Festival of St. James the Elder, Apostle

July 25, 2021

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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

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

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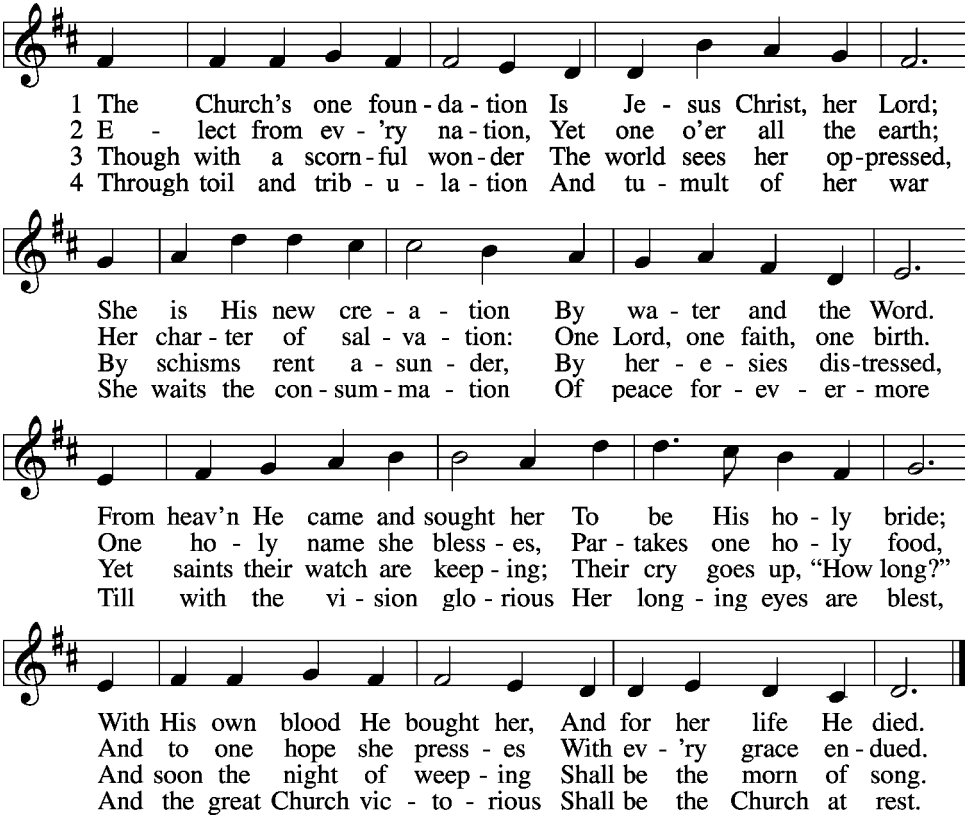

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5 Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O blessèd heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us,
May see You face to face.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN.

P: 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.

