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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



*Serve God with Money;
You Cannot Serve God and Money*



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Welcome to Holy Trinity

We're glad you came today to join us in worshipping the one true God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. He has graciously created us, mercifully redeemed us, and freely gives us all the treasures of heaven through His Word and Sacraments!

If you are a **visitor** with us today, please sign the "Guest" cards in the pews and give them to the ushers or pastor. If you want to find out more about what we teach, or are curious about church membership, please talk to our pastor.

A **Parents' Room** is located at the rear of the sanctuary if you need to temporarily leave to calm a child. Inside the Parents' Room you can still see, hear and participate in the worship service.

Wheelchair accommodations are found on the organ side of the church. If you do not use a wheelchair, be careful to leave space in these wheelchair accessible pews for the benefit of those who need them and their families.

HOLY TRINITY is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS), a national church body headquartered in Mankato, Minnesota. We confess that we are saved by Grace Alone (Eph. 2:8) through Faith Alone (Acts 16:31) revealed in Scripture Alone (John 5:24). Though we are totally sinful from birth, Jesus Christ paid for our sins on the cross and gives us eternal life in heaven. We subscribe to the Lutheran Confessions (the Book of Concord, 1580) because they are a faithful and accurate summary of this Biblical doctrine. The ELS has been in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) since 1872.

A Note to All Our Guests:

During this service, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. Since this sacrament is the Lord's Supper and not ours, we are careful to follow our Lord's instructions. In particular, we take to heart these important truths:

1. In the Lord's Supper, Jesus truly gives us His body and blood together with the bread and the wine. Jesus says, "Take and eat; this is my body...Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood" (Matthew 26:26-28).
2. In the Lord's Supper, we express a unity of faith with one another. "Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf" (1 Corinthians 10:17).
3. Our Lord urges us to practice this unity with great love and care. "Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself" (1 Corinthians 11:27,29).

Because we take these truths seriously, we invite all communicant members of our congregation or of a sister congregation in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) or the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) to commune with us today. However, we ask that those who are not members of a sister congregation refrain from taking the Lord's Supper with us at this time. In doing this, we are not judging anyone's faith. Out of love for our Lord and all people, we simply desire to discuss the Bible's teachings with our guests before communing together. We want all who commune to receive the Lord's Supper for their benefit and in a way that follows our Lord's instructions. If you have any questions about this or any other teaching of the Bible—or if you would like information about how to join our congregation—please feel free to speak to our pastor.

THE DIVINE SERVICE

RITE TWO

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Hymn • 443, “O that I Had a Thousand Voices”

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| <p>1. O that I had a thousand voices
To praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,
Would then proclaim in grateful songs
To all, wherever I might be,
What great things God hath done for me.</p> | <p>3. Ye forest leaves so green and tender,
That dance for joy in summer air;
Ye meadow grasses, bright and slender;
Ye flow’rs, so wondrous sweet and fair;
Ye live to show His praise alone,
With me now make His glory known.</p> |
| <p>2. O all ye pow’rs that He implanted,
Arise, and silence keep no more;
Put forth the strength that He hath
granted,
Your noblest work is to adore.
O soul and body, be ye meet
With heartfelt praise your Lord to greet!</p> | <p>4. All creatures that have breath and
motion,
That thron’g the earth, the sea, the sky,
Now join me in my heart’s devotion,
Help me to raise His praises high,
My utmost pow’rs can ne’er aright
Declare the wonders of His might.</p> |

– Stand –

Invocation

PASTOR *In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

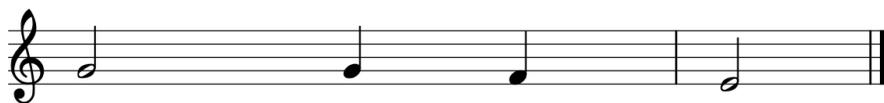


C A - men.

Confession and Absolution

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

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



G Who made heav'n and earth.

P *I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord;*



G And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

ALL **O** almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to 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 to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.*

G Amen.

