

Opening Hymn

858 God Is Here! As We Your People



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the
 4 Lord of all, of Church and king - dom, in an



of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
 life - long need of grace. Here are ta - ble,
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; here, as bread and
 age of change and doubt, keep us faith - ful



full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
 font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
 wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
 to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.



Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
 Here, in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here, in
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we



var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
 si - lence as in speech, here, in new - ness
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in
 have to give, re - ceive; we who can - not



of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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Morning Prayer *Matins*

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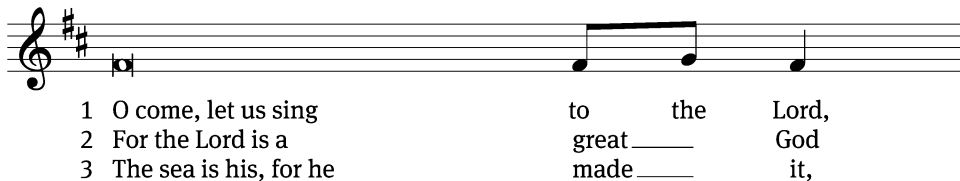
Stand



O Lord, o - pen my lips,
and my mouth shall de - clare your praise.
Has - ten to save me, O God;
O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.
General Jesus Christ is Lord of all:
praise and thanks to God!

O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord *Venite*

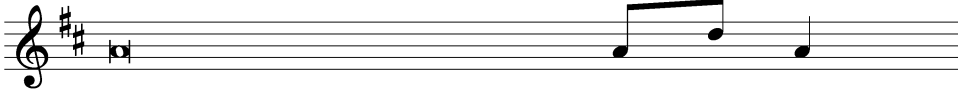
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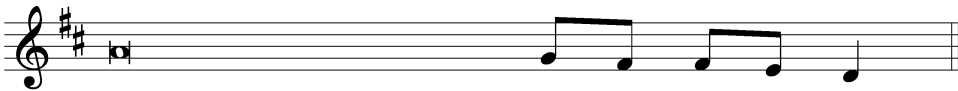
1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a great _____ God
3 The sea is his, for he made _____ it,



- 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

Ezekiel 33:7–11

⁷But I have appointed you, son of man, to be a watchman for the house of Israel. So whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you are to warn them from me. ⁸When I say to a wicked man, “Wicked man, you shall surely die,” if you do not speak to warn the wicked man against his way, that wicked man will die because of his guilt, but I will also hold you responsible for his blood. ⁹But if you do warn the wicked man to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he will die because of his guilt, but you will have saved your life. ¹⁰So you, son of man, say the following to the house of Israel.

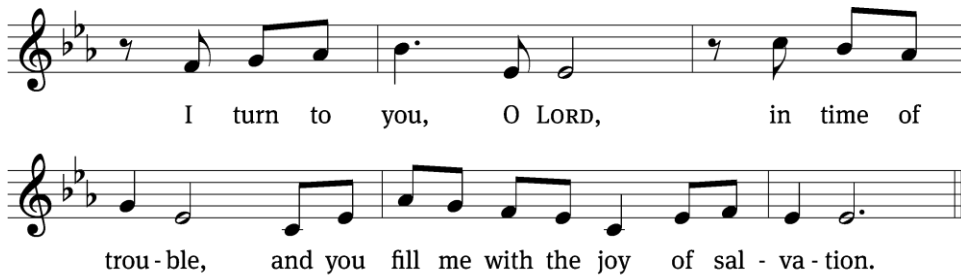
This is what you people are saying: “Certainly our rebellion and our sins weigh us down, and because of them we are rotting away. How then can we live?” “Say to them, “As I live, declares the LORD God, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from their way and live. Turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why should you die, O house of Israel?”

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

Psalm 32

I Turn to You, O LORD

Refrain



Tone



Blessed is the one whose transgressions are for- / given,
whose sins are / covered.

Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count a- / gainst them
and in whose spirit is / no deceit.

When I kept silent, my bones wast- / ed away
through my groaning / all day long.

For day and night your hand was heav- / y on me;
my strength was sapped as in the heat of / summer.

Then I acknowledged my / sin to you
and did not cover up my in- / iquity.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions / to the Lord."
And you forgave the guilt / of my sin. *Refrain*

You are my / hiding place;
you will protect me from / trouble.
Many are the woes of the / wicked,
but the Lord's unfailing love surrounds the one who / trusts in him.

**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. *Refrain***

Second Reading

Galatians 2:11–16

¹¹But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he was clearly wrong. ¹²For before some people came from James, he ate with the Gentiles. But when those people came, he drew back and separated himself, because he feared those from the circumcision group. ¹³And the rest of the Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, with the result that even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy. ¹⁴But when I saw that they were not acting according to the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of all of them, “If you, a Jew, live like the Gentiles and not like the Jews, why do you compel the Gentiles to live like the Jews?”