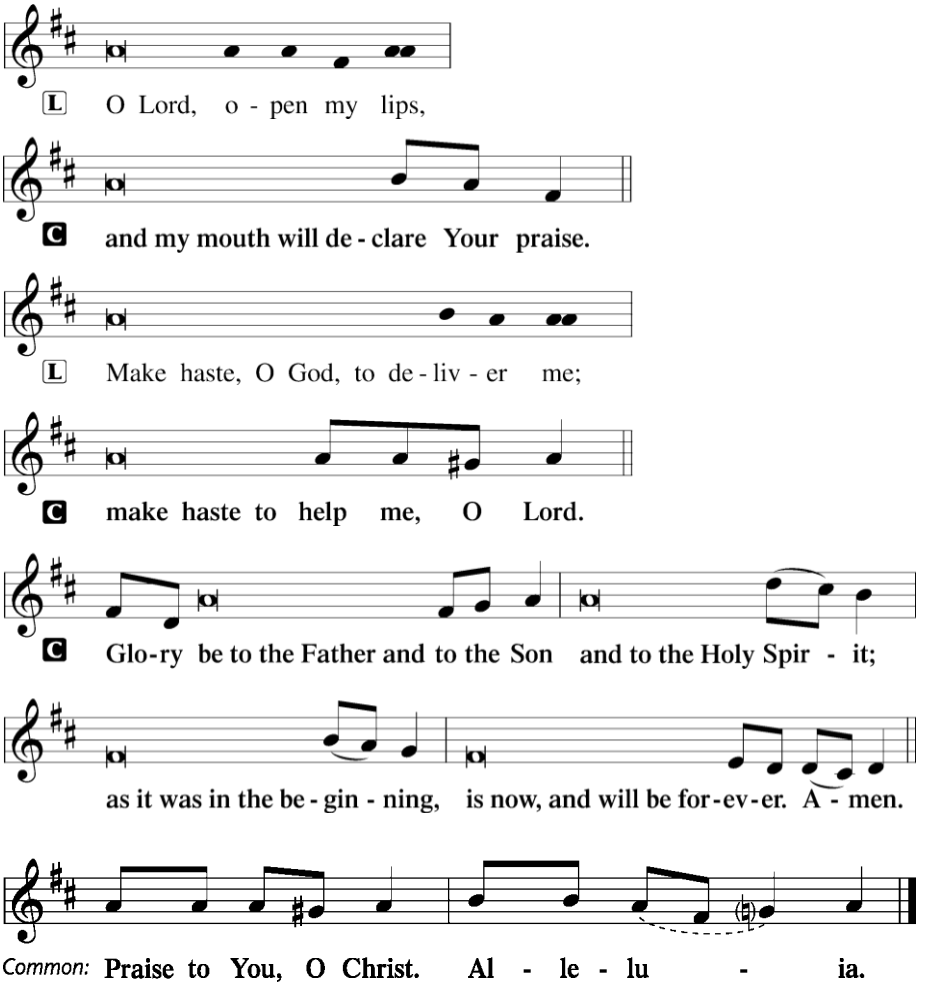
(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

P: 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.

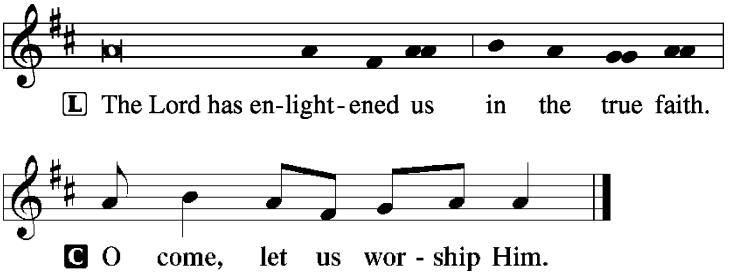
P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

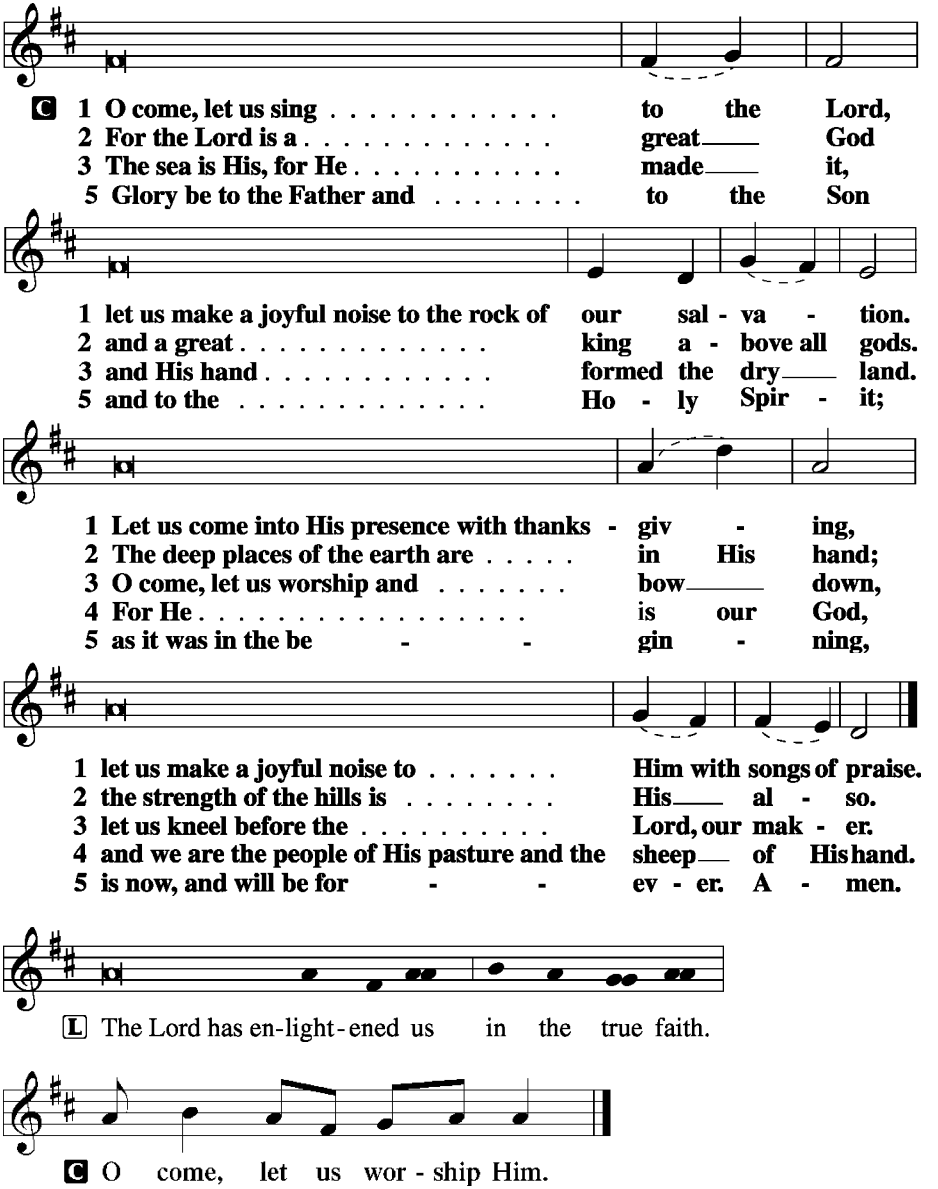
C: AMEN.



