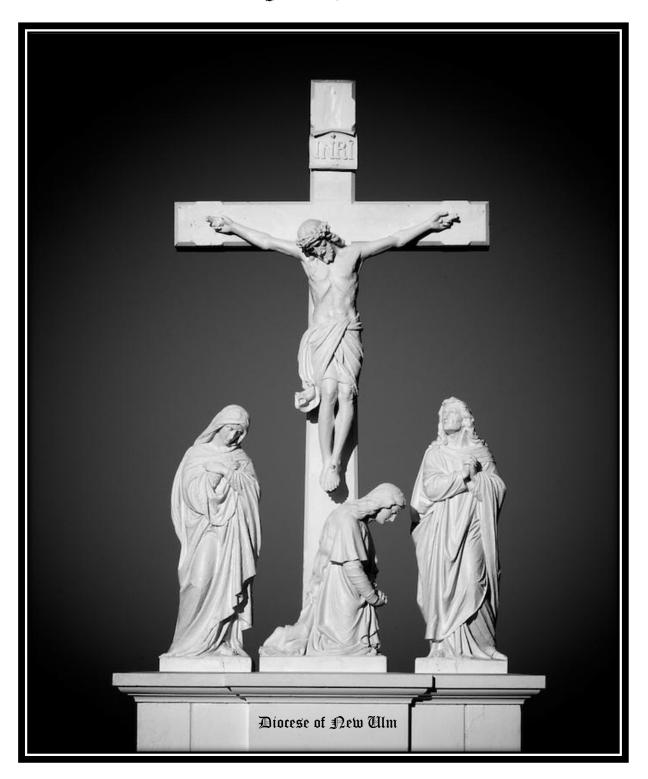
Order of Christian Funerals

Funeral Mass



Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

A Prayer for the Deceased

Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD; Lord, hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the sound of my pleadings.

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who can stand? But with you is found forgiveness that you may be revered.

I long for you, O LORD, my soul longs for his word. My soul hopes in the LORD more than watchmen for daybreak.

More than watchmen for daybreak, let Israel hope for the LORD. For with the LORD there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities. Amen.

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At Mass

Rite at the Entrance of the Church

All stand

Priest: The Lord be with you. All: And with your spirit.

The Priest greets the mourners at the entrance of the Church. The coffin is sprinkled with holy water, and the funeral pall is placed on the casket. The procession then moves into the Church accompanied by the following sung prayer:

INTROIT

Ps. 64:2-5



John M. Ignatowski based on the Gregorian Introit, Requiem aeternam

Or the Choir may sing:

Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine: et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Ps. Te decet hymnus, Deus, in Sion; et tibi reddetur votum in Ierusalem.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.

Ps. It is fitting, O God, to sing a hymn to you

Ps. It is fitting, O God, to sing a hymn to you on Mount Zion; and our vows shall be carried out for you in Jerusalem.

OPENING PRAYER - Priest: ... one God, forever and ever. All: Amen.



Liturgy of the Word

All are seated

Appropriate readings are chosen by the family members of the deceased or by the priest himself.

FIRST READING - Reader: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - One of the following responses is sung by a cantor and then all.

Psalm 23
Psalm 25
Psalm 27
Psalm 42
Psalm 63
Psalm 103
Psalm 116
Psalm 122
Psalm 130
Psalm 143

SECOND READING - Reader: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE - Dies irae (Optionally sung by choir)

ALLELUIA - All stand

GOSPEL - V./ The Lord be with you. All: And with your spirit.

V./ A reading from the holy Gospel according to N. All: Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the Gospel:

V./ The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All are seated

HOMILY

Liturgy of the Eucharist

OFFERTORY - A hymn may be sung from pages 11 - 33.

The choir may sing:

Domine Iesu Christe, Rex gloriae, libera animas omnium fidelium defunctorum de poenis inferni, et de profundo lacu: libera eas de ore leonis, ne absorbeat eas tartarus, ne cadant in obscurum: sed signifer sanctus Michael repraesentet eas in lucem sanctam: Quam olim Abrahae promisisti, et semini eius.

Deliver Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory, deliver the souls of all the departed faithful from the sufferings of hell and from the deep pit; deliver them from the mouth of the lion, may they not be swallowed up by hell, may they not fall into darkness; but may Saint Michael, the standardbearer, present them in holy light, as you promised long ago to Abraham and his descendants.

INVITATION TO PRAYER - All stand

Priest: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Almighty Father. All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all His holy Church.

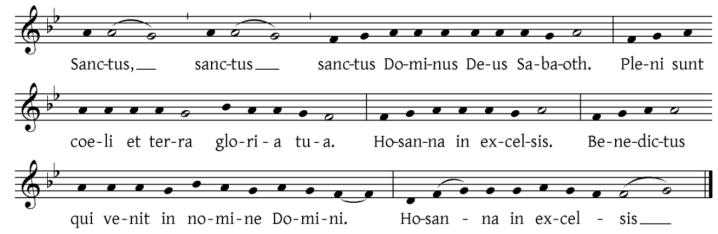
PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS - V./ ... through Christ our Lord. All: Amen

PREFACE - V./ The Lord be with you. All: And with your spirit.

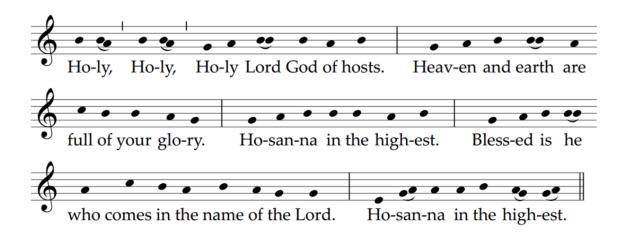
V./ Lift up your hearts. All: We lift them up to the Lord.