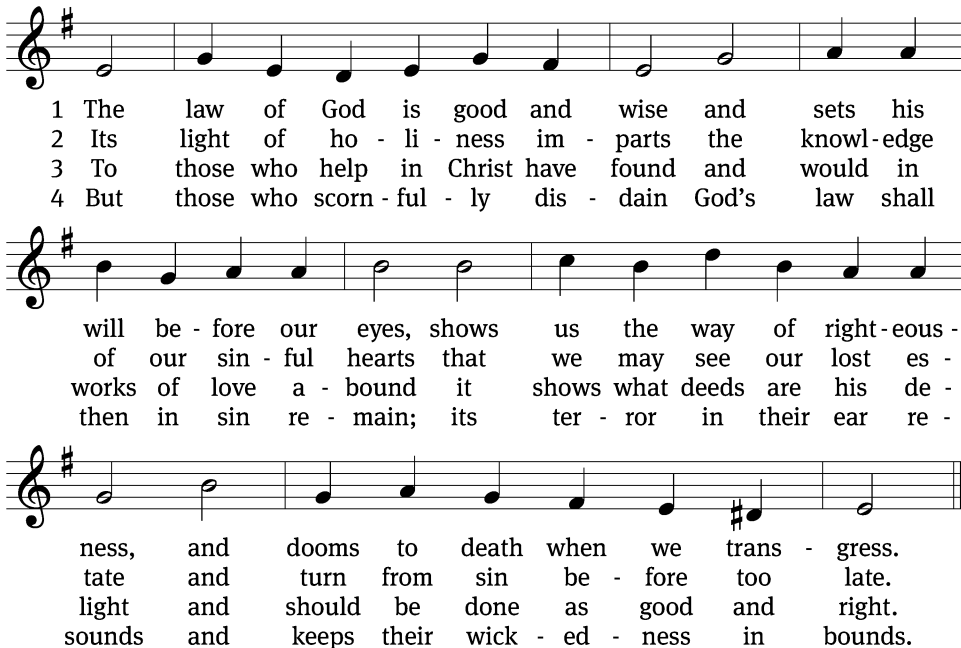
¹⁵“We are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners. ¹⁶We know that a person is not justified by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. So we also believed in Christ Jesus that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Response

637 The Law of God Is Good and Wise



1 The law of God is good and wise and sets his
2 Its light of ho - li - ness im - parts the knowl - edge
3 To those who help in Christ have found and would in
4 But those who scorn - ful - ly dis - dain God's law shall

will be - fore our eyes, shows us the way of right - eous -
of our sin - ful hearts that we may see our lost es -
works of love a - bound it shows what deeds are his de -
then in sin re - main; its ter - ror in their ear re -

ness, and dooms to death when we trans - gress.
tate and turn from sin be - fore too late.
light and should be done as good and right.
sounds and keeps their wick - ed - ness in bounds.

- 5 The law is good, but since the fall
its holiness condemns us all;
it dooms us for our sin to die
and has no pow'r to justify.
- 6 To Jesus we for refuge flee,
who from the curse has set us free,
and humbly worship at his throne,
saved by his grace through faith alone.

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Gospel

Matthew 18:15–20

¹⁵“If your brother sins against you, go and show him his sin just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have regained your brother. ¹⁶But if he will not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And, if he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as an unbeliever or a tax collector. ¹⁸Amen I tell you: Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Amen I tell you again: If two of you on earth agree to ask for anything, it will be done for them by my Father who is in heaven. ²⁰In fact where two or three have gathered together in my name, there I am among them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!



Hymn of the Day

656 As Surely As I Live, God Said



- 1 "As sure - ly as I live," God said, "I would not
- 2 And so our Lord gave this com - mand: "Go forth and
- 3 "All those whose sins you thus re - mit I tru - ly
- 4 "What you will bind, that bound shall be; what you will



see the sin - ner dead, but that he turn from
preach in ev - 'ry land; be - stow on all my
par - don and ac - quit, and those whose sins you
loose, that shall be free; un - to my Church the



er - ror's ways, re - pent, and live through end - less days."
par - d'ning grace who will re - pent of sin - ful ways.
do re - tain con - demned and guilt - y shall re - main.
keys are giv'n to op'n and close the gates of heav'n."

- 5 The words which absolution give
are his who died that we might live;
the minister whom Christ has sent
is but his humble instrument.
- 6 When ministers lay on their hands,
absolved by Christ the sinner stands;
he who by grace the Word believes
forgiveness, sure and sweet, receives.
- 7 Praise God the Father and the Son
and Holy Spirit, Three in One,
as was, is now, and so shall be
forever and eternally!