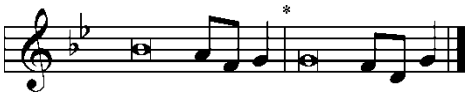
PSALMODY Venite *O Come, Let Us Sing*

Antiphon




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 en-light-ened us in the true faith.
C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Second Psalm Psalm 56 *(Sung responsively by verse)*



Be gracious to me, O God, for man tramples **|** on me;*****
all day long an attacker op- **|** presses me;

MY ENEMIES TRAMPLE ON ME | ALL DAY LONG,*

FOR MANY ATTACK ME | PROUDLY.

When I **|** am afraid,*****
I put my **|** trust in You.

IN GOD, WHOSE WORD I PRAISE, IN GOD I TRUST;

I SHALL NOT | BE AFRAID.*

WHAT CAN FLESH | DO TO ME?

All day long they in- **|** jure my cause;*****
all their thoughts are against me for **|** evil.

THEY STIR UP STRIFE, THEY LURK; THEY | WATCH MY STEPS,*

AS THEY HAVE WAITED | FOR MY LIFE.

For their crime will **|** they escape?*****
In wrath cast down the peoples, **|** O God!

YOU HAVE KEPT COUNT OF MY TOSSINGS;

PUT MY TEARS IN YOUR | BOTTLE.*

ARE THEY NOT | IN YOUR BOOK?

Then my enemies will turn back in the day **|** when I call.*****
This I know, that God is **|** for me.

IN GOD, WHOSE | WORD I PRAISE,*

IN THE LORD, WHOSE | WORD I PRAISE,

in God I trust; I shall not **|** be afraid.*****
What can man **|** do to me?

I MUST PERFORM MY VOWS TO YOU, | O GOD;*

I WILL RENDER THANK OFFERINGS | TO YOU.

For You have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from **|** falling,*****
that I may walk before God in the **|** light of life.

