

## Opening Hymn

## 895 Preach You the Word



1 Preach you the Word and plant it home to those who  
2 We know how hard, O Lord, the task your ser - vant  
3 The sow - er sows; his reck - less love scat - ters a -  
4 Though some be snatched and some be scorched and some be



like or like it not, the Word that shall en -  
bids us un - der - take: to preach your Word and  
broad the good - ly seed, in - tent a - lone that  
choked and mat - ted flat, the sow - er sows; his



ture and stand when flow'rs and mor - tals are for - got.  
nev - er ask what pride - ful prof - it it may make.  
there may be the whole - some loaves that peo - ple need.  
heart cries out, "Oh, what of that, and what of that?"

- 5 Of all his scattered plenteousness  
one-fourth waves ripe on hill and flat,  
and bears a harvest, hundredfold:  
"Ah, what of that, Lord, what of that!"
- 6 Preach you the Word and plant it home  
and never faint; the Harvest Lord  
who gave the sower seed to sow  
will watch and tend his planted Word.

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Stand

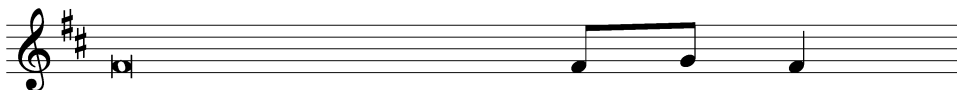
O Lord, open my lips,  
and my mouth shall declare your praise.

Hasten to save me, O God;  
O Lord, come quickly to help me.

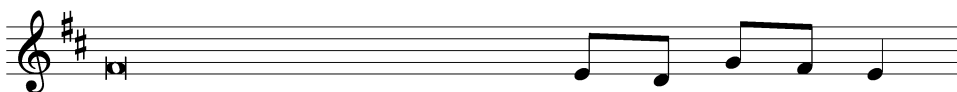
The Spirit of the Lord fills the world:  
praise and thanks to God!

## O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

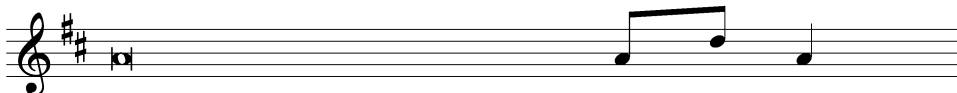
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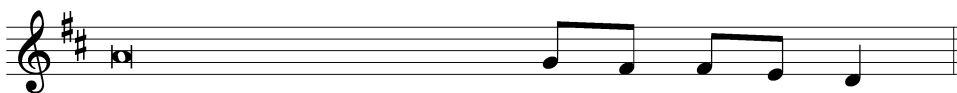
- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
- 2 For the Lord is a great \_\_\_\_\_ God
- 3 The sea is his, for he made \_\_\_\_\_ it,



- 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.



- 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,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.
- 2 the heights of the hills are al - so his.
- 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.

*Be seated*

## **First Reading**

**Numbers 27:15–23**

<sup>15</sup>Moses spoke to the Lord, <sup>16</sup>“May the Lord, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the community, <sup>17</sup>who will go out before them and come in before them, who will lead them out and bring them in, so that the community of the Lord will not be like sheep without a shepherd.”

<sup>18</sup>The Lord said to Moses, “Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and place your hand on him. <sup>19</sup>Have him stand in front of Eleazar the priest and the entire community. You will commission him in their sight. <sup>20</sup>You will give some of your authority to him so that the entire Israelite community will listen to him. <sup>21</sup>He will stand before Eleazar the priest, who will inquire for him before the Lord with the decision of the Urim. He and all the Israelites with him, the entire community, will go out at his command and come in at his command.”

<sup>22</sup>Moses did just as the Lord commanded him. He took Joshua and had him stand in front of Eleazar the priest and the entire community. <sup>23</sup>He placed his hands on him and commissioned him, just as the Lord spoke through Moses.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading**

**1 Corinthians 4:1–7**

This is the way a person should think of us: as servants of Christ and stewards of God’s mysteries. <sup>2</sup>In this connection, moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. <sup>3</sup>But it is a trivial matter to me if I am evaluated by you or by a day in a human court. Why, I do not even evaluate myself. <sup>4</sup>I do not in fact know of anything against myself, but I am not justified by this; rather, the one who evaluates me is the Lord. <sup>5</sup>Therefore judge nothing ahead of time, until the Lord comes. He will bring to light whatever is hidden in darkness and also reveal the intentions of hearts. Then there will be praise for each person from God.

