

Evening Prayer · July 1, 2020

Catherine Winkworth

(13 September 1827 – 1 July 1878)



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Today the church remembers the life and witness of Catherine Winkworth. Catherine was born near London in 1827, and studied under eminent Unitarians of her day. While spending time in Germany she became interested in the chorale tradition (the hymns of Martin Luther and others), and published her first collection of translations in 1854, to be followed by at least three further volumes. Lutherans who worship in the English language are particularly indebted to Catherine Winkworth for her masterful work, which not only allows the great texts of the Reformation and subsequent centuries to be sung to their original melodies, but also conveys the precise meanings of those texts with astonishing clarity. Our hymnal includes 18 (!) of her texts, and her works appear in all major denominational hymnals. Winkworth was also a tireless advocate of women's education, serving as secretary of the Clifton Association for Higher Education for Women, a supporter of the Clifton High School for Girls, where a school house is named after her, and governor of the Red Maids' School in Westbury-on-Trym in the city of Bristol. She died one hundred and forty two years ago today; a monument was erected in her honor at Bristol Cathedral. This evening we will sing two of her works, "Dearest Jesus, At Your Word," and "Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart."

Dialogue



Jesus Christ is the light of the world, **the light no darkness can o - ver - come.**



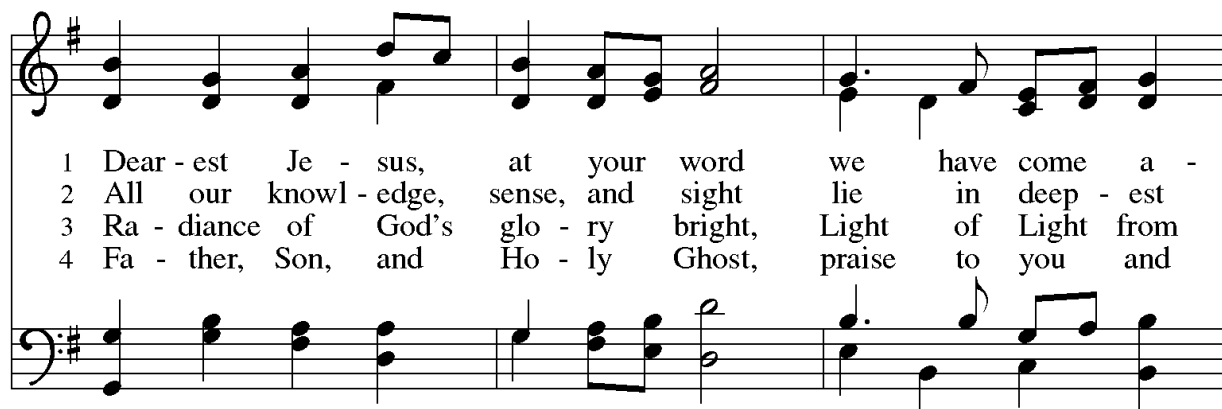
Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening, **and the day is al - most over.**



Let your light scat - ter the darkness **and illu - mine your church.**

Hymn

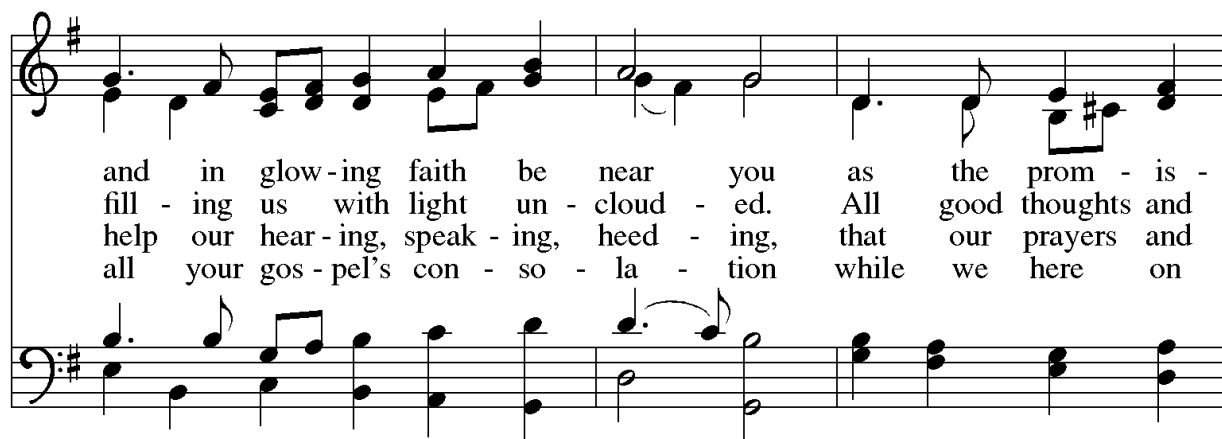
"Dearest Jesus, At Your Word"



