

ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING HYMN

Lord God, to You We All Give Praise | 196 (v 1-5)

PLEASE STAND

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O LORD, OUR LORD

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) in the second, third, and fourth staves. The piece concludes with a double bar line and a final chord.

O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,

you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;

you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the

King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,

how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals. Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your direction they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

PLEASE BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

2 Kings 18:17-20 32b-35; 19:1-4, 20, 32-36

ADULT CHOIR

Stars of the morning, so gloriously bright,
Angels in heaven, resplendent in light,
These, where no darkness the glory can dim,
Praise the Thrice Holy One,
Serving but Him.

Then, when the earth was
First poised in midspace,
Then, when the planets first sped on their race,
Then, when were ended the six days' employ,
Then all the sons of God shouted for joy.

Stars of the Morning, So Gloriously Bright

These are Your ministers, these are Your own,
Lord God of Sabaoth, nearest Your throne;
These are Your messengers,
These whom You send,
Helping Your helpless ones,
Helper and Friend.

Still let them aid us and still let them fight,
Lord of angelic hosts, battling for right,
Till, where their anthems
They ceaselessly pour,
We with the angels may bow and adore.

SECOND LESSON

Acts 12:17-24

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. At the name of Jesus every knee should bow

And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Alleluia. (*Php 2:10,11*)

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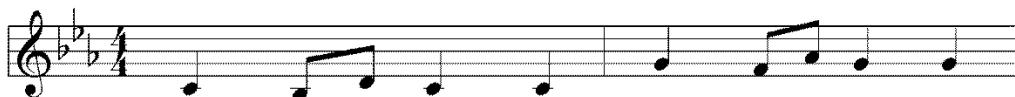
GOSPEL

Matthew 26:50b-54



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

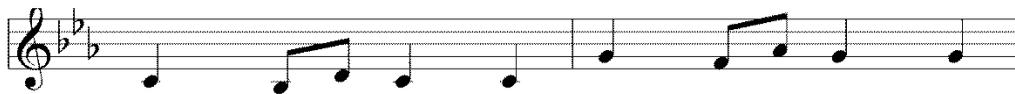
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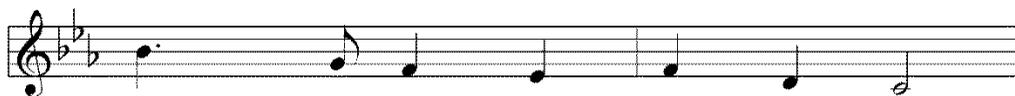
1 Christ, the Lord of hosts, un - shak - en
 2 Mi - chael fought the heav'n - ly bat - tle,
 3 Long on earth the bat - tle rag - es,
 4 Je - sus came, this word ful - fill - ing,
 5 Swift as light - ning falls the ty - rant
 6 Je - sus, send your an - gel le - gions



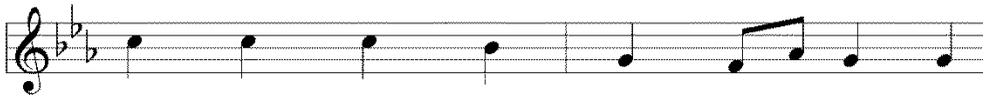
By the dev - il's seeth - ing rage,
 God - ly an - gels by his side;
 Since the ser - pent's first de - ceit
 Tram - pled Sa - tan, death de - fied;
 From his heav'n - ly perch on high,
 When the foe would us en - slave.



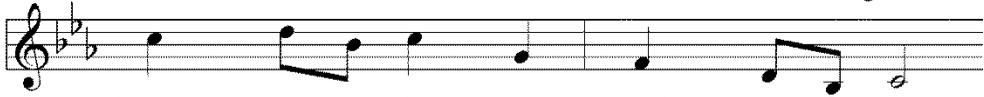
Thwarts the plan of Sa - tan's min - ions;
 Warred a - gainst the an - cient ser - pent,
 Twist - ed God's com - mand to Ad - am,
 Bore the brunt of our temp - ta - tion,
 As the word of Je - sus' vic - t'ry
 Hold us fast when sin as - saults us;



Wins the strife from age to age;
 Foiled the beast, so full of pride,
 Made for - bid - den fruit look sweet.
 On the wretch - ed tree he died.
 Floods the earth and fills the sky.
 Come then, Lord, your peo - ple save.



