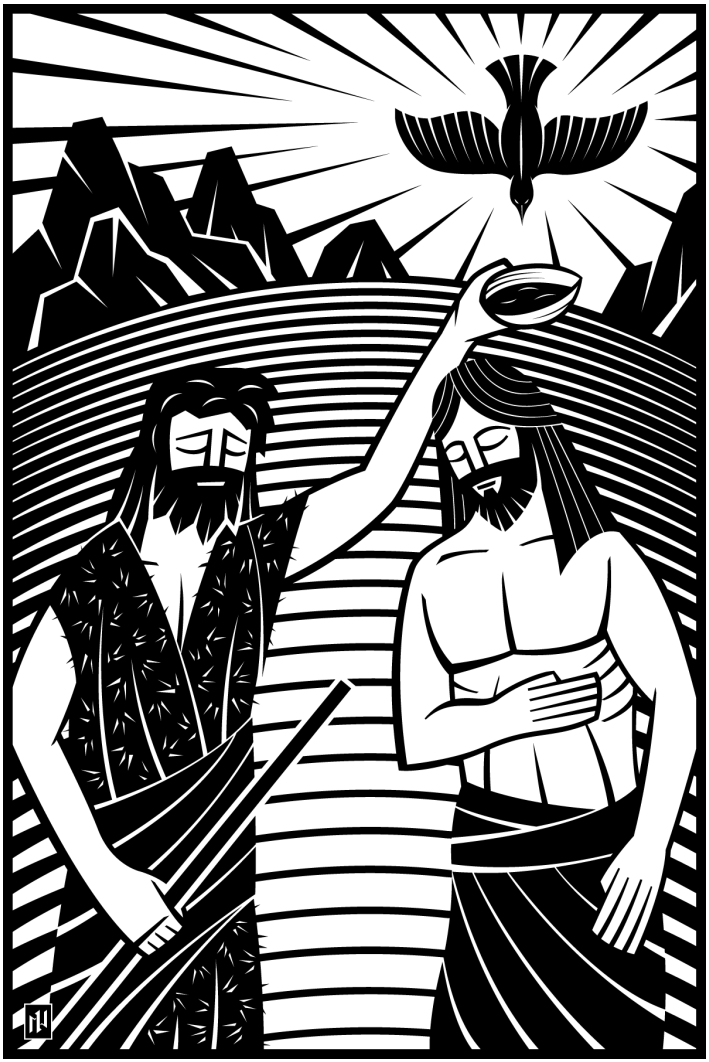

JESUS IS THE CHRIST, THE ANOINTED ONE

The Baptism of Our Lord
January 11, 2026

FOR OUR GUESTS

Thank you for being here. During your visit today, you will see and hear what we're all about: God's *eternal love* for us through his Son, Jesus Christ! Any directions for speaking or singing, standing or sitting, will be indicated in this folder or projected on the wall in front of you.

Restrooms: are available just outside the chapel doors down the hallway to the left.

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During the Season of Epiphany ("Epiphany" comes from a Greek word that means "reveal.") we see Jesus begin his public ministry, revealing the reason the Son of God came to earth. During Epiphany, we will come to understand that when the true *identity* of Jesus is *revealed*, our own true identity is revealed as well.

Today, we celebrate the event of Jesus' baptism and how it reveals our Savior to us as *the Anointed One* (Messiah/Christ). When the Lord had someone anointed, he also poured his Spirit over them. So, when we see Jesus baptized and when we consider our own baptisms, God reveals so much to us in his grace!

OPENING HYMNS

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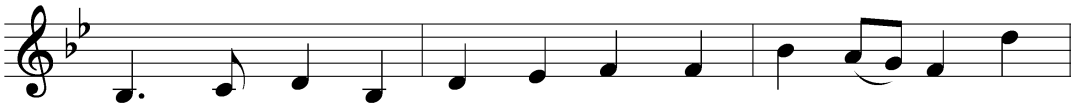

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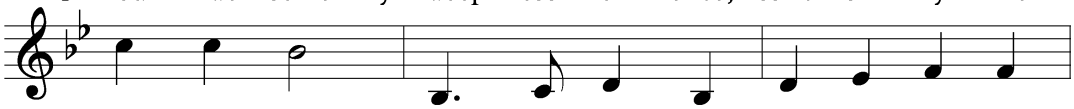
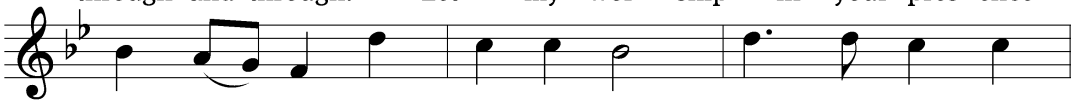
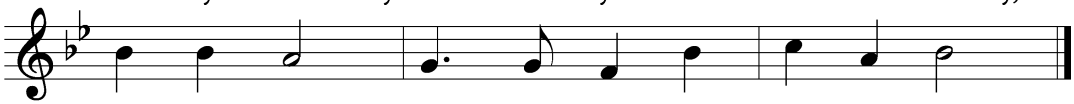
3 You de - serve my deep - est rev - 'rence; sanc - ti - fy me



house to - day! This is where great joys be - set me
through and through. Let my wor - ship in your pres - ence



more than I can sing or say. Here I view God's
clear - ly show my love for you. Lord of mer - cy,



glo - rious face, see his light, re - ceive his grace.
hear my cry: lift my heart to you on high!

STAND

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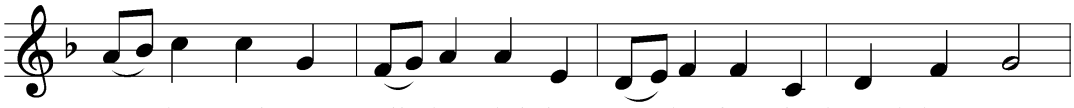

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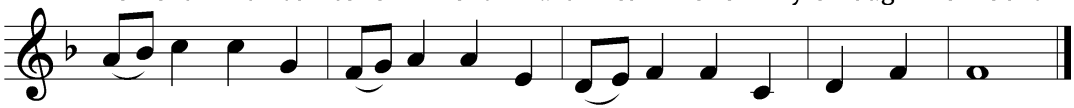
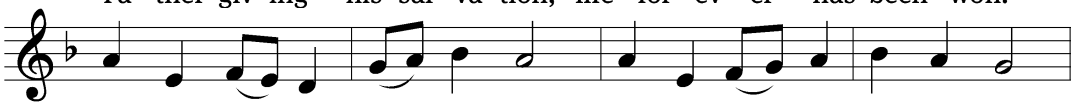
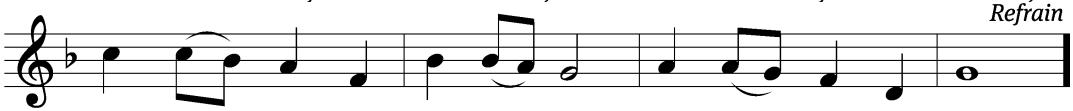


Fa - ther giv - ing his sal - va - tion, life for - ev - er has been won.



2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, in his prom - ise, be as - sured:
3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; let us dai - ly rise with him,

Refrain



those who are bap - tized and be - lieve shall be___ born a - gain.
walk in the love of Christ our Lord, live in the peace of God.

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND CONFESSION OF FAITH

When Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River, he was revealed as the Son of God, the Messiah whom God had promised to send.
When we were baptized, God saved us through the washing of rebirth and adopted us as his own. He washed us clean from the guilt of our sin, and continues to fill us with his Holy Spirit so that we can live as his dear children. Therefore, as baptized children of God, I ask you:

Do you renounce the devil and all his works?
Yes, I do.

Do you confess your own sins of thought, word, and deed?
Yes, I do. I am sorry for my sins.
Do you believe in God the Father Almighty?
Yes, I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?
Yes, I believe 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 there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

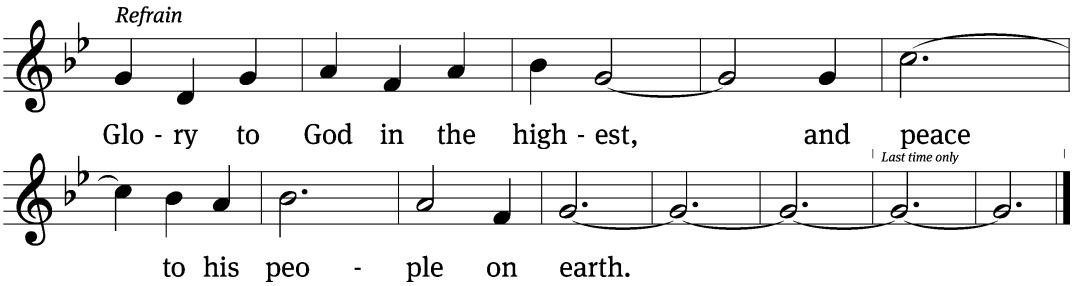
Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit has forgiven you all your sins. He will strengthen you with his grace to life everlasting.
Amen.

BE SEATED

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

The congregation sings the refrains. The cantor sings the verses.



Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. **Refrain**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. **Refrain**

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen. **Refrain**

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children, and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

PSALM OF THE DAY **Psalm 45:1-7**

[1]My heart is bubbling over with a beautiful theme.
I am reciting my works for the King.
My tongue is the pen of a rapid writer.

[2]You are the most beautiful of the sons of Adam.
Grace is poured out on your lips.
Therefore God has blessed you forever.

[3]Strap your sword on your thigh, you mighty warrior,
in your splendor and your majesty.
[4]In your majesty advance successfully.
Ride forward in the cause of truth, humility, and righteousness.
Let your right hand teach you awesome deeds.
[5]Your arrows are sharpened.
Let peoples fall beneath you.
Your arrows are in the heart of the king's enemies.

[6]Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.
The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of justice.
[7]You love righteousness and hate wickedness.
Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of joy
more than any of your companions.

FIRST READING **Isaiah 42:1–7**

The LORD promises to put his Spirit on the Messiah.

[1]Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom I delight.
I am placing my Spirit on him.
He will announce a just verdict for the nations.

[2]He will not cry out.
He will not raise his voice.
He will not make his voice heard in the street.
[3]A bent reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not snuff out.
He will faithfully bring forth a just verdict.
[4]He will not burn out, and he will not be broken,
until he establishes justice on the earth.
The coastlands will wait for his law.

[5]This is what the true God says,
the LORD who creates the heavens and stretches them out,
who spreads out the earth
and everything that it produces,
who gives breath to the people on it
and life to those who walk on it.
[6]I am the LORD.
I have called you in righteousness.
I will hold on to your hand,
and I will guard you.
I will appoint you to be a covenant for the people,
to be a light for the nations,
[7]to open the eyes of the blind,
to bring the prisoners out from the dungeon,
and to bring those who sit in darkness out of prison.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING — Acts 10:34–38

Peter shares the good news about Jesus—the Anointed One.

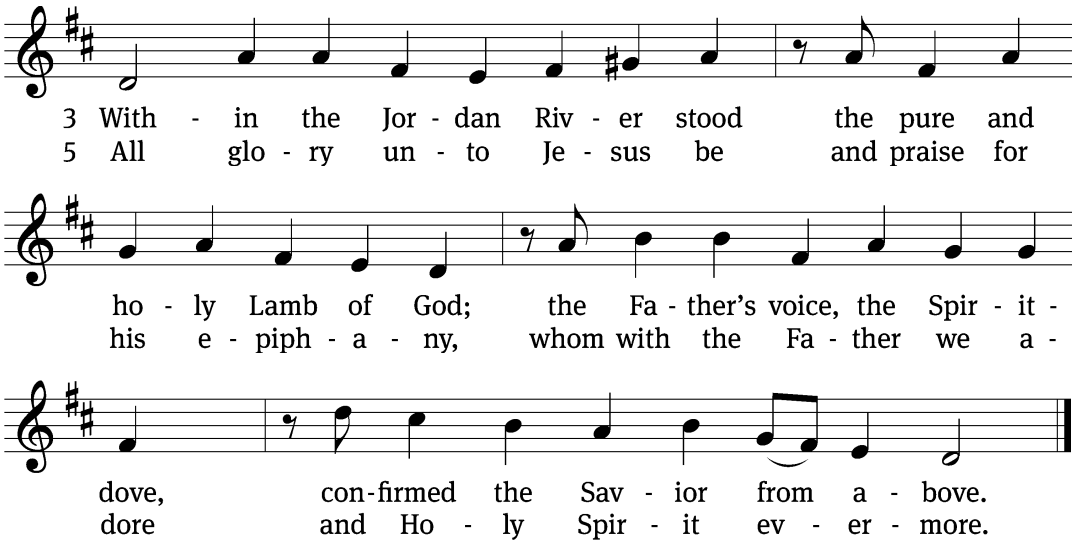
[34]Then Peter began to speak: "Now I really am beginning to understand that God does
not show favoritism, [35]but in every nation, anyone who fears him and does what is right is
acceptable to him. [36]He sent his word to the people of Israel, proclaiming the good news
of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

[37]"You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism
that John preached. [38]God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power.
He went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the Devil, because
God was with him.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

STAND

HYMN — 374 The Star Proclaims the King Is Here sts. 3, 5



GOSPEL **Matthew 3:13–17**

Jesus is baptized. He is anointed with the Spirit and with power.

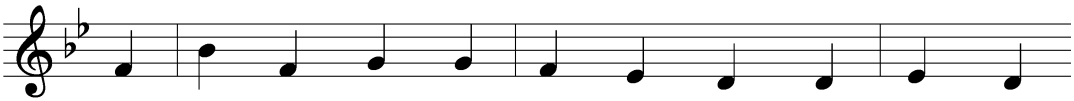
[13]Then Jesus came from Galilee to be baptized by John at the
Jordan. [14]But John tried to stop him, saying, "I need to be baptized
by you, and yet you come to me?"
[15]But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, because it is proper
for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then John let him. [16]After Jesus
was baptized, he immediately went up out of the water. Suddenly,
the heavens were opened for him! He saw the Spirit of God,
descending like a dove and landing on him, [17]and a voice out of the
heavens said, "This is my Son, whom I love. I am well pleased with
him."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

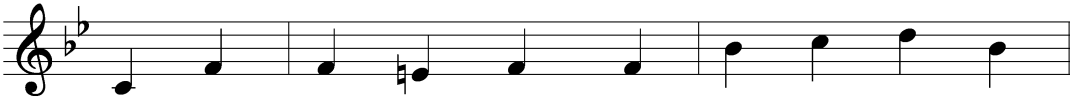
BE SEATED

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *Young children may come forward for a brief devotion.*

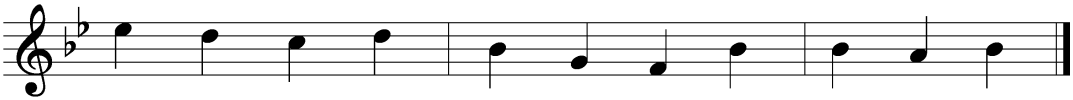
HYMN OF THE DAY **377 To Jordan's River Came Our Lord sts. 2–6**



2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— the Son of
3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood and John bap -
4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound came God's own
5 The Fa - ther's word, the Spir - it's flight a - noint - ed
6 Now rise, faint hearts: be res - o - lute! This man is



God in flesh dis - guised— to stand be - neath the
tized the Lamb of God, the Ho - ly Spir - it,
voice with words pro - found: "This is my Son," was
Christ in glo - rious sight as God's own choice, from
Christ, our sub - sti - tute! He was bap - tized in



Fa - ther's will and all his prom - is - es ful - fill.
heav'n - ly dove, de - scend - ed on him from a - bove.
his de - cree, "the one I love, who pleas - es me."
Ad - am's fall to save the world and free us all.
Jor - dan's stream, pro - claimed Re - deem - er, Lord su - preme.

SERMON **Matthew 3:13-17**

WATERMARKED

1) To Procure Perfect Righteousness

2) To Provide Positive Identification

REMAIN SEATED

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Mighty Father, at the river Jordan you anointed your Son Jesus with the Holy Spirit and power, and you declared him your beloved Son. You have cleansed us in the waters of baptism and clothed us in the righteousness of Christ. Empower us with his righteousness to live as your holy people.

Your Son Jesus commanded his disciples to gather disciples from all nations by baptizing and teaching them. Bring people, near and far, out of the darkness of the world into your wonderful light. Open their hearts, create and strengthen faith with Word and Sacrament.

Watch and protect those who watch and protect us, police, fire and rescue workers. Give them courage, patience and endurance as they do their work. Guard them in body, soul and mind as they face dangers and deal with violence and tragedies.

Let the gospel of your grace refresh those who deal with pains of mind or body [*especially…*]. Remind them that nothing can separate us from your love which is ours in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you the thoughts and cares from the depths of our hearts.

Silent prayer.

Heavenly Father, always hold your people, baptized into your name, in your holy care; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OFFERING

The members of Eternal Love congregation have joined together to do the Lord's work in this city and around the world. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our church's ministry. If being here today was a blessing to you and you would like to support our ministry, you can scan here and enter your phone number or email address to donate. (Members, please use a phone number or email address that is currently on file with the church).

During this time, we ask that everyone take part in completing the worship register. Please fill in the requested information and pass the booklet to the end of the row. Thank you!

OFFERING SONG

King of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope, without light
'Til from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets
To a virgin came the word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake you died

Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

And the morning that You rose
All of Heaven held its breath
'Til that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

And the church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel, shall not faint
By His blood and in His name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

Praise the Father, praise the Son
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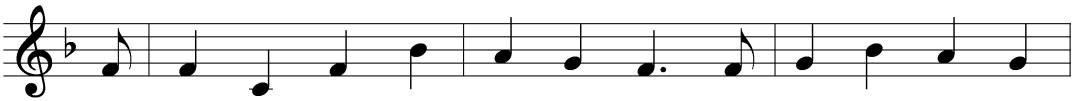
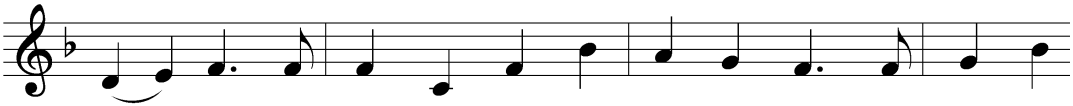
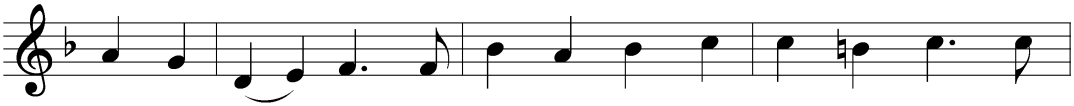
HYMN **557 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice sts. 1, 5–8**



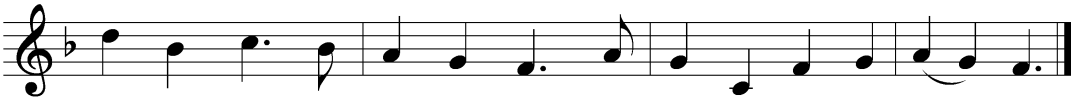
1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joice, with ex - ul - ta - tion
5 He spoke to his be - lov - ed Son: "It's time to have com -
6 The Son o - beyed his Fa - ther's will, was born of vir - gin
7 To me he spoke, "Hold fast to me, I am your rock and
8 "The foe will shed my pre-cious blood, me of my life be -



spring - ing, and, with u - nit - ed heart and voice and ho - ly
pas - sion. Then go, bright jew - el of my crown, and bring to
moth - er, and, God's good plea - sure to ful - fill, he came to
cas - tle. Your ran - som I my - self will be; for you I
reav - ing; all this I suf - fer for your good; be stead - fast



rap - ture sing - ing, pro-claim the won - ders God has done, how
all sal - va - tion. From sin and sor - row set them free; slay
be my broth - er. No garb of pomp or pow'r he wore; a
strive and wres - tle. For I am yours, your friend di - vine, and
and be - liev - ing. Life will from death the vic - t'ry win; my



his right arm the vic - t'ry won. How dear - ly it has cost him!
bit - ter death for them that they may live with you for - ev - er."
ser-vant's form like mine he bore to lead the dev - il cap - tive.
ev - er - more you shall be mine; the foe shall not di - vide us.
in - no - cence shall bear your sin, and you are blest for - ev - er.

STAND

We give thanks, most merciful Father, that you have received us as your own children and made us members of Christ's body, the church. Now, we pray, grant to us and to all your church on earth that, being dead to sin, we may live to righteousness and, being buried with Christ into his death, we may also share in his resurrection, so that, with all your saints, we may inherit eternal life; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

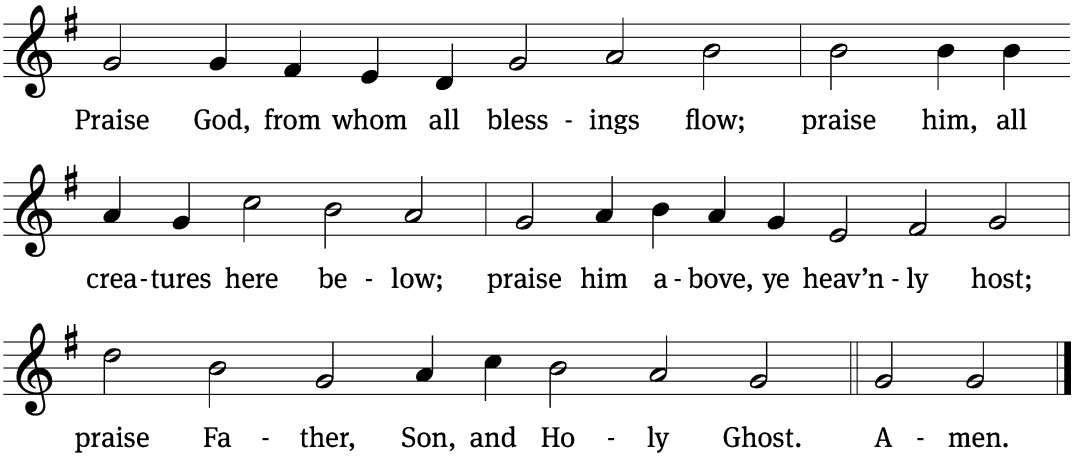
LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

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.
Amen.

HYMN **617 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**



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