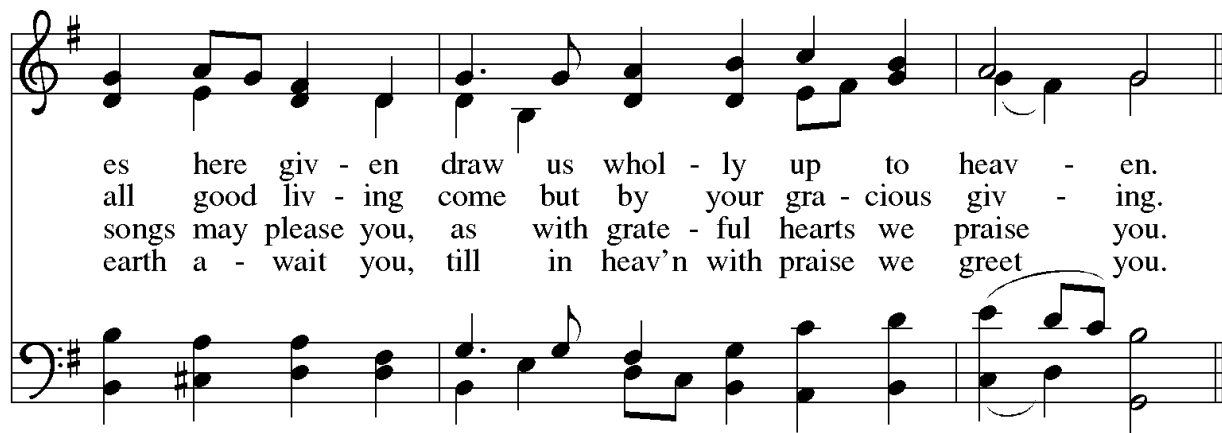
1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
 3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from
 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and



gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,
 God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:

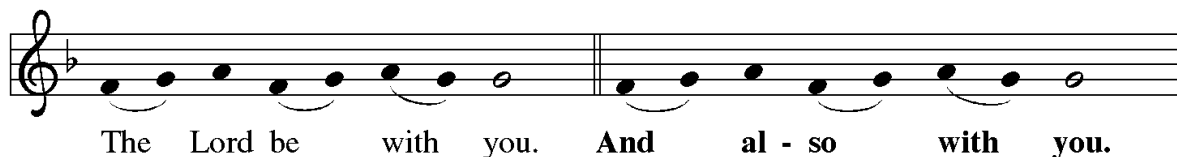


and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -
 fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and
 help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and
 all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on

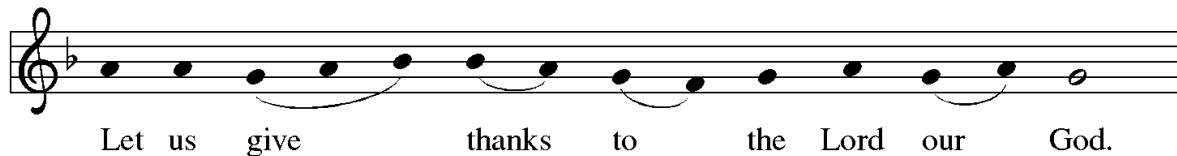


es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.
 all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
 songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.
 earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