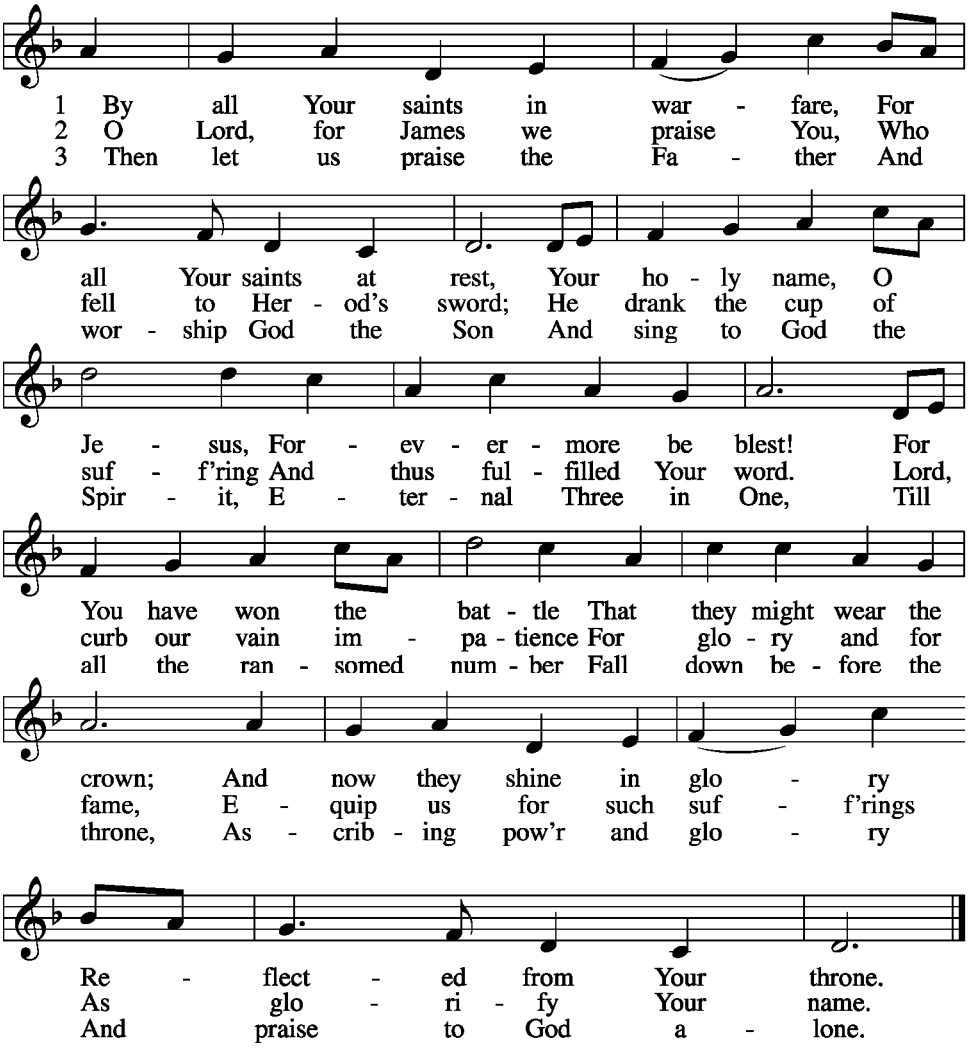
GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND | TO THE SON*

AND TO THE HOLY | SPIRIT;

AS IT WAS IN THE BE- | GINNING,*

IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER. | AMEN.

OFFICE HYMN *By All Your Saints in Warfare* *LSB 518, vv..1, 21, 3*



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FIRST LESSON

Acts 11:27—12:5

27Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. 28And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius). 29So the disciples determined, everyone according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea. 30And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

1About that time Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. 2He killed James the brother of John with the sword, 3and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. 4And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. 5So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:28–39

28 We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.

29For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30And those whom He predestined He also called, and those whom He called He also justified, and those whom He justified He also glorified.

31What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32He Who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things? 33Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God Who justifies. 34Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the One Who died—more than that, Who was raised—Who is at the right hand of God, Who indeed is interceding for us. 35Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

37No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him Who loved us. 38For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

GOSPEL VERSE

P: Alleluia. Even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,

C: AND TO GIVE HIS LIFE AS A RANSOM FOR MANY. ALLELUIA.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:35-45

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

[35]And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to [Jesus] and said to Him, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask of You."
[36]And He said to them, **"What do you want Me to do for you?"** [37]And they said to Him, "Grant us to sit, one at Your right hand and one at Your left, in Your glory." [38]Jesus said to them, **"You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?"** [39]And they said to Him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, **"The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, [40]but to sit at My right hand or at My left is not Mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."** [41]And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. [42]And Jesus called them to Him and said to them, **"You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. [43]But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, [44]and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. [45]For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."**