Psalm 128

[CW21]

P *Blessed are all who fear the Lord,*

G **who walk in obedience to him.**

P *You will eat the fruit of your labor;*

G **blessings and prosperity will be yours.**

P *Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house;*

G **your children will be like olive shoots around your table.**

P *Yes, this will be the blessing*

C for the man who fears the Lord.

P *May the Lord bless you from Zion;*

C may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

P *May you live to see your children's children -*

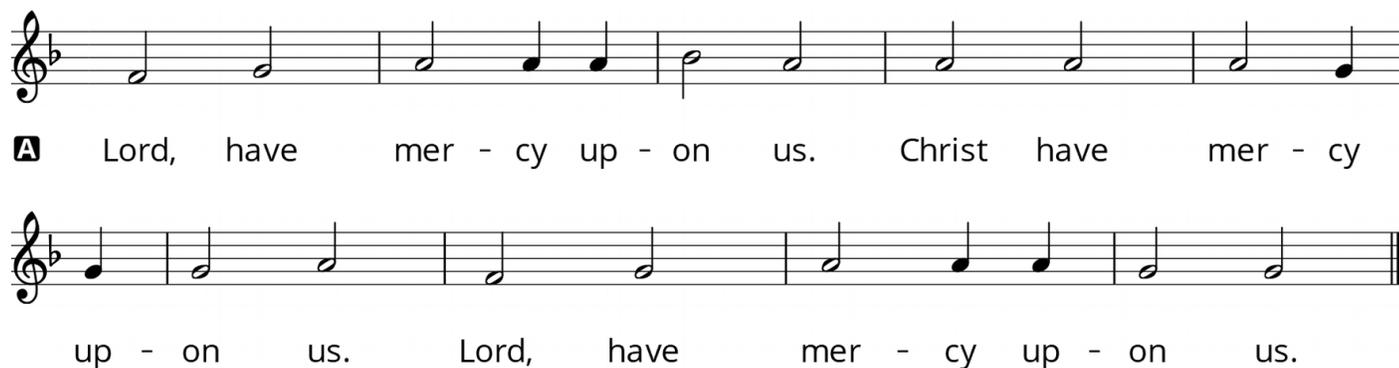
C peace be on Israel.

Gloria Patri



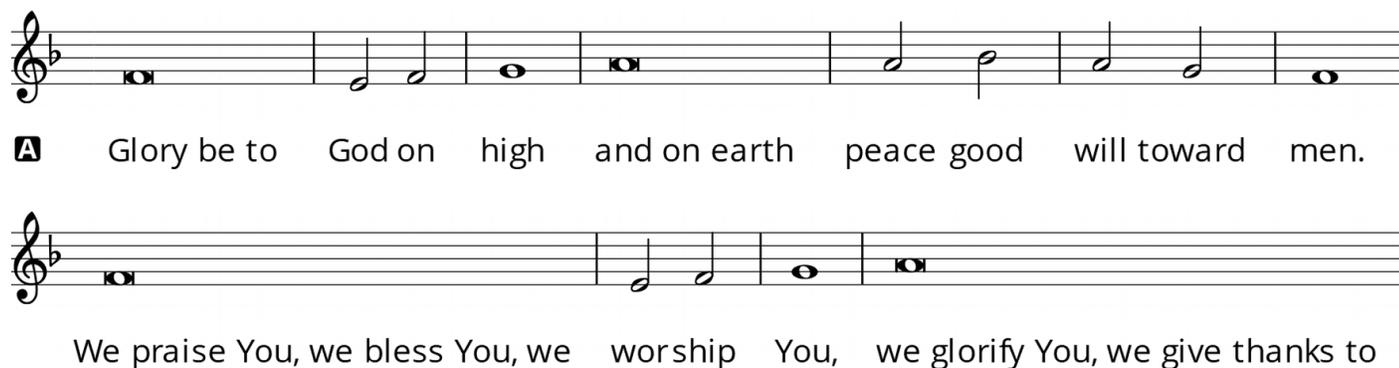
C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was
in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, for-ev-er-more. A-men.