Thanksgiving for Light



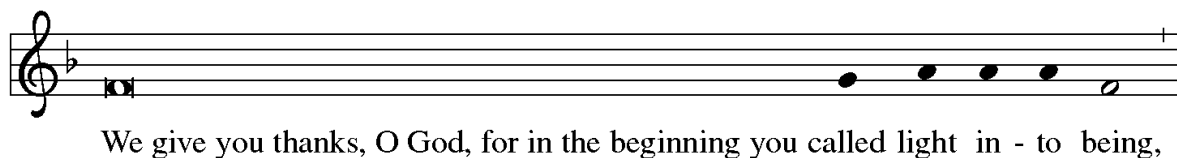
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



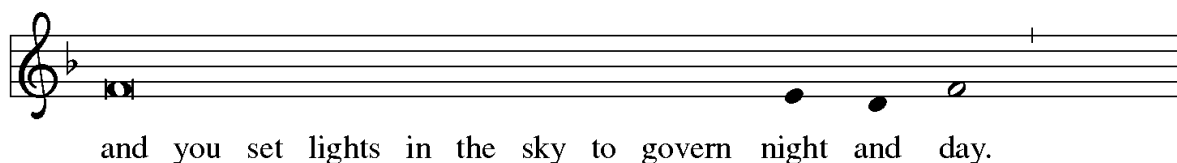
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



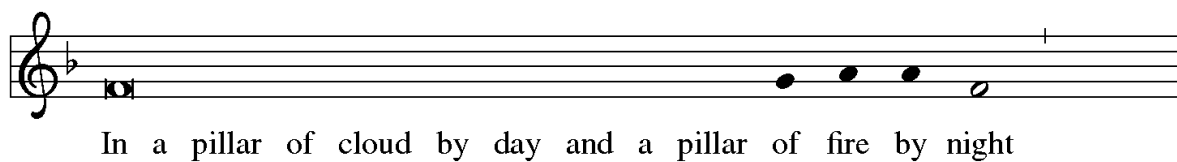
It is right to give our thanks and praise.



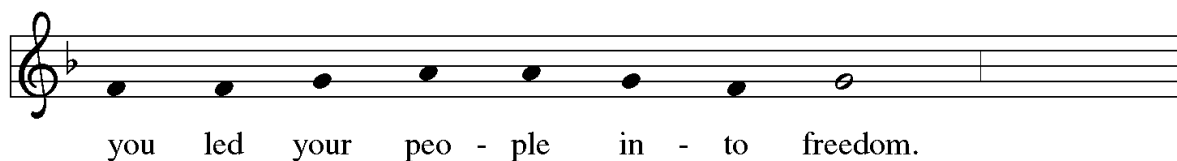
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you called light in - to being,



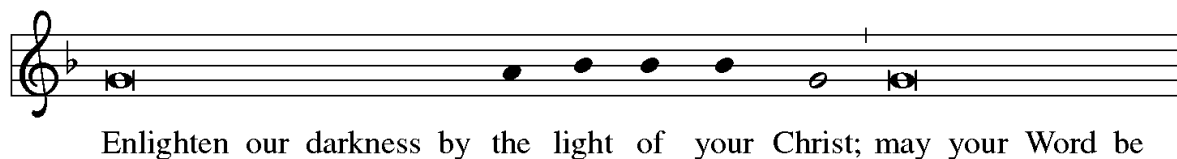
and you set lights in the sky to govern night and day.



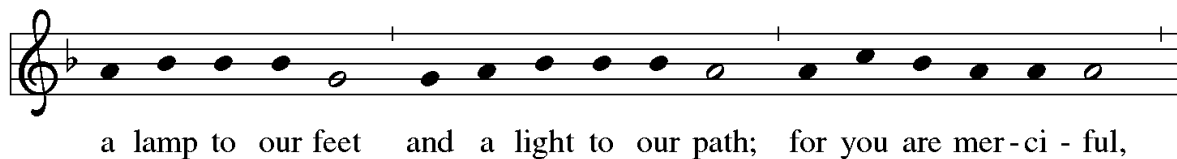
In a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night



you led your peo - ple in - to freedom.