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

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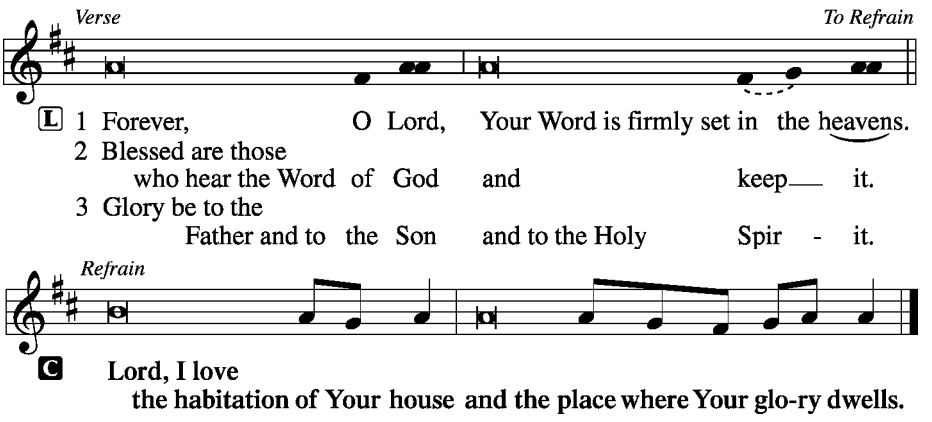
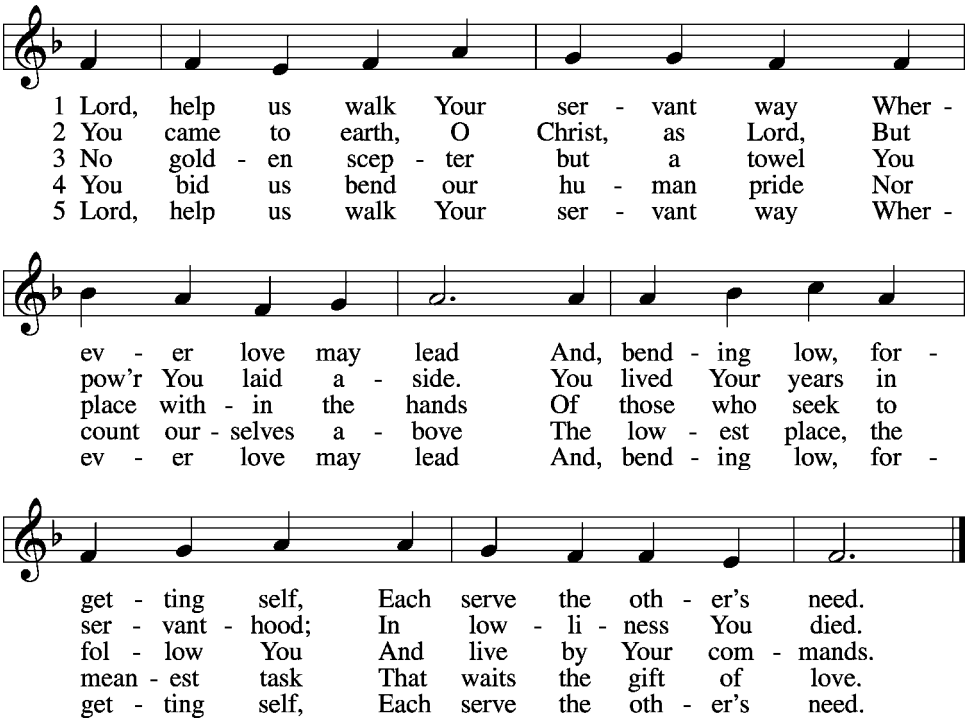


HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way* *LSB 857*



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SERMON

CANTICLE Te Deum

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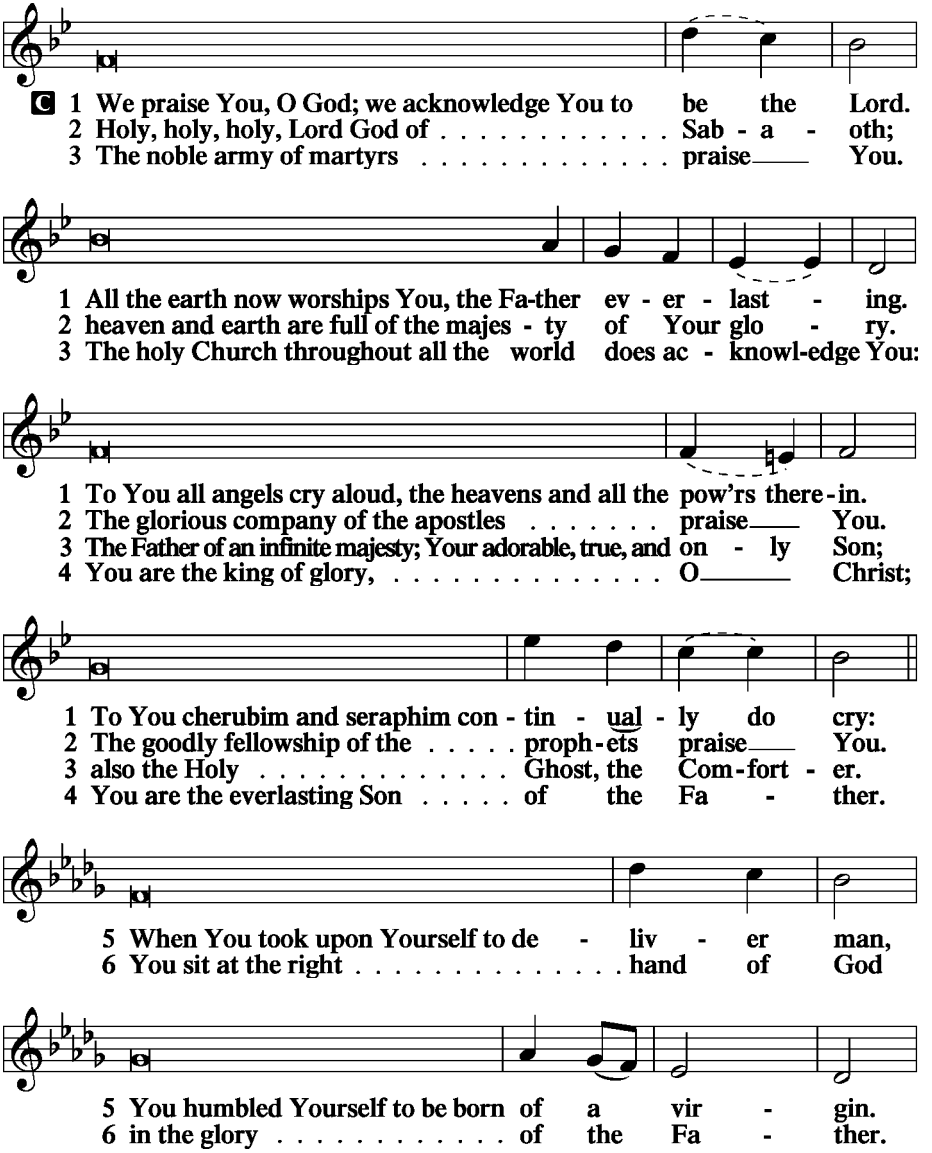