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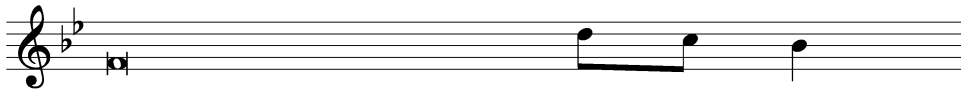
1. Paul Corrects Peter 2. Correction is Essential
3. We all need to *accept* correction as well as *offer* it

Stand

We Praise You, O God

Te Deum laudamus

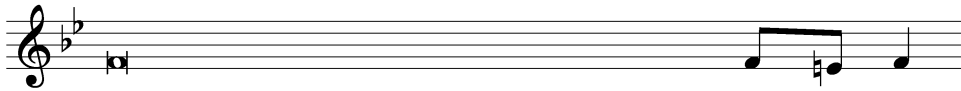
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- 1 We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord;
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of heav'n - ly hosts,
3 The white-robed army of martyrs praise — you.



- 1 all creation worships you, Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing.
2 heaven and earth are full — of your glo - ry.
3 Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



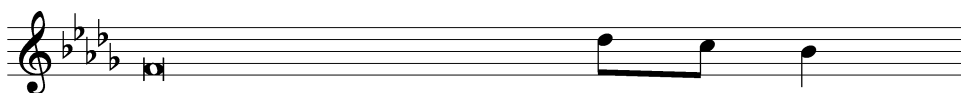
- 1 To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,
2 The glorious company of apostles praise — you.
3 Father of majesty unbounded; your glorious, true, and on - ly Son;



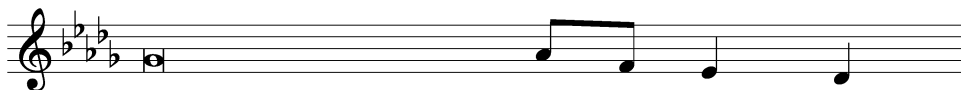
- 1 cherubim and seraphim, sing in end - less praise:
2 The noble fellowship of proph - ets praise — you.
3 and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide.



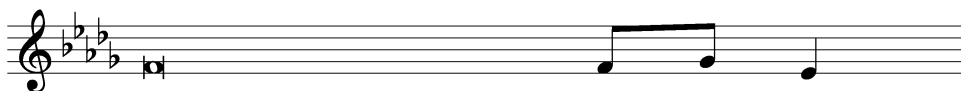
- 4 You, Christ, are the King of glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther.



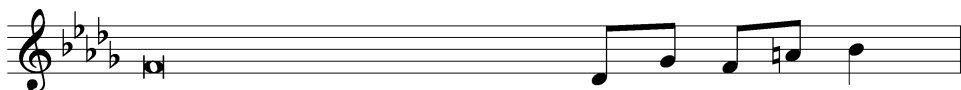
5 When you became man to set us free,
6 You sit at the right hand of God



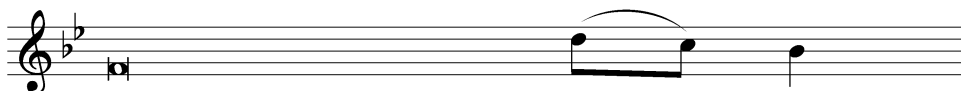
5 you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



5 You overcame the sting of death
6 We believe that you will come



5 and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
6 to be our judge.



7 Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple,



7 bought with the price of your own blood,



7 and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

Be seated

Offering

*May be left in the offering box in the
entryway or given online*



Stand

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 213

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful and an-swer me.

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Prayers of intercession, and seasonal prayers may follow, concluding with the following morning prayer and Lord's prayer:

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 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.



Let us praise the Lord.



Thanks be to God.



The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



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



A - men.

Closing Hymn

638 The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace



1 The gos - pel shows the Fa - ther's grace, who sent his
2 It sets the Lamb be - fore our eyes, who made th' a -
3 It brings the Sav - ior's right - eous - ness to robe our
4 It is the pow'r of God to save from sin and



Son to save our race, pro - claims how Je - sus
ton - ing sac - ri - fice and calls the souls with
souls in roy - al dress; from all our guilt it
Sa - tan and the grave; it works the faith which



lived and died that we might thus be jus - ti - fied.
guilt op - pressed to come and find e - ter - nal rest.
brings re - lease and gives the trou - bled con - science peace.
firm - ly clings to all the trea - sures which it brings.

- 5 It bears to all the tidings glad
and bids their hearts no more be sad;
the weary, burdened souls it cheers
and banishes their guilty fears.
- 6 May we in faith its message learn
nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;
may we in faith its truth confess
and praise the Lord, our righteousness.

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