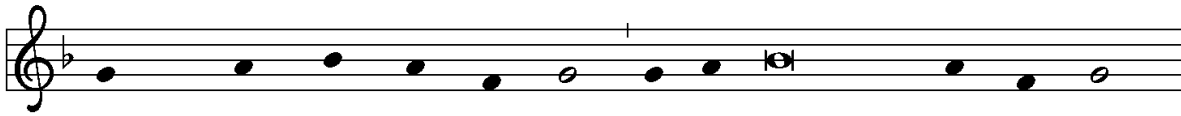
Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ; may your Word be



a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are mer - ci - ful,



and you love your whole cre-a-tion, and with all your crea-tures we give you glory,



through your Son Je - sus Christ, in the unity of the Ho - ly Spirit,



now and for - ev - er. **A - men.**

Psalmody

Psalm 141



Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;



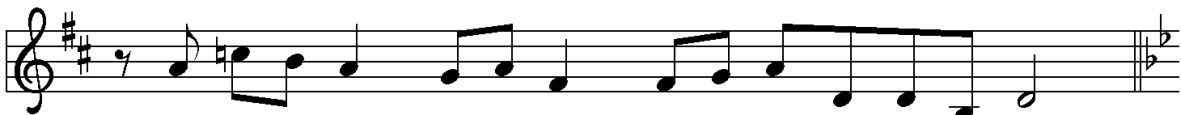
the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac - ri - fice.



O Lord, I call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when



I cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;



the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac - ri - fice.



Set a watch be - fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.

Group One or All



Let not my heart in - cline to an - y e - vil thing;

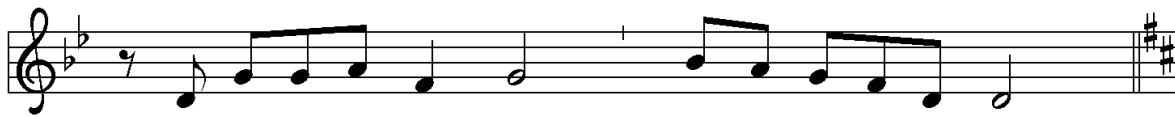


let me not be oc - cu - pied in wick - ed - ness with e - vil -

Group Two or All



do - ers. But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God;



in you I take ref - uge. Strip me not of my life.

All



Glo - ry 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.



Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Psalm Prayer

Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before you, O God, and let your lovingkindness descend upon us, that with purified hearts we may sing your praises with the church on earth and the whole heavenly host, and may glorify you forever and ever.

Amen.

Reading

Isaiah 51: 1-3

“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the Lord:
look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

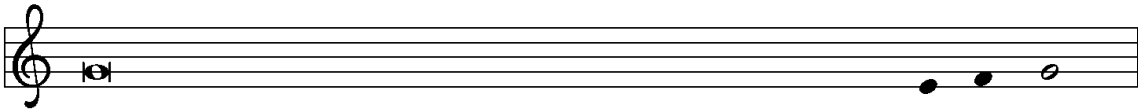
Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
that I might bless him and multiply him.

For the Lord comforts Zion;
he comforts all her waste places
and makes her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

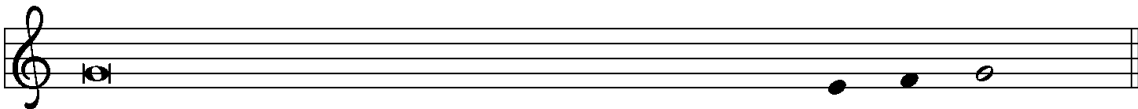
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Silence for reflection follows the reading.

Responsory



Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,



but in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.

Magnificat

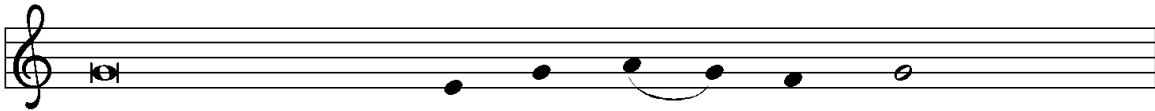
Song of Mary



My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord, my



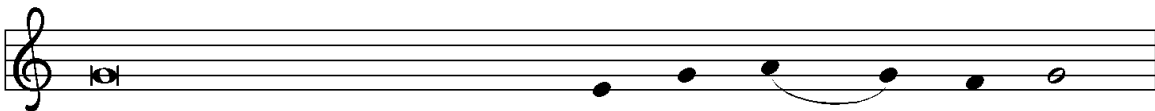
spir - it re - joic - es in God my Sav - ior.