V./ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. All: It is right and just.

All sing:



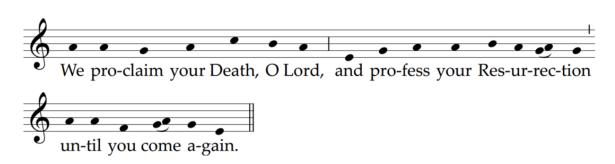
Or:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER - All kneel

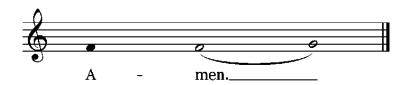
Priest: The Mystery of faith

All:



Priest: Through Him and with Him and in Him, O God Almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, forever and ever.

All:



OUR FATHER - All stand

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, ... as we await the joyful hope, and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. All: For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, ... where you live, forever and ever. All: Amen Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always. All: And with your spirit.

SIGN OF PEACE - A sign of Christ's peace is offered to those nearest you.

GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

For Catholics

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and should fast for at least one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior Sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

For our fellow Christians

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (Jn 17:21). Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 § 4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 § 3).

For those not receiving Holy Communion

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another, and to pray for Christian unity.

For non-Christians

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

AGNUS DEI

All sing:



Or:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION - All kneel

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God; behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION

The choir may sing:

Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine, cum sanctis tuis in aeternum, quia pius es.

May eternal light shine upon them, O Lord, in the company of your saints for eternity, for you are full of goodness.

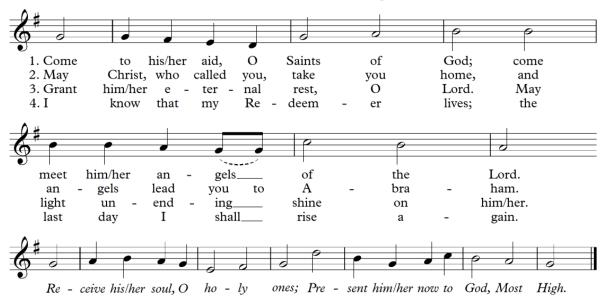
A hymn may be sung from pages 9 - 31.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION - All stand

Priest: ... through Christ our Lord. All: Amen.

The ministers go to a place near the coffin. After a time for silent prayer, the body of the deceased is honored with incense. Meanwhile, the following hymn is sung:

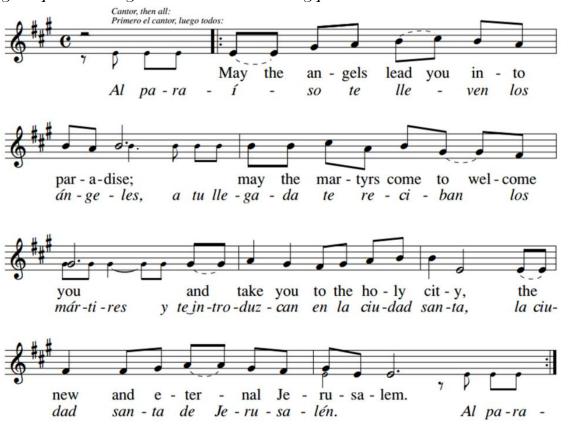
Final Commendation / Song of Farewell



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PRAYER OF COMMENDATION: Priest - ... we ask this through Christ our Lord. All: Amen. PROCESSION TO THE PLACE OF COMMITTAL

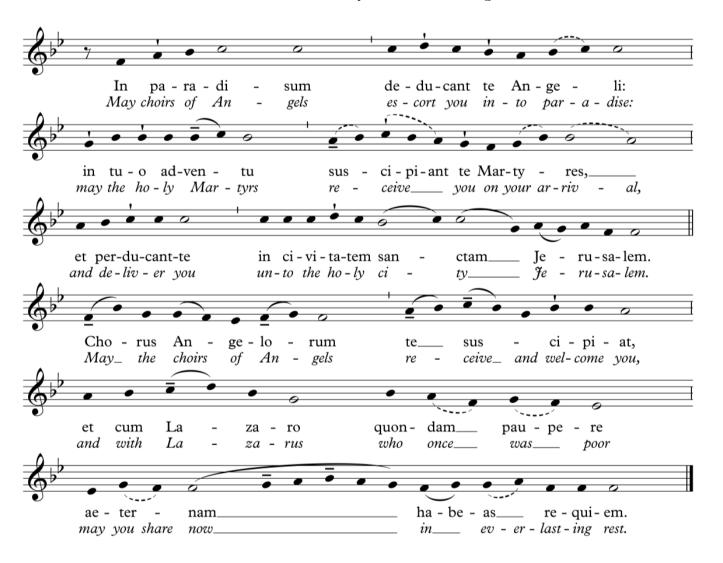
The following antiphon is sung while the coffin is being processed out of the Church:



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The cantor or choir may also sing:

In Paradisum/May choirs of Angels



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Hymns for Offertory and Communion



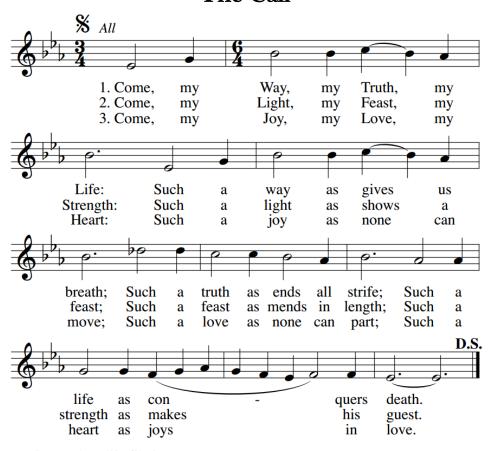
Be Thou My Vision



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