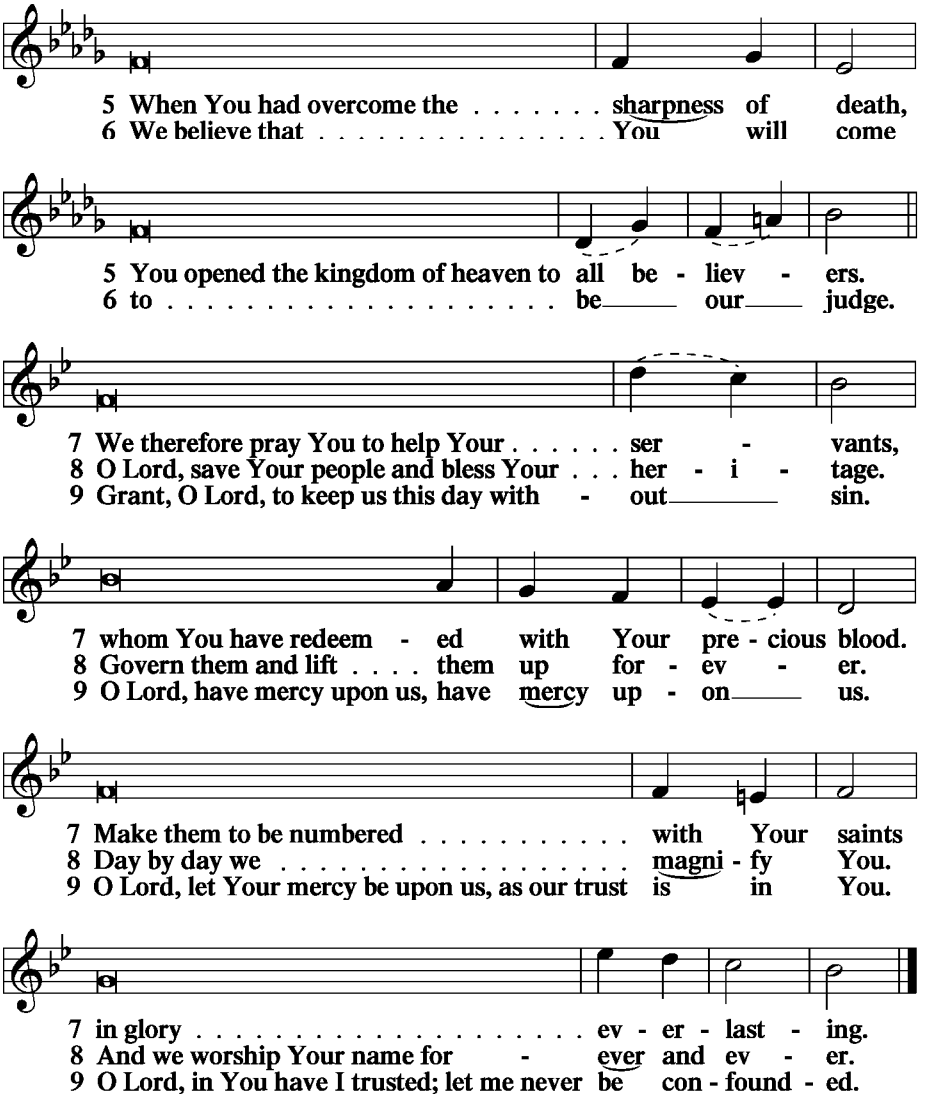

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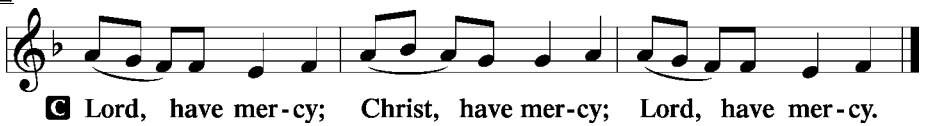
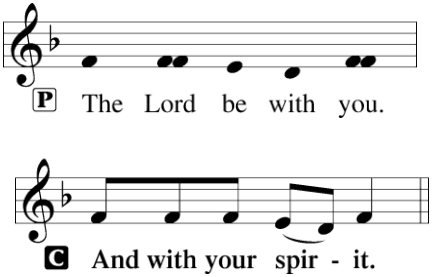


LORD'S PRAYER

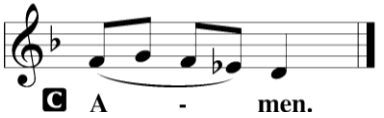
C: Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the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

COLLECTS



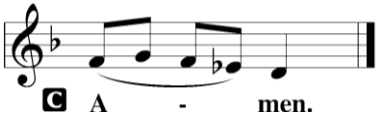
Collect of the Day

P: O gracious God, Your servant and apostle James was the first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for the Name of Jesus Christ. Pour out upon the leaders of Your Church that spirit of self-denying service that they may forsake all false and passing allurements and follow Christ alone.



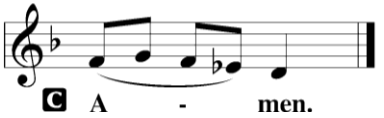
Collect for Matins

P: 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.



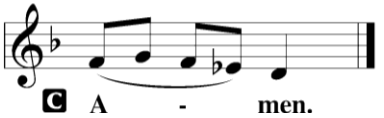
During an Epidemic

P: Almighty God, give us grace to trust You during this time of illness and distress. In mercy put an end to the epidemic that afflicts us. Grant relief to those who suffer, and comfort all that mourn. Sustain all medical personnel in their labors, and cause Your people ever to serve You in righteousness and holiness.



Collect for Grace

P: 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.