1 My soul proclaims the great - ness of the Lord,
2 You have mer - cy on those who fear you,
3 You have filled the hun - gry with good things



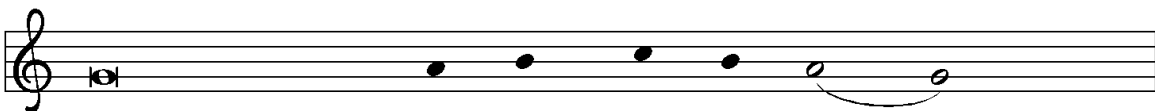
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
from generation to gen - er - ation.
and sent the rich a - way empty.



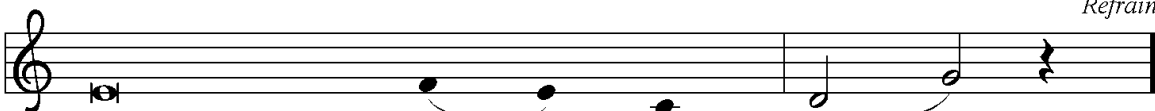
for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your low - ly servant.
You have shown . . . strength with your arm
You have come to the aid of your ser - vant Is - ra - el,



From this day all generations will call me bless'd:
and scattered the proud in their con - ceit,
to remember the prom - ise of mercy,



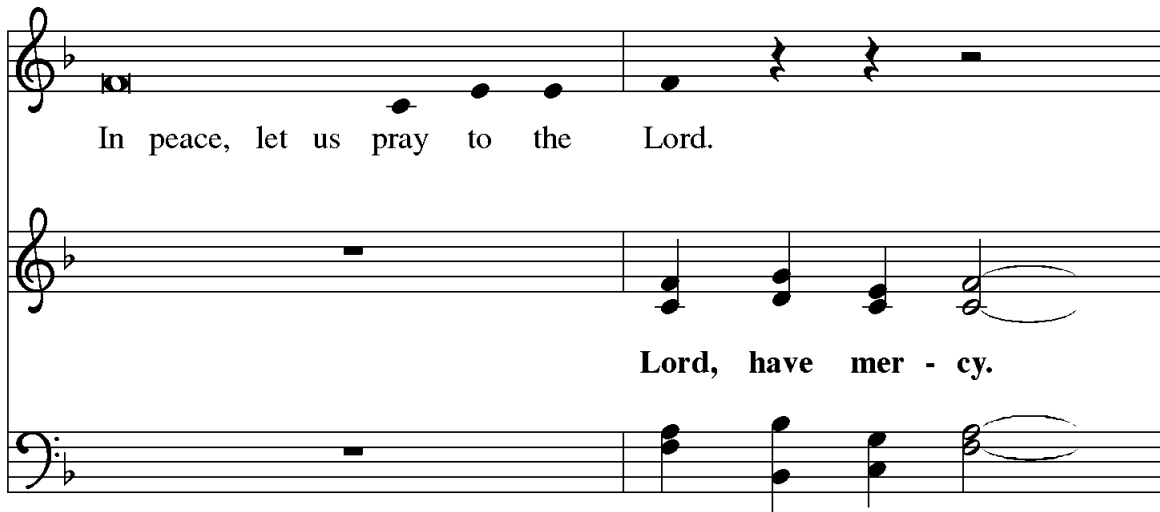
you, the Almighty, have done great things for me
casting down the might - y from their thrones
the promise made to our . . . fore - bears,



and holy is your name.
and lifting up the low - ly.
to Abraham and his chil - dren for - ev - er.

Refrain

Prayers



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us | pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us | pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us | pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the health of the creation, for abundant harvests that all may share, and for peaceful times, let us | pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For public servants, the government, and those who protects us; for those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection in this and every place, let us | pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel, for those who are sick and suffering, and for those who are in captivity, let us | pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

