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Prelude

Wenn wir in höchsten Noten sein, BWV 641 - J.C. Bach

Ben Gessner

This prelude is based on a German chorale that is especially appropriate for Lent and the times in which we find ourselves during the pandemic.

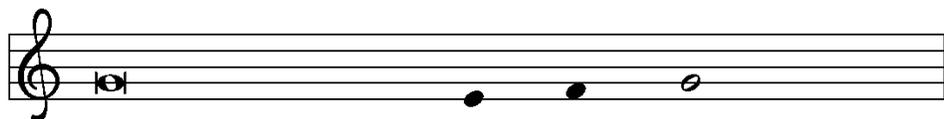
*"Whenever we are in deepest need,
and do not know which way to turn,
and find neither help nor counsel,
whether we try early or late;
then this alone is our comfort,
that we together
can call on You, O true God,
for rescue from fear and want."*

Opening Dialogue

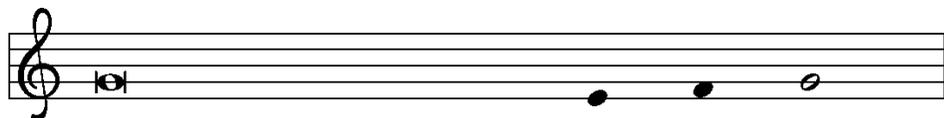
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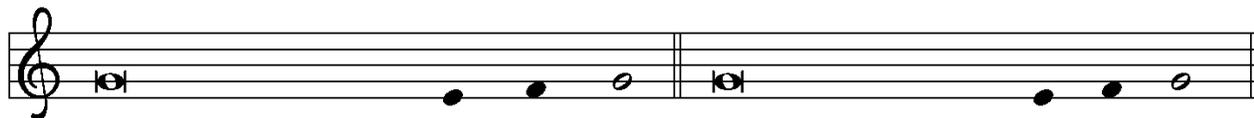
Behold, now is the accept - a - ble time; **now is the day of sal - vation.**



Turn us again, O God of our sal - vation,



that the light of your face may shine on us.



May your justice shine like the sun; **and may the poor be lift - ed up.**

Thanksgiving for Light

The assembly sings the parts in bold.

The Lord be with you. **And** al - so with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you called light in - to being,

and you set lights in the sky to govern night and day.

In a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night

you led your peo - ple in - to freedom.

Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ; may your Word be

a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are mer - ci - ful,

and you love your whole cre - a - tion, and with all your crea - tures we give you glory,

through your Son Je - sus Christ, in the unity of the Ho - ly Spirit,

now and for - ev - er. **A - men.**

Psalmody

The cantor sings through the refrain and the assembly repeats the refrain.

Refrain—All

Let my prayer a - rise be - fore you,
a - rise be - fore you like in - cense.

Leader or All

1 O LORD, I call to you; come to me quickly;
2 Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
3 Set a watch before my mouth, O LORD,
4 Let not my heart incline to any e - vil thing;
5 But my eyes are turned to you, LORD GOD;

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- 1 hear my voice when I cry to you.
2 the lifting up of my hands as the evening sac - ri - fice. *Refrain*
3 and guard the door of my lips.
4 let me not be occupied in wickedness with e - vil - doers.
5 in you I take refuge; strip me not of my life. *Refrain*

Psalm 143

The assembly reads in unison

- 1 O God, hear my prayer,
and in your faithfulness heed my supplications; *
answer me in your righteousness.
- 2 Enter not into judgment with your servant, *
for in your sight shall no one living be justified.
- 3 For my enemy has sought my life, has crushed me to the ground, *
and has made me live in dark places like those who are long dead.
- 4 My spirit faints within me; *
my heart within me is desolate.
- 5 I remember the time past;
I muse upon all your deeds; *
I consider the works of your hands.
- 6 I spread out my hands to you; *
my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land.
- 7 O God, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me; *
do not hide your face from me
or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.
- 8 Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning,
for I put my trust in you; *
show me the road that I must walk,
for I lift up my soul to you.
- 9 Deliver me from my enemies, O God, *
for I flee to you for refuge.
- 10 Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God; *
let your good Spirit lead me on level ground.
- 11 Revive me, O God, for your Name's sake; *
for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble.
- 12 Of your goodness, destroy my enemies and bring all my foes to naught, *
for truly I am your servant.

The Reading

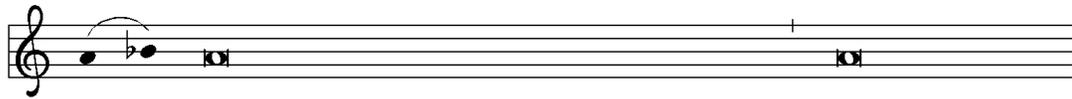
A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

Matthew 22:23-33

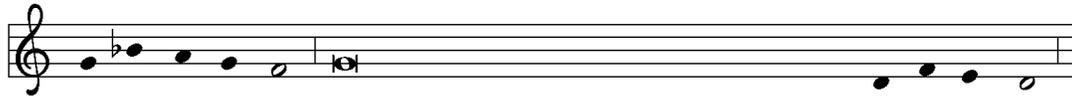
The same day some Sadducees came to him, saying there is no resurrection; and they asked him a question, saying, ‘Teacher, Moses said, “If a man dies childless, his brother shall marry the widow, and raise up children for his brother.” Now there were seven brothers among us; the first married, and died childless, leaving the widow to his brother. The second did the same, so also the third, down to the seventh. Last of all, the woman herself died. In the resurrection, then, whose wife of the seven will she be? For all of them had married her.’

