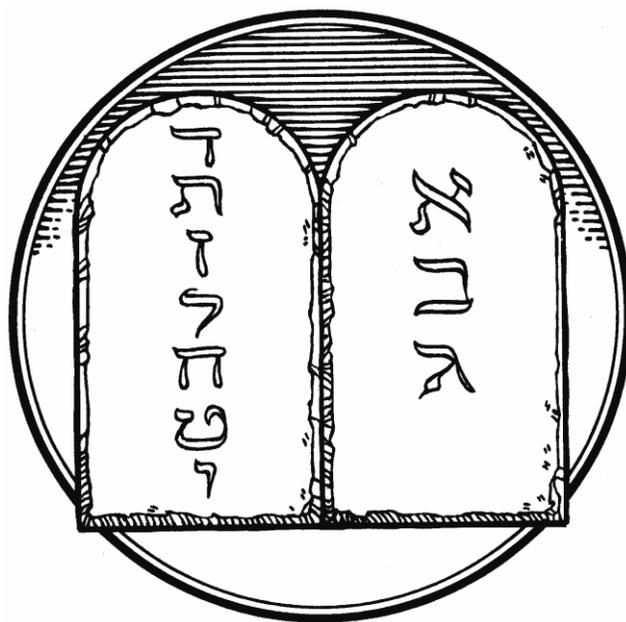


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**“If anyone serves me,  
the Father will honor him.”**



**Vespers**  
**St. Michael and All Angels**  
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676 Behold a Host, Arrayed in White



1 Be - hold a host, ar - rayed in white, Like thou - sand  
 2 De - spised and scorned, they so - journed here; But now, how  
 3 O bless - ed saints in bright ar - ray Now safe - ly



snow - clad moun - tains bright! With palms they stand; Who  
 glo - rious they ap - pear! Those mar - tyrs stand, A  
 home in end - less day, Ex - tol the Lord, Who



is this band Be - fore the throne of light? These are the  
 priest - ly band, God's throne for - ev - er near. On earth they  
 with His Word Sus - tained you on the way. The steep and



saints of glo - rious fame, Who from the great af -  
 wept through bit - ter years; Now God has wiped a -  
 nar - row path you trod; You toiled and sowed the



flic - tion came And in the flood Of Je - sus' blood  
 way their tears, Trans - formed their strife To heav'n - ly life,  
 Word a - broad; Re - joice and bring Your fruits and sing



Are cleansed from guilt and shame. They now serve God both  
 And freed them from their fears. They now en - joy the  
 Be - fore the throne of God. The myr - iad an - gels



day and night; They sing their songs in end - less light. Their  
 Sab - bath rest, The heav'n - ly ban - quet of the blest; The  
 raise their song; O saints, sing with that hap - py throng! Lift



an - thems ring As they all sing With an - gels shin - ing bright.  
Lamb, their Lord, At fes - tive board Him - self is host and guest.  
up one voice; Let heav'n re - joice In our Re - deem - er's song!

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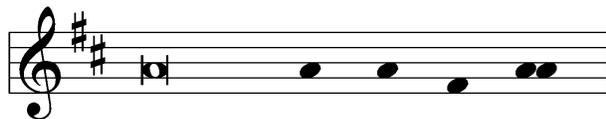
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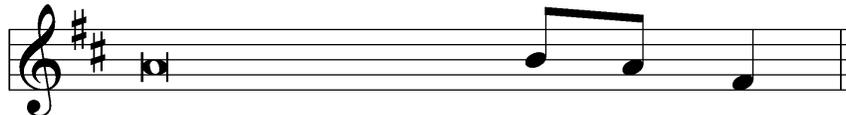
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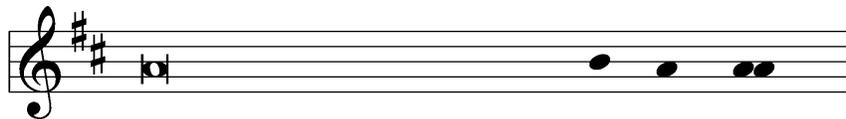
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**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er 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.



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

+ Psalmody+

Psalm 91

<sup>1</sup>He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High\*  
will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.

<sup>2</sup>**I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my | fortress,\*  
my God, in | whom I trust.”**

<sup>3</sup>For he will deliver you from the snare of the | fowler\*  
and from the deadly | pestilence.