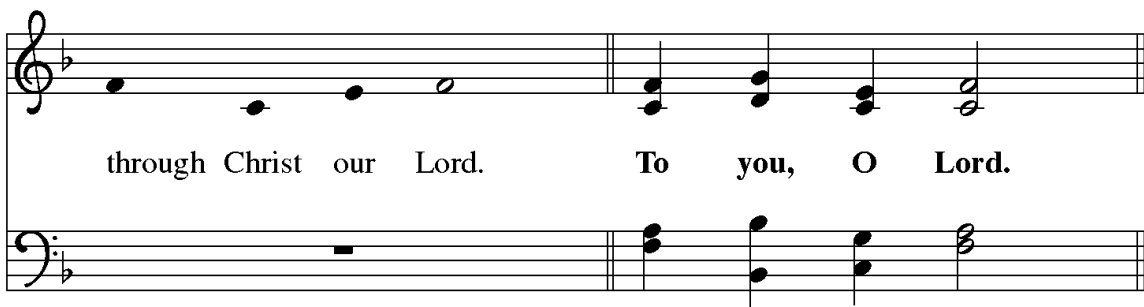
For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us | pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all servants of the church, for this assembly, and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us | pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

A time of silence follows.

Giving thanks for all who have gone before us and are at rest, rejoicing in the communion of the blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to you,



through Christ our Lord. To you, O Lord.

Lord's Prayer



Gathered into one by the Ho-ly Spir - it, let us pray as Je-sus taught us.



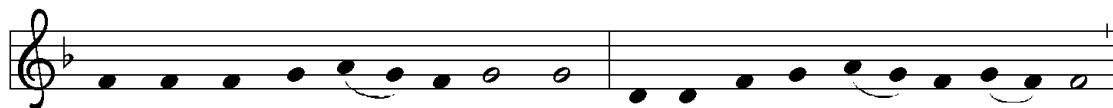
Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,



your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.



Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we



for-give those who sin a-against us. Save us from the time of tri - al



and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,



and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Hymn

"Lord, Thee I Love"



1 Lord, thee I love with all my heart; I pray thee, ne'er from me de-part;
 2 Yea, Lord, 'twas thy rich boun-ty gave my bod - y, soul, and all I have
 3 Lord, let at last thine an-gels come, to A-br'ham's bo - som bear me home,



with ten - der mer - cy cheer me. Earth has no plea - sure I would share,
 in this poor life of la - bor. Lord, grant that I in ev - 'ry place
 that I may die un - fear - ing; and in its nar - row cham-ber keep



yea, heav'n it - self were void and bare if thou, Lord, wert not near me.
 may glo - ri - fy thy lav - ish grace and serve and help my neigh-bor.
 my bod - y safe in peace-ful sleep un - til thy re - ap - pear - ing.



And should my heart for sor-row break, my trust in thee can noth-ing shake.
 Let no false doc-trine me be-guile, let Sa - tan not my soul de - file.
 And then from death a - wak-en me, that these mine eyes with joy may see,



Thou art the por - tion I have sought; thy pre - cious
 Give strength and pa - tience un - to me to bear my
 O Son of God, thy glo - rious face, my Sav - ior

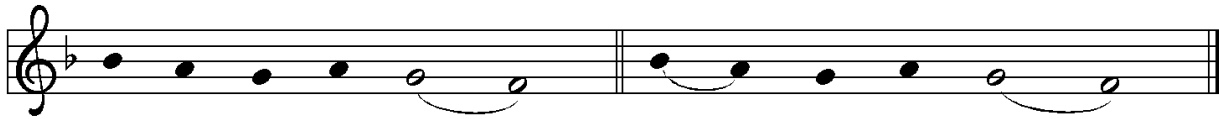


blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and
 cross and fol - low thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and
 and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at -

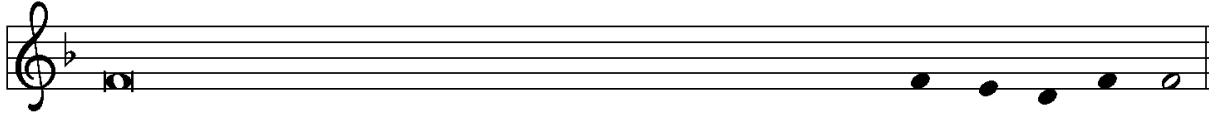


Lord, my God and Lord, for - sake me not! I trust thy word.
 Lord, my God and Lord, in death thy com - fort still af - ford.
 tend, my prayer at - tend, and I will praise thee with - out end!

Blessing



Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.



Almighty God, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre-serve us.



A - men.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

