE JUSTLY DESERVE YOUR PRESENT AND ETERNAL PUNISHMENT. FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST, HAVE MERCY ON US. FORGIVE US, RENEW US, AND LEAD US, SO THAT WE MAY DELIGHT IN YOUR WILL AND WALK IN YOUR WAYS TO THE GLORY OF YOUR HOLY NAME. AMEN.

L: The Holy Scriptures assure us that Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. Let us go in peace.

C: AMEN.

L: O Lord, open my lips,,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

L: Make haste, O God, to deliver me:



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



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



Common: Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

PSALMODY Venite O Come, Let Us Sing Antiphon

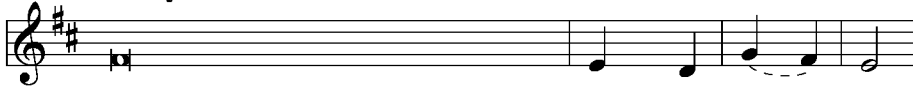
L: The Lord has enlightened us in the true faith.



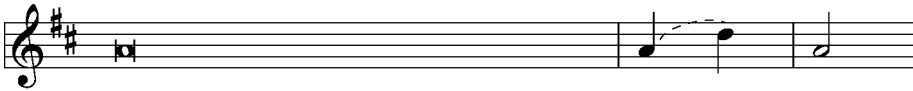
C O come, let us wor - ship Him.



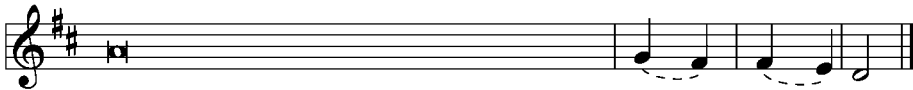
- C** 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
 2 For the Lord is a great God
 3 The sea is His, for He made it,
 5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
 3 and His hand formed the dry land.
 5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



- 1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
 3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
 4 For He is our God,
 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
 2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

L: The Lord has enlightened us in the true faith.



- C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Second Psalm Psalm 65:1-13*(Spoken responsively by verse)*

Praise is due to You, O God, in Zion,
and to You shall vows be performed.

O YOU WHO HEARS PRAYER,

TO YOU SHALL ALL FLESH COME.

When iniquities prevail against me,
You atone for our transgressions.

**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!**

By awesome deeds You answer us with righteousness,
O God of our salvation,
the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas;

**THE ONE WHO BY HIS STRENGTH ESTABLISHED THE MOUNTAINS,
BEING GIRDED WITH MIGHT;**

Who stills the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
the tumult of the peoples,

**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.**

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 prepared it.

**YOU WATER ITS FURROWS ABUNDANTLY,
SETTLING ITS RIDGES,**

**SOFTENING IT WITH SHOWERS,
AND BLESSING ITS GROWTH.**

You crown the year with Your bounty;
Your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.

**THE PASTURES OF THE WILDERNESS OVERFLOW,
THE HILLS GIRD THEMSELVES WITH JOY,**

the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.

**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.**

OFFICE HYMN *LSB 875 Father, We Praise Thee*

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰For 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,
¹¹so 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.
¹²For 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.
¹³Instead 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."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 8:12-17

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For 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. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For 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!" ¹⁶The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

GOSPEL VERSE

Isaiah 40:8

L: Alleluia. The grass withers, the flower fades

C: BUT THE WORD OF OUR GOD WILL STAND FOREVER. ALLELUIA.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

^{13:1}That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about Him, so that He got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And He told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear. . . .

^{13: 18}"Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When 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. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet 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. ²²As 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. ²³As 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."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

RESPONSORY

L: Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.



C Lord, I love
the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

L: Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.



C Lord, I love
the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

L: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.



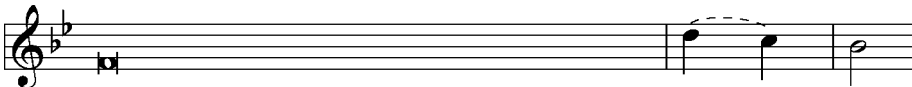
C Lord, I love
the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

HYMN OF THE DAY *LSB 577 Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast*

SERMON

CANTICLE Te Deum (*We Praise You, O God*)

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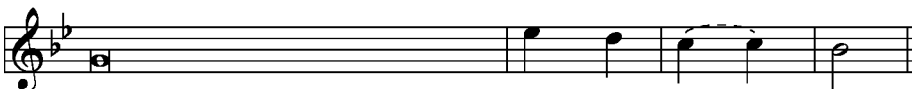
C 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
3 The noble army of martyrs praise— You.