<sup>4</sup>**He will cover you with his pinions,  
and under his wings you will find | refuge;\*  
his faithfulness is a shield and | buckler.**

<sup>5</sup>You will not fear the terror | of the night,\*  
nor the arrow that | flies by day,

<sup>6</sup>**nor the pestilence that stalks in | darkness,\*  
nor the destruction that wastes at | noonday.**

<sup>7</sup>A thousand may fall at your side,  
ten thousand at your | right hand,\*  
but it will not come | near you.

<sup>8</sup>**You will only look | with your eyes\*  
and see the recompense of the | wicked.**

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—\*  
the Most High, who is my | refuge—

<sup>10</sup>**no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,\*  
no plague come | near your tent.**

<sup>11</sup>For he will command his angels con- | cerning you\*  
to guard you in | all your ways.

<sup>12</sup>**On their hands they will | bear you up,\*  
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.**

<sup>13</sup>You will tread on the lion and the | adder;\*  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.

**14**“Because he holds fast to me in love, I will de- | liver him;\*  
I will protect him, because he | knows my name.

**15**When he calls to me, I will answer him;  
I will be with him in | trouble;\*  
I will rescue him and | honor him.

**16**With long life I will sat- | isfy him\*  
and show him my sal- | vation.”

**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.**

*Sit*

**522 Lord God, to Thee We Give All Praise** (*Alternate Tune*)

- 1 Lord God, to Thee we give all praise,  
With grateful hearts our voices raise,  
That angel hosts Thou didst create  
Around Thy glorious throne to wait.
- 2 They shine with light and heav'nly grace  
And constantly behold Thy face;  
They heed Thy voice, they know it well,  
In godly wisdom they excel.
- 3 They never rest nor sleep as we;  
Their whole delight is but to be  
With Thee, Lord Jesus, and to keep  
Thy little flock, Thy lambs and sheep.
- 4 The ancient dragon is their foe;  
His envy and his wrath they know.

It always is his aim and pride  
Thy Christian people to divide.

5 As he of old deceived the world  
And into sin and death has hurled,  
So now he subtly lies in wait  
To undermine both Church and state.

6 A roaring lion, round he goes,  
No halt nor rest he ever knows;  
He seeks the Christians to devour  
And slay them by his dreadful pow'r.

7 But watchful is the angel band  
That follows Christ on ev'ry hand  
To guard His people where they go  
And break the counsel of the foe.

8 For this, now and in days to be,  
Our praise shall rise, O Lord, to Thee,  
Whom all the angel hosts adore  
With grateful songs forevermore.

Text: Philipp Melanchthon, 1497–1560; German version, Paul Eber, 1511–69; tr. Emanuel Cronenwett, 1841–1931, alt.  
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## + Readings+

### Old Testament Reading

*Daniel 10:10–14; 12:1–3*

**P** A reading from Daniel, chapter 10.

<sup>10</sup>And behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. <sup>11</sup>And he said to me, “O Daniel, man greatly loved, understand the

words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for now I have been sent to you.” And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling. <sup>12</sup>Then he said to me, “Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. <sup>13</sup>The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia, <sup>14</sup>and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come. . . .”

<sup>14</sup>“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. <sup>2</sup>And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Epistle Reading

*Revelation 12:7–12*

**P** A reading from Revelation, chapter 12.

<sup>7</sup>Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, <sup>8</sup>but he was defeated and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. <sup>9</sup>And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. <sup>10</sup>And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our

brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. <sup>11</sup>And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. <sup>12</sup>Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Gospel Reading

*Matthew 18:1–11*

**P** A reading from Matthew, chapter 18.

<sup>1</sup>At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” <sup>2</sup>And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them <sup>3</sup>and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>5</sup>“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, <sup>6</sup>but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

<sup>7</sup>“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! <sup>8</sup>And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. <sup>9</sup>And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

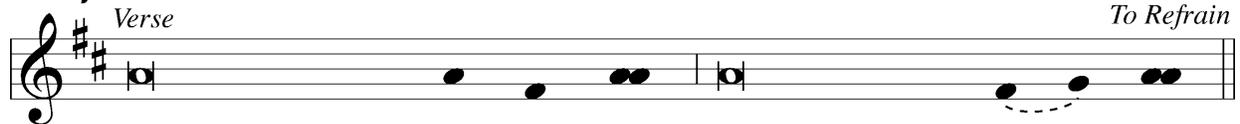
<sup>10</sup>“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>11</sup>For the Son of Man came to save the lost.”

