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Prelude

Wenn wir in höchsten Noten sein, BWV 641 – Gael Liardon

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.

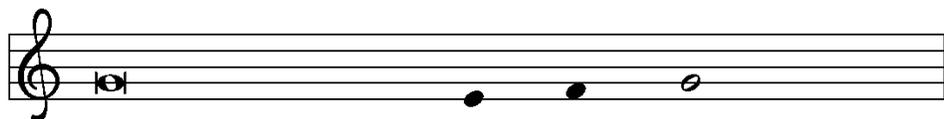
*"Whenever we are in deepest need,
and do not know which way to turn,
and find neither help nor counsel,
whether we try early or late;
then this alone is our comfort,
that we together
can call on You, O true God,
for rescue from fear and want."*

Opening Dialogue

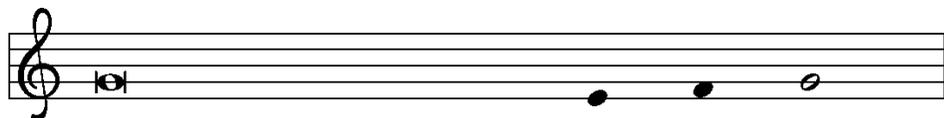
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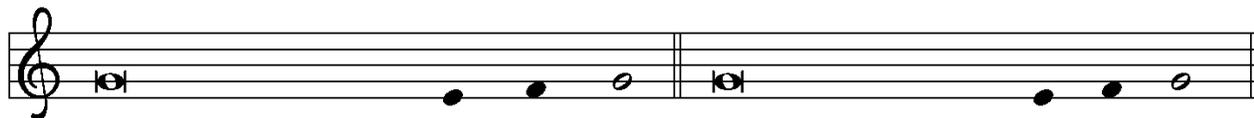
Behold, now is the accept - a - ble time; **now is the day of sal - vation.**



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.**

Psalm 70

The assembly reads in unison

- 1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O God, make haste to help me.
- 2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.
- 3 Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me turn back, *
because they are ashamed.
- 4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
“Great is the Holy One!”
- 5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.
- 6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O God, do not tarry.

The Reading

A Reading from the Gospel according to John

John 13:21-32

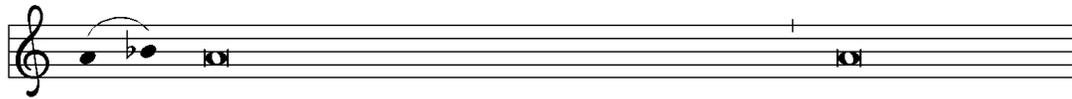
After saying this Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, ‘Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me.’ The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. One of his disciples—the one whom Jesus loved—was reclining next to him; Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, ‘Lord, who is it?’ Jesus answered, ‘It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.’ So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, ‘Do quickly what you are going to do.’ Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, ‘Buy what we need for the festival’; or, that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, ‘Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

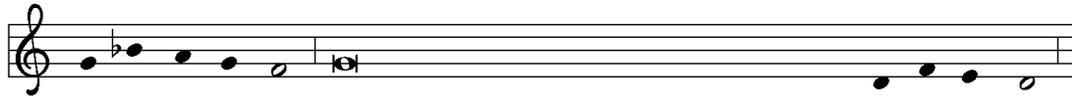
The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Gospel Canticle



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



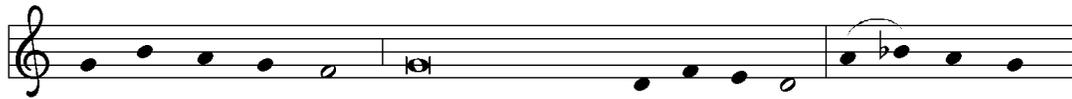
in God my Sav-ior, for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your low-ly ser-vant.



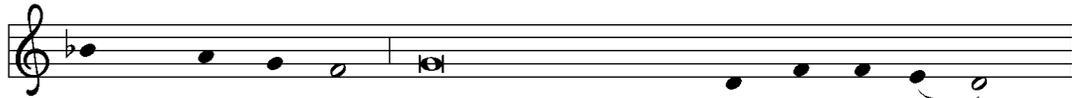
From this day all generations will call me bless-ed: you, the Almighty,



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



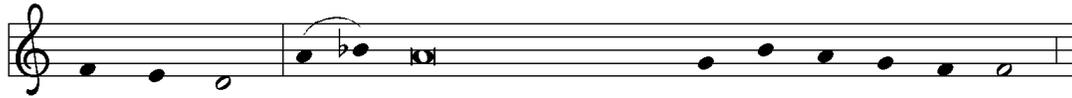
strength with your arm and scattered the proud in their con-keit,



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



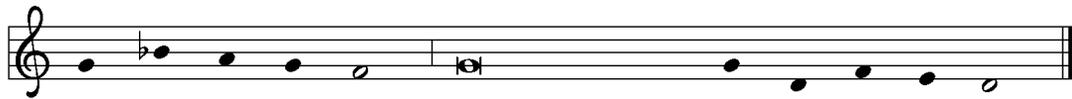
You have filled the hun-gry with good things and sent the rich a-



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 notes. The middle staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one flat, and the lyrics 'Lord, have mercy.' are written below the notes. The bottom staff is a bass clef with a key signature of one flat, and the lyrics 'Lord, have mercy.' are written below the notes. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

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.

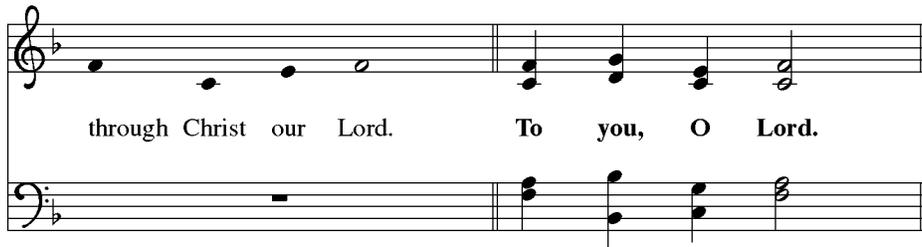
Lord, have mercy.

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...

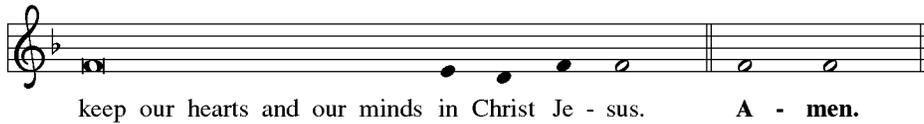
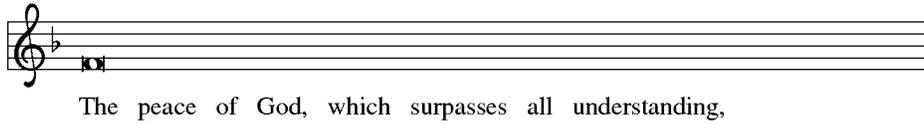
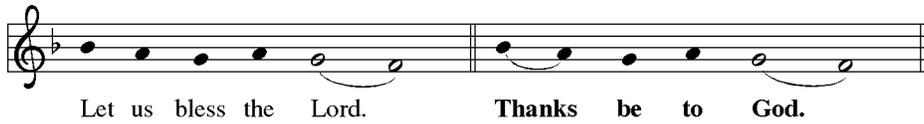


O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.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