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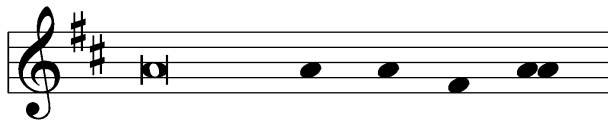


Vespers
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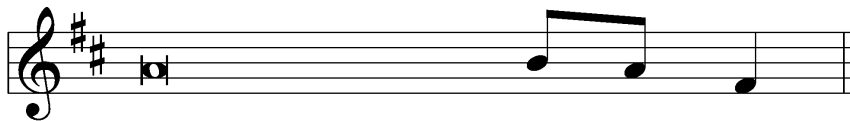
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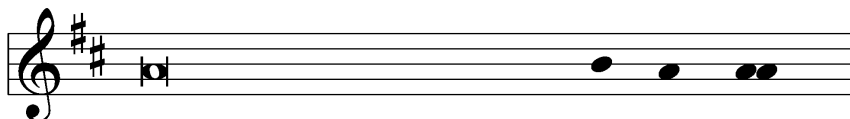
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L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



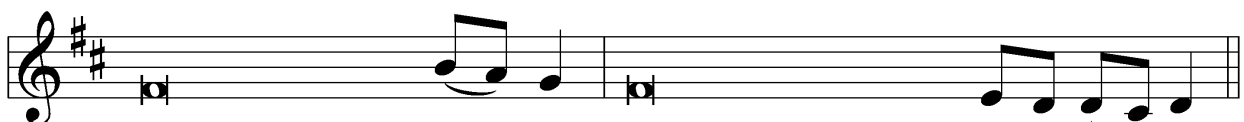
L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



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

Psalm 107:1–22

¹Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good,*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!

²Let the redeemed of the LORD | say so,*

whom he has redeemed from | trouble

³and gathered in | from the lands,*
from the east and from the west,
from the north and | from the south.

⁴**Some wandered in | desert wastes,***
finding no way to a city to | dwell in;

⁵hungry and | thirsty,*
their soul fainted with- | in them.

⁶**Then they cried to the LORD in their | trouble,***
and he delivered them from | their distress.

⁷He led them by a | straight way*
till they reached a city to | dwell in.

⁸**Let them thank the LORD for his | steadfast love,***
for his wondrous works to the chil- | dren of men!

⁹For he satisfies the | longing soul,*
and the hungry soul he fills | with good things.

¹⁰**Some sat in darkness and in the shad- | ow of death,***
prisoners in affliction | and in irons,

¹¹for they had rebelled against the | words of God,*
and spurned the counsel of the | Most High.

¹²**So he bowed their hearts down with hard | labor;***
they fell down, with | none to help.

¹³Then they cried to the LORD in their | trouble,*
and he delivered them from | their distress.

¹⁴**He brought them out of darkness and the shad- | ow of**
death,*

and burst their | bonds apart.

¹⁵Let them thank the LORD for his | steadfast love,*
for his wondrous works to the chil- | dren of men!

¹⁶**For he shatters the | doors of bronze***
and cuts in two the | bars of iron.

¹⁷Some were fools through their | sinful ways,*
and because of their iniquities suffered af- | fliction;

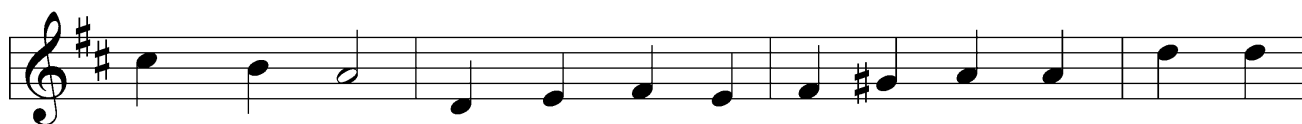
¹⁸they loathed any | kind of food,*
 and they drew near to the | gates of death.
¹⁹Then they cried to the LORD in their | trouble,*
 and he delivered them from | their distress.
²⁰He sent out his word and | healed them,*
 and delivered them from their de- | struction.
²¹Let them thank the LORD for his | steadfast love,*
 for his wondrous works to the chil- | dren of men!
²²And let them offer sacrifices of thanks- | giving,*
 and tell of his deeds in | songs of joy!
 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

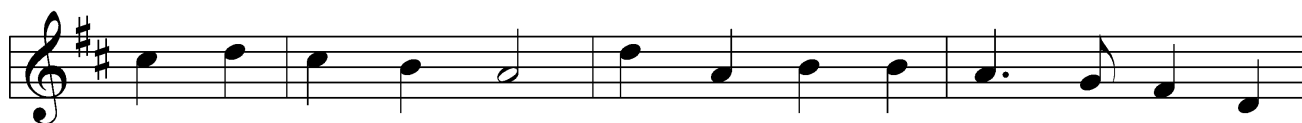
531 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus



1 Hail, Thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, Thou Gal - i -
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, All our sins on
 3 Je - sus, hail! En - throned in glo - ry, There for - ev - er
 4 Wor - ship, hon - or, pow'r, and bless - ing Thou art wor - thy