Con - quers sin and death for - ev - er;
Cast him earth - bound with his an - gels;
Then the curse of God was spok - en;
Yet to life was raised vic - to - rious;
Wound - ed by a wound e - ter - nal
O - ver - throw at last the drag - on;



Slams them in their steel - y cage.
Now he prowls, un - sat - is - fied.
"You'll lie crushed be - neath his feet!"
By his life our life sup - plied.
Now his judg - ment has drawn nigh!
Send him to his fier - y grave.

SERMON

Matthew 26:50b-54

When the Angels did nothing

PLEASE STAND

CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

**I believe that God created me and all that exists,
and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members,
my mind and all my abilities.**

**And I believe that God still preserves me
by richly and daily providing
clothing and shoes,
food and drink,
property and home,
spouse and children,
land, cattle, and all I own,
and all I need to keep my body and life.**

**God also preserves me by defending me against all danger,
guarding and protecting me from all evil.**

**All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven,
and not because I have earned or deserved it.**

**For all this I ought to thank and praise,
to serve and obey him.**

This is most certainly true.

PLEASE BE SEATED

OFFERING

Peace members have committed themselves to supporting this ministry with their gifts and offerings. Our guests are not expected to participate. We do ask that you please fill out a Connection Card from the pew in front of you and drop it in the offering plate. Thank you!

PLEASE STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Heavenly Father, how great is your love to us in Christ Jesus. For the sake of his sacrifice on the cross, you have forgiven all our sins and assured us that we are your dearly loved children now and forever. For your mercy, Lord...

Accept our humble thanks.

Because we are heirs of salvation, you have sent your holy angels, the mighty princes of heaven, to serve us. When we feel weak, lonely or helpless, comfort us with the knowledge that your powerful angels surround us. When we are concerned about the welfare of our children and our fellow believers, send your guardian angels to keep watch over them. Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

On various occasions you sent your archangel Michael to accomplish your purposes. As Michael once fought against the devil and his angels in heaven, assure us that your angels are still thwarting the powers of evil around us. Let your Son, Jesus, be Prince and Master in our homes, and empower your angels to chase out every demon from our lives along with their harmful deeds and influences. As you sent Michael to carry out your will for the nations of the ancient world, please continue to send your holy angels to guard and protect your institutions of government and family in our own nation. Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

You once sent Michael to protect the body of your servant Moses. When the time comes for our departure from this life, send your holy angels to accompany our souls to heaven. When your Son Jesus returns visibly on the clouds of heaven with all his holy angels and raises up our bodies from our graves, your angels will gather up all the elect from every corner of the earth and bring them to your heavenly presence. Encourage and comfort us with this glorious picture and make us confident that no matter what happens to our bodies here on earth you will not lose one of your believers. Lord in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

Special prayers

Heavenly Father, these and all other needs we place before you in the name of your Son Jesus Christ who also taught us to pray...

**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.**

PLEASE BE SEATED

THE BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ said, *See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven. (Matthew 18:10-11).* Mindful of our Father's care for the young, we offer prayer on behalf of the youngest members of our congregation on Saint Michael and All Angels Day.

Let us pray:

Father in heaven, bless parents, grandparents and godparents, that they may cherish the children entrusted to them. Make them wise and understanding. Enable their children to grow in grace and the knowledge of You. Surround their families with the light of Your truth and the warmth of Your love: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Parents, grandparents and sponsors are invited now to bring their children forward for the blessing.

PARENTS, GODPARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, ETC. MAY BRING THEIR CHILDREN FORWARD, FAMILY BY FAMILY, SIMILAR TO THE WAY WE PROCEED FOR HOLY COMMUNION. PLEASE WAIT FOR THE USHERS.

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT CHILDREN 6TH GRADE AND UNDER MAY BE BROUGHT FORWARD.

BLESSING HYMNS

I walk in Danger All the Way | **431**

Children of the Heavenly Father | **449**

THE PASTOR WILL BLESS EACH CHILD SAYING...

The Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, strengthen in you the gift of the Holy Spirit and bring you to everlasting life.

PLEASE STAND WHEN PRESIDERS INDICATES

CLOSING PRAYER

Let us pray... Almighty God, look with favor upon these children; grant that, being nourished with all goodness, they may grow in faith and life until they come to the blessed goal of heaven through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.



C: A - men.

BLESSING

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

Lord God, to You We All Give Praise | 196 (vs. 6)

O Lord, awaken songs of praise For angel hosts that guard our days;
Teach us to serve you and adore As angels do forevermore.