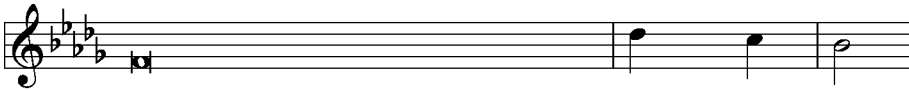
1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



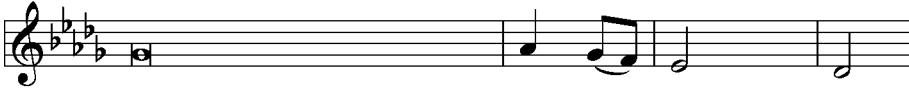
1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
2 The glorious company of the apostles praise— You.
3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
4 You are the king of glory, O— Christ;



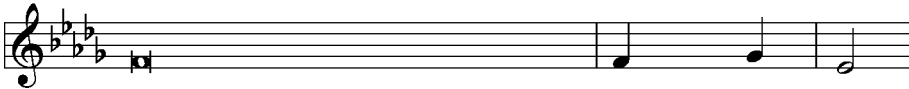
1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise— You.
3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort - er.
4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



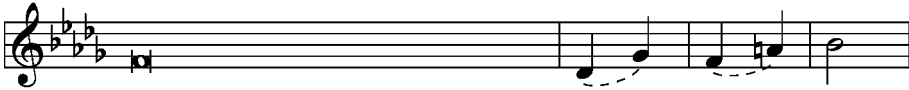
5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
6 You sit at the right hand of God



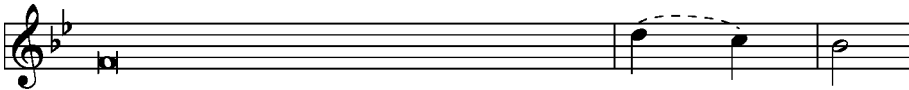
5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



5 When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
6 We believe that You will come



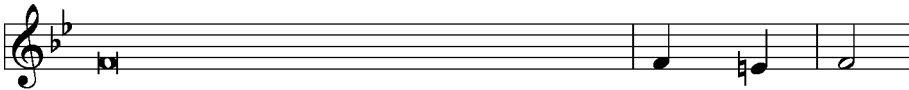
5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
6 to be our judge.



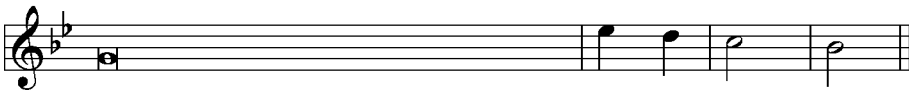
7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,
8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.
9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.
8 Govern them and lift them up for - ev - er.
9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on us.



7 Make them to be numbered with Your saints
8 Day by day we magni - fy You.
9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.



7 in glory ev - er - last - ing.
8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.
9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Kyrie



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

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.

Collects

L: The Lord be with you.



C And with your spir - it.

Collect of the Day

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,



C A - men.

Collect for Matins

L: Almighty God, heavenly Father, Your mercies are new to us every morning, and You abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul. Give us we humbly pray, Your Holy Spirit that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Your benefits, and cheerfully serve You.



C A - men.

For Guidance in Our Calling*LSB p. 311*

- L: Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**For Responsible Citizenship***LSB p.313*

- L: Lord, keep this nation under Your care. Bless the leaders of our land that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to the other nations of the earth. Grant that we may choose trustworthy leaders, contribute to wise decisions for the general welfare, and serve You faithfully in our generation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



- L: May the Lord the prayers we name in our hearts..... Lord, in Your mercy:
C: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Collect for Grace*LSB p.228*

- L: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BENEDICAMUS

L: Let us bless the Lord.

**BENEDICTION**

L: The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

**CLOSING HYMN** *LSB 921 On What Has Now Been Sown***SILENT PRAYER**

Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.



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