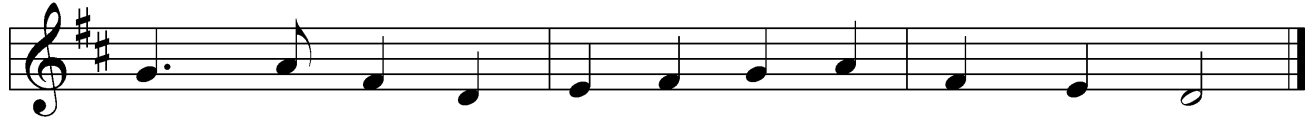
le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us; Thou didst
 Thee were laid; By al - might - y love a - noint - ed, Thou hast
 to a - bide; All the heav'n - ly hosts a - dore Thee, Seat - ed
 to re - ceive; High - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing, Right it



free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, Thou u - ni - ver - sal Sav - ior,
 full a - tone - ment made. All Thy peo - ple are for - giv - en
 at Thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners Thou art plead - ing;
 is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic spir - its,



Bear - er of our sin and shame! By Thy mer - it
Through the vir - tue of Thy blood; O - pened is the
There Thou dost our place pre - pare, Ev - er for us
All your no - blest an - thems raise; Help to sing our



we find fa - vor: Life is giv - en through Thy name.
gate of heav - en, Rec - on - ciled are we with God.
in - ter - ced - ing Till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
Sav - ior's mer - its, Help to chant Im - man - uel's praise!

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+ Readings+

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1–12

P A reading from Matthew, chapter 2.

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

““And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.””

⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem,

saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory

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Verse *To Refrain*

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.

Refrain

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

Sermon

The Second Article

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

From the *Large Catechism*

²⁷ Now, if you are asked, “What do you believe in the Second Article about Jesus Christ?” answer briefly, “I believe that Jesus Christ, God’s true Son, has become my Lord.” “But what does it mean to become Lord?” “It is this. He has redeemed me from sin, from death, and from all evil. For before I did not have a Lord or King, but was captive under the devil’s power, condemned to death, stuck in sin and blindness” [see Ephesians 2:1-3].

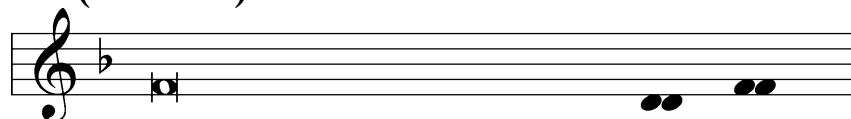
²⁸ For when we had been created by God the Father and had received from Him all kinds of good, the devil came and led us into disobedience, sin, death, and all evil [Genesis 3]. So we fell under God’s wrath and displeasure and were doomed to eternal damnation, just as we had merited and deserved. ²⁹ There was no counsel, help, or comfort until this only and eternal Son of God—in His immeasurable goodness—had compassion upon our misery and wretchedness. ³⁰ He came from heaven to help us [John 1:9]. So those tyrants and jailers are all expelled now. In their place has come Jesus Christ, Lord of life, righteousness, every blessing, and salvation. He has delivered us poor, lost people from hell’s jaws, has won us, has made us free [Romans 8:1-2], and has brought us again into the Father’s favor and grace. He has taken us as His own property under His shelter and protection [Psalm 61:3-4] so that He may govern us by His righteousness, wisdom, power, life, and blessedness.

+ Canticle+

Stand

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.

935 Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord



1 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord!
2 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of His name!
3 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of His might!
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of His Word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings, give my spir - it voice;
Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;
Pow'rs and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
Firm is His prom - ise, and His mer - cy sure.



Ten - der to me the prom - ise of His Word;
His mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord



In God my Sav - ior shall my heart re - joice.
His ho - ly name, the Lord, the Might - y One.
The hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
To chil - dren's chil - dren and for - ev - er - more!

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+ Prayer+

Stand

Kyrie

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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

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L O Lord, hear my prayer.



C And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

P O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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.

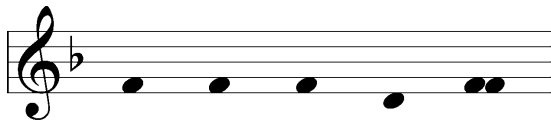


C A - men.

Stand

Benedicamus

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L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

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.

C A - men.

396 Arise and Shine in Splendor

1 A - rise and shine in splen - dor; Let night to day sur -
 2 See earth in dark - ness ly - ing, The hea - then na - tions
 3 The world's re - mot - est rac - es, Up - on whose wea - ry
 4 Lift up your eyes in won - der— See, na - tions gath - er
 5 Your heart will leap for glad - ness When from the realms of

ren - der. Your light is draw - ing near. A - bove, the
 dy - ing In hope - less gloom and night. To you the
 fac - es The sun looks from the sky, Shall run with
 yon - der From sin to be set free. The world has
 sad - ness They come from near and far. Your eyes will

day is beam - ing, In match - less beau - ty
 Lord of heav - en— Your life, your hope— has
 zeal un - tir - ing, With joy Your light de -
 heard Your sto - ry; Her sons come to Your
 wake from slum - ber As peo - ple with - out

gleam - ing; The glo - ry of the Lord is here.
 giv - en Great glo - ry, hon - or, and de - light.
 sir - ing That breaks up - on them from on high.
 glo - ry; Her daugh - ters haste Your light to see.
 num - ber Re - joice to see the Morn - ing Star.

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