Kyrie Eleison

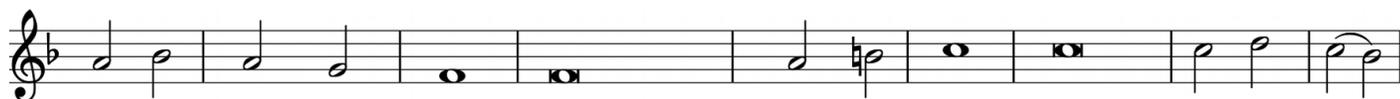


A Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ have mer - cy
up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis Deo



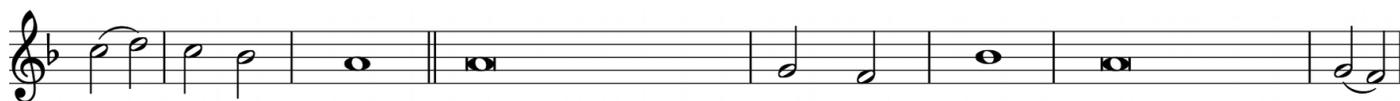
A Glory be to God on high and on earth peace good will toward men.
We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to



You for Your 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, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on



us. You take away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



You are seated at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up - on us.



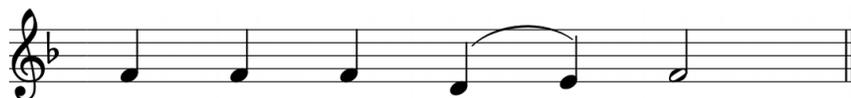
For You only are holy. You on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho-ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation

P *The Lord be with you.*



G And with your spir - it.

Prayer of The Day

☐ *Let us pray:*

O God, you have told us not to be anxious about what we need for this life. Move our hearts to seek you and your kingdom, that all good things may be given to us as well; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



-Be seated-

First Reading • Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

Enjoy, but don't become caught up in, the material blessings the Lord has given you.

Anyone who loves money is never satisfied with money, and anyone who loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is vanishing vapor.

¹¹ When goods increase, so do those who eat them. What profit, then, does the owner get, except to see these things with his eyes?

¹² The worker's sleep is sweet, whether he eats little or much, but a rich person's abundant possessions allow him no sleep.

¹³ I have seen a sickening evil under the sun—wealth hoarded by its owner to his own harm, ¹⁴ or wealth that is lost in a bad investment. Or a man fathers a son, but he has nothing left in his hand to give him. ¹⁵ As he came out from his mother's womb, so he will go again, naked as he came. From his hard work he can pick up nothing that he can carry away in his hand. ¹⁶ This too is a sickening evil: Just as he came, so he will go. So what does he gain, he who works for the wind? ¹⁷ Besides this, during all his days he eats in darkness, with great frustration, sickness, and anger.

¹⁸ So then, here is what I have seen to be good: It is beautiful to eat, to drink, and to look for good in all a person's hard work which he has done under the sun, during the few days of his life that God has given him, for that is his reward.

¹⁹ Likewise, for everyone to whom God has given wealth and riches, if God has also given him ability to eat from it, to enjoy his reward, and to rejoice in the results of his hard work—this is a gift of God, ²⁰ for the man seldom reflects on the days of his life, since God keeps him busy with the joy in his heart.

Second Reading • 1 Timothy 6:6-10,17-19 *Godliness with contentment is great gain.*

But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we certainly cannot take anything out. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be satisfied.

⁹ Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and many foolish and harmful desires, which plunge them into complete destruction and utter ruin. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evils. By striving for money, some have wandered away from the faith and have pierced themselves with many pains.

¹⁷ Instruct those who are rich in this present age not to be arrogant or to put their hope in the uncertainty of riches, but rather in God, who richly supplies us with all things for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹ In this way they are storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

-Stand-

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 6:33

☐ *Alleluia. Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Alleluia.*



☐ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel • Luke 16:1-13

Jesus tells the parable of the shrewd manager.

☐ *The holy Gospel is written in the sixteenth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke, beginning at the first verse.*



G Glo - ry be to You, O Lord!

Jesus also said to his disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager who was accused of wasting his possessions. ²The rich man called him in and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you can no longer be manager.’

³“The manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, since my master is taking away the management position from me? I am not strong enough to dig. I am ashamed to beg.

⁴I know what I will do, so that when I am removed from my position as manager, people will receive me into their houses.’