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Responsory

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**L** 1 Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.  
2 Unite my heart to fear Your name that I may walk in Your truth.  
3 Glory be to the  
Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



**C** Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

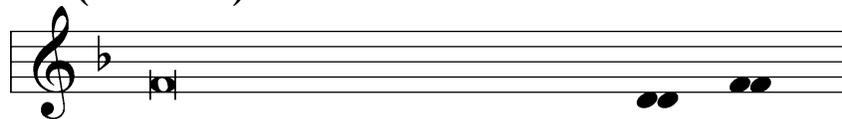
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Antiphon (Common)

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**L** Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,



**C** and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

## 940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

sts. 1–5



1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we  
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -  
 3 Lo, the a - pos - tles' ho - ly train Join Thy sa - cred  
 4 Thou art King of Glo - ry, Christ; Son of God, yet  
 Δ 5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,  
 above are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
 name to hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
 born of Mar - y. For us sin - ners sac - ri - ficed,  
 three we name Thee; Though in es - sence on - ly one,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy  
 In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with  
 And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to  
 As to death a Trib - u - tar - y, First to break the  
 Un - di - vid - ed God we claim Thee And, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.  
 sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!  
 set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.  
 bars of death, Thou hast o - pened heav'n to faith.  
 bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.

Text: Latin, c. 4th cent.; German version Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1774, Vienna; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900, alt.

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+ Prayer+

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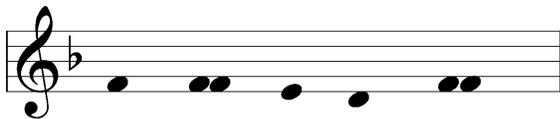
**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

## 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

## Introduction to Collects



**L** O Lord, hear my prayer.



**C** And let my cry come to You.

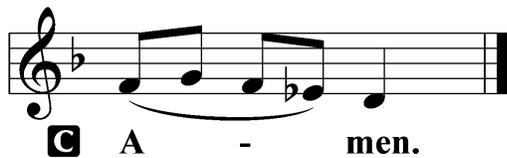
## Collect of the Day

**P** Everlasting God, You have ordained and constituted the service of angels and men in a wonderful order. Mercifully grant that, as Your holy angels always serve and worship You in heaven, so by Your

appointment they may also help and defend us here on earth; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### Collect for Peace

**P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Stand*

### Benedicamus

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**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

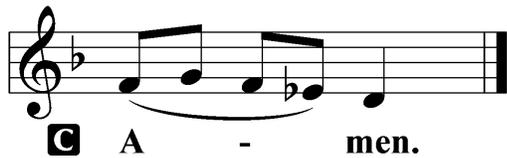
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**P** The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



**G** A - men.

### 716 I Walk in Danger All the Way



1 I walk in dan - ger all the way. The thought shall nev - er  
2 I pass through tri - als all the way, With sin and ills con -  
3 And death pur - sues me all the way, No - where I rest se -  
4 I walk with an - gels all the way, They shield me and be -



leave me That Sa - tan, who has marked his prey, Is  
tend - ing; In pa - tience I must bear each day The  
cure - ly; He comes by night, he comes by day, He  
friend me; All Sa - tan's pow'r is held at bay When



plot - ting to de - ceive me. This foe with hid - den snares  
cross of God's own send - ing. When in ad - ver - si - ty  
takes his prey most sure - ly. A fail - ing breath, and I  
heav'n - ly hosts at - tend me; They are my sure de - fense,



May seize me un - a - wares If I should fail to  
I know not where to flee, When storms of woe my  
In death's strong grasp may lie To face e - ter - ni -  
All fear and sor - row, hence! Un - harmed by foes, do



watch and pray. I walk in dan - ger all the way.  
soul dis - may, I pass through tri - als all the way.  
ty to - day As death pur - sues me all the way.  
what they may, I walk with an - gels all the way.

5 I walk with Jesus all the way,  
His guidance never fails me;  
Within His wounds I find a stay

When Satan's pow'r assails me;  
And by His footsteps led,  
My path I safely tread.  
No evil leads my soul astray;  
I walk with Jesus all the way.

6 My walk is heav'nward all the way;  
Await, my soul, the morrow,  
When God's good healing shall allay  
All suff'ring, sin, and sorrow.  
Then, worldly pomp, begone!  
To heav'n I now press on.  
For all the world I would not stay;  
My walk is heav'nward all the way.

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