Jesus answered them, ‘You are wrong, because you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. And as for the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was said to you by God, “I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob”? He is God not of the dead, but of the living.’ And when the crowd heard it, they were astounded at his teaching.

The Gospel Canticle



My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices



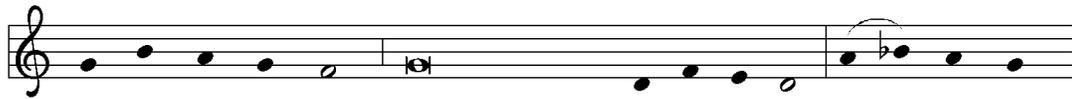
in God my Sav-ior, for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your low-ly ser-vant.



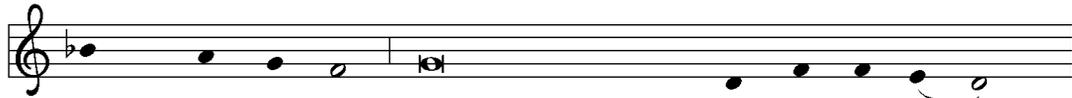
From this day all generations will call me bless-ed: you, the Almighty,



have done great things for me, and ho-ly is your name. You have mercy



on those who fear you, from generation to gen-er-a-tion. You have shown



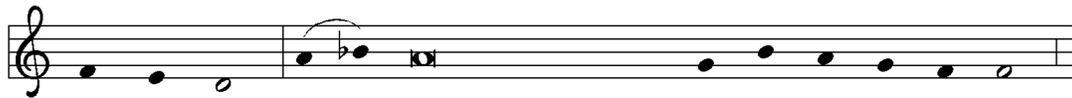
strength with your arm and scattered the proud in their con-keit,



cast-ing down the might-y from their thrones and lift-ing up the low-ly.



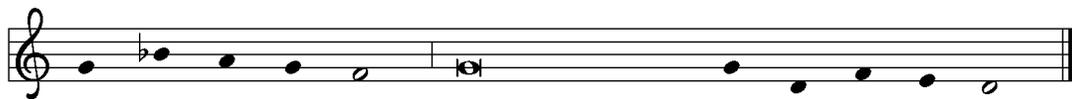
You have filled the hun-gry with good things and sent the rich a-



way emp-ty. You have come to the aid of your ser-vant Is-ra-el,



to remember the prom-ise of mer-cy, the promise



made to our fore-bears, to Abraham and his chil-dren for-ev-er.

Prayers

The assembly sings the portion in bold

The musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics 'In peace, let us pray to the Lord.' are written below the first two measures. The second staff is also a treble clef with the same key signature. The lyrics 'Lord, have mercy.' are written below the first two measures. The third staff is a bass clef with the same key signature. The lyrics 'Lord, have mercy.' are written below the first two measures. The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a focus on the lyrics.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us | pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us | pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us | pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the health of the creation, for abundant harvests that all may share,
and for peaceful times, let us | pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For public servants, the government, and those who protect us;
for those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection
in this and every place, let us | pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel, for those who are sick and suffering,
and for those who are in captivity, let us | pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need,
let us | pray to the Lord.

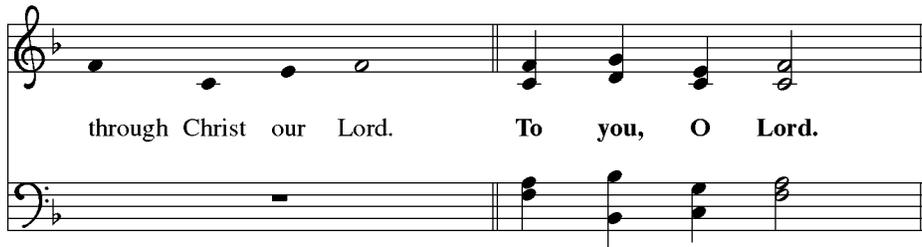
Lord, have mercy.

For all servants of the church, for this assembly,
and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy,
let us | pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Giving thanks for all who have gone before us and are at rest, rejoicing in the communion of all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to you...

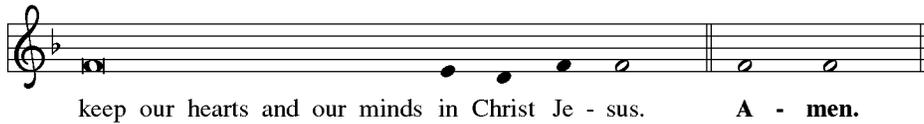
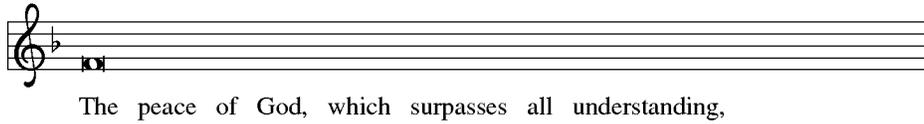
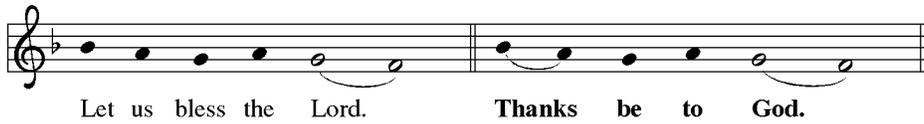


O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Presider Gathered into one by the Spirit, let us pray as Christ taught us saying:

In unison

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.



A note about the prayers and psalms

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