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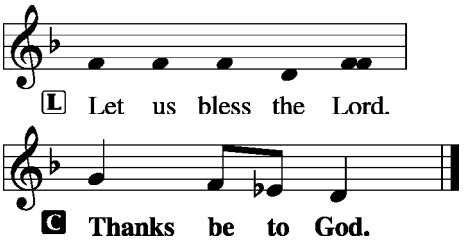

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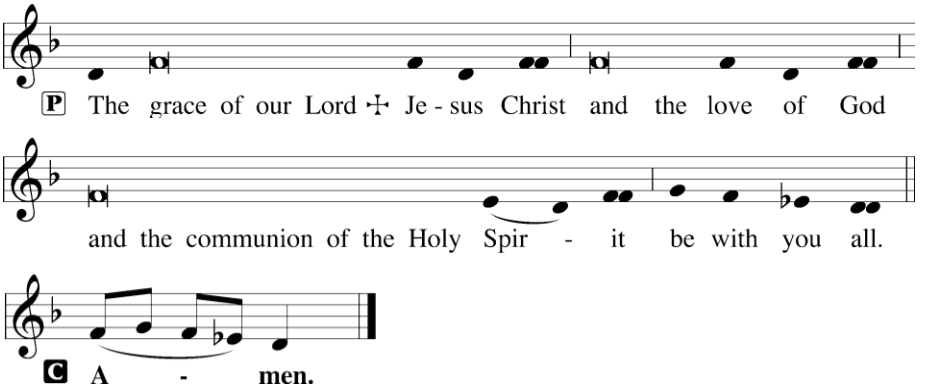
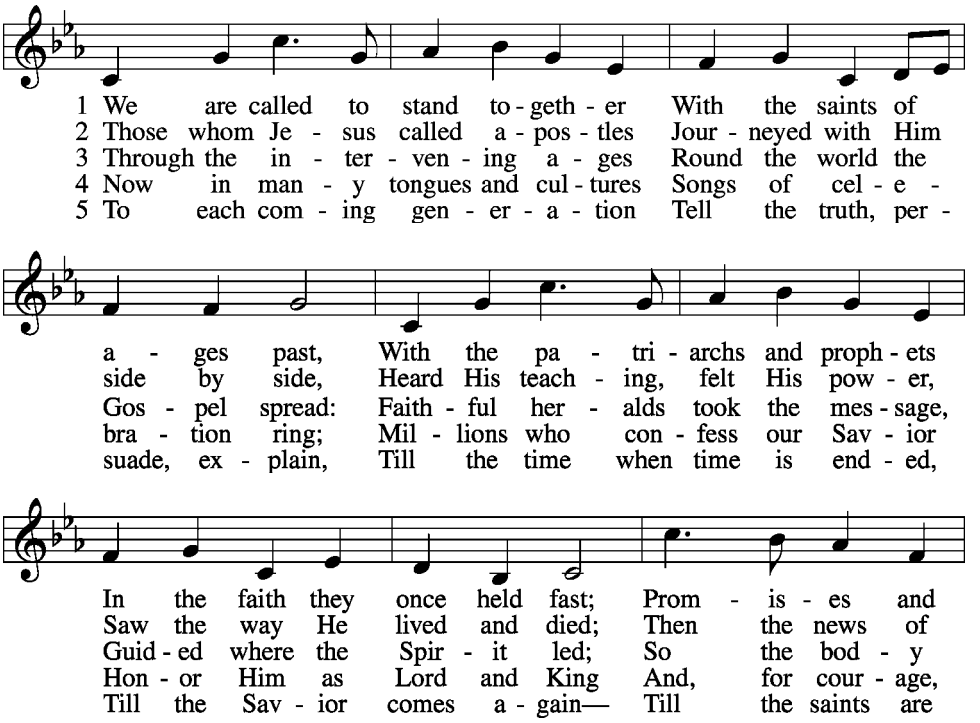
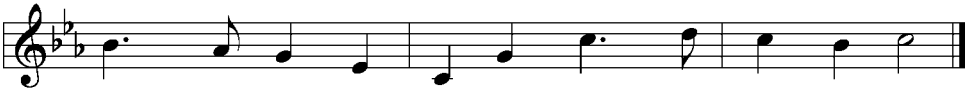


CLOSING HYMN *We Are Called to Stand Together* *LSB 828*





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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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