⁵“He called each one of his master’s debtors to him. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He said, ‘Six hundred gallons of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and write three hundred.’ ⁷Then he said to another, ‘How much do you owe?’ And he said, ‘Six hundred bushels of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and write four hundred and eighty.’

⁸“The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the children of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the children of the light are. ⁹I tell you, make friends for yourselves with unrighteous mammon, so that when it runs out, they will welcome you into the eternal dwellings. ¹⁰The person who is faithful with very little is also faithful with much. And the person who is unrighteous with very little is also unrighteous with much. ¹¹So if you have not been faithful with unrighteous mammon, who will entrust you with what is really valuable? ¹²If you have not been faithful with what belongs to someone else, who will give you something to be your own? ¹³No servant can serve two masters. Indeed, either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon.”

P *Here ends the Gospel.*



C Praise be to You, O Christ!

Confession of Faith ~ Nicene Creed

A 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 is seated at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall 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 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.

-Be seated-

Sermon Hymn · 468, (sts. 1,2,5,6) *“All Depends on our Possessing”*

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| <p>1. All depends on our possessing
 God’s abundant grace and blessing,
 Though all earthly wealth depart.
 He who trusts with faith unshaken
 In his God is not forsaken
 And e’er keeps a dauntless heart.</p> | <p>2. He who hitherto hath fed me
 And to many joys hath led me,
 Is and ever shall be mine.
 He who did so gently school me,
 He who still doth guide and rule me,
 Will remain my Help divine.</p> |
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5. Well He knows what best to grant me;
 All the longing hopes that haunt me,
 Joy and sorrow, have their day.
 I shall doubt His wisdom never;
 As God wills, so be it ever;
 I to Him commit my way.

6. If on earth my days He lengthen,
 He my weary soul will strengthen;
 All my trust in Him I place.
 Earthly wealth is not abiding,
 Like a stream away is gliding;
 Safe I anchor in His grace.

Sermon • *Luke 16:1-9*

Faithfully Use God's Material Blessings

1. By recognizing material blessings are only temporary
2. By using what we have now to make eternal friendships in Christ

-Stand-

Offertory Psalm



☐ Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir-it



with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Your presence and take not Your



Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un-to me the joy of Your sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Your free Spir-it. A - men.

-Be seated-

Offering

Prayer of the Church

Hymn • 446, (sts. 1,4,6) “*What Is the World to Me*”

1. What is the world to me

With all its vaunted pleasure
When Thou, and Thou alone,
Lord Jesus, art my Treasure!
Thou only, dearest Lord,
My soul’s Delight shalt be;
Thou art my Peace, my Rest.
What is the world to me!

4. The world seeks after wealth

And all that Mammon offers,
Yet never is content
Though gold should fill it coffers.
I have a higher good,
Content with it I’ll be:
My Jesus is my Wealth.
What is the world to me!

6. The world with wanton pride

Exalts its sinful pleasures
And for them foolishly
Gives up the heav’nly treasures.
Let others love the world
With all its vanity;
I love the Lord, my God.
What is the world to me!

–Stand–

Preface

P *The Lord be with you.*



G And with your spir - it.

P *Lift up your hearts.*



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P *Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.*



C It is good and right so to do.

Preface for the Season

P *It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:*

Sanctus



A Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly, Lord God of Sab - a - oth; Heav'n and



earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san-na in the



high-est. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He who comes in the



name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high-est.

Lord's Prayer

P *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.*



A For Thine is the kingdom and the pow'r and the



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

Words of Institution

P *Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "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, gave thanks, and 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 and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*



G A - - - men.

Agnus Dei



A O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world,



have mercy up-on us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world, have mercy up-on us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You



take a-way the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. A - men.

-Be seated-

Distribution

Hymn • 313 "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

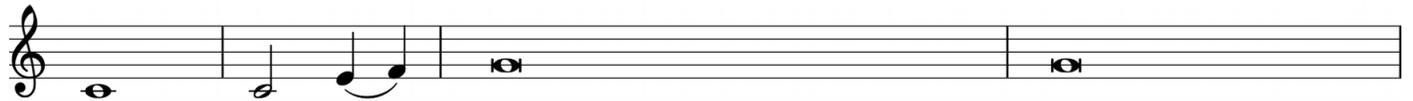
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| <p>1. I come, O Savior, to Thy table,
For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able
To satisfy and make me whole.</p> <p>Refrain:
Lord, may Thy body and Thy Blood
Be for my soul the highest good!</p> | <p>3. Unworthy though I am, O Savior,
Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,
For Thou my faithful Shepherd art.
<i>(Refrain)</i></p> |
| <p>2. O grant that I in manner worthy
May now approach Thy heav'nly Board
And, as I lowly bow before Thee,
Look only unto Thee, O Lord. <i>(Refrain)</i></p> | <p>4. O let me loathe all sin forever
As death and poison to my soul,
That I through willful sinning never
May see Thy judgment take its toll!
<i>(Refrain)</i></p> |

5. Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning
That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;
So I, a sinner, come to Thee. *(Refrain)*
6. Weary am I and heavy laden,
With sin my soul is sore oppressed.
Receive me graciously and gladden
My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
(Refrain)
7. Thou here wilt find a heart most lowly
That humbly falls before Thy feet,
That duly weeps o'er sin, yet solely
Thy merit pleads, as it is meet. *(Refrain)*
8. By faith I call Thy holy table
The testament of Thy deep love;
For, lo, thereby I now am able
To see how love Thy heart doth move.
(Refrain)
9. What higher gift can we inherit?
It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit,
The covenant of hope and grace.
(Refrain)
10. This feast is manna, wealth abounding
Unto the poor, to weak ones pow'r,
To angels joy, to hell confounding,
And life for me in death's dark hour.
(Refrain)
11. Thy body, giv'n for me, O Savior,
Thy blood which Thou for me didst
shed,
These are my life and strength forever,
By them my hungry soul is fed. *(Refrain)*
12. With Thee, Lord, I am now united;
I live in Thee and Thou in me.
No sorrow fills my soul, delighted
It finds its only joy in Thee. *(Refrain)*
13. Who can condemn me now? For surely
The Lord is nigh, who justifies.
No hell I fear, and thus securely
With Jesus I to heaven rise. *(Refrain)*
14. Though death may threaten with
disaster,
It cannot rob me of my cheer,
For He who is of death the Master
With aid and comfort e'er is near.
(Refrain)
15. My heart has now become Thy dwelling,
O blessed, holy Trinity.
With angels I, Thy praises telling,
Shall live in joy eternally. *(Refrain)*

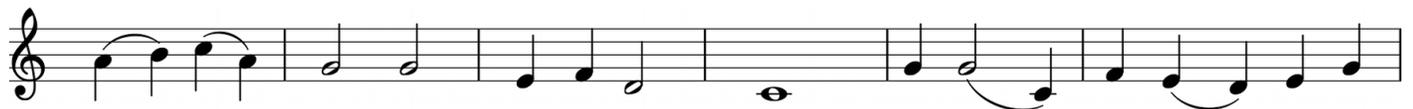
Nunc Dimittis



A Lord, now You let Your servant de - part in peace ac - cording to Your



word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have pre -



pared be - fore the face of all people, A light to light - en the



Gen-tiles and the glo - ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry



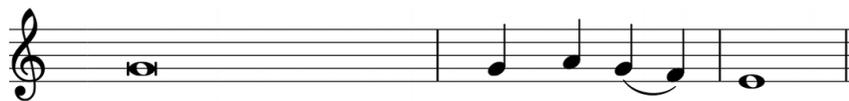
be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it



was in the beginning, is now, and ev-ershall be, for - ev-ermore. A - men.

Communion Verse

P *O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.*



G And His mercy en - dures for-ev - er.

Collect of Thanksgiving

P *We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



C A - men.

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 on you with favor and give you peace †.*



C A - men, a - men, a - men.

-Be seated-

Closing Hymn • 446, st.8, "What is the World to Me"

8. What is the world to me!
My Jesus is my Treasure,
My Life, my Health, my Wealth,
My Friend, my Love, my Pleasure,
My Joy, my Crown, my All,
My Bliss eternally.
Once more, then, I declare:
What is the world to me!