<sup>6</sup>Brothers, I turned these things into a lesson using myself and Apollos as examples. I did this for your benefit, so that you may learn from us not to go beyond what is written. Then you will not be arrogant, favoring one person over the other. <sup>7</sup>For who makes you so special? And what do you have that you did not receive? But if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel**

**Matthew 9:35—10:8**

<sup>35</sup>Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness.

<sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he was moved with compassion for them, because they were troubled and downcast, like sheep without a shepherd.

<sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup>Therefore pray that the Lord of the harvest will send out workers into his harvest.”

Jesus called his twelve disciples to himself and gave them authority to drive out unclean spirits and to heal every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup>These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee and his brother John; <sup>3</sup>Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup>Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup>Jesus sent these twelve out and commanded them, “Do not go among the Gentiles, and do not enter any town of the Samaritans. <sup>6</sup>Go instead to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>As you go, preach this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven is near!’ <sup>8</sup>Heal the sick. Raise the dead. Cleanse lepers. Drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

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

## Hymn of the Day

## 508 Sing to the Lord of Harvest



1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest, sing songs of love and praise;  
2 God makes the clouds rain good - ness, the des - erts bloom and spring,  
3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar the gifts his good-ness gave,



with joy - ful hearts and voic - es your al - le - lu - ias raise.  
the hills leap up in glad - ness, the val - leys laugh and sing.  
the gold - en sheaves of har - vest, the souls Christ died to save.



By him the roll - ing sea - sons in fruit - ful or - der move;  
God fills them with his full - ness, all things with large in - crease;  
Your hearts lay down be - fore him when at his feet you fall,



sing to the Lord of har - vest a joy - ous song of love.  
he crowns the year with bless - ing, with plen - ty and with peace.  
and with your lives a - dore him who gave his life for all.

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## Sermon

Matthew 9:35–10:8

## Sing to the Lord of Harvest

1. *We harvest with compassion.*
2. *We harvest with prayer.*
3. *We harvest with his message.*

Stand

## Te Deum Laudamus

## 953 Holy God, We Praise Your Name



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of  
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel  
 3 All a - pos - tles join the strain as your  
 4 You are King of glo - ry, Christ, Son of  
 5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly



all, we bow be - fore you. All on  
 choirs a - bove are rais - ing; cher - u -  
 sa - cred name they hal - low; proph - ets  
 God, yet born of Mar - y, for us  
 Spir - it, three we name you, though in



earth your scep - ter claim; all in heav'n a -  
 bim and ser - a - phim, in un - ceas - ing  
 swell the glad re - frain, and the white - robed  
 sin - ners sac - ri - ficed, on the cross our  
 es - sence on - ly one, un - di - vid - ed



bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your vast do -  
 cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with sweet ac -  
 mar - tyrs fol - low, and from morn to set of  
 sins did car - ry; first to break the bars of  
 God we claim you, and, a - dor - ing, bend the



main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
 cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"  
 sun through the Church the song goes on.  
 death, you have o - pened heav'n to faith.  
 knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

## Lord, Have Mercy

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Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful and answer me.  
**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of your apostles and prophets, you have proclaimed to us your saving will. Grant us faith to believe your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Prayers of intercession and seasonal prayers may follow.*

*The following prayer is said:*

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger. And in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Let us praise the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Amen.**

# Closing Hymn

# 901 O Christians, Haste



1 O Chris - tians, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,  
2 Be - hold how man - y thou - sands still are ly - ing  
3 Pro - claim to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion  
4 Send her - alds forth to bear the mes - sage glo - rious,



to tell to all the world that God is light,  
bound in the drear - y pris - on - house of sin  
that God, in whom they live and move, is love;  
give of your wealth to speed them on their way;



that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing  
with none to tell them of the Sav - ior's dy - ing  
tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion  
pour out your soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious;



one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.  
or of the life he died for them to win.  
and died on earth that they might live a - bove.  
O Chris - tians, haste to bring the bright - er day!

## *Refrain*



Pub - lish glad ti - dings, ti - dings of peace,



ti - dings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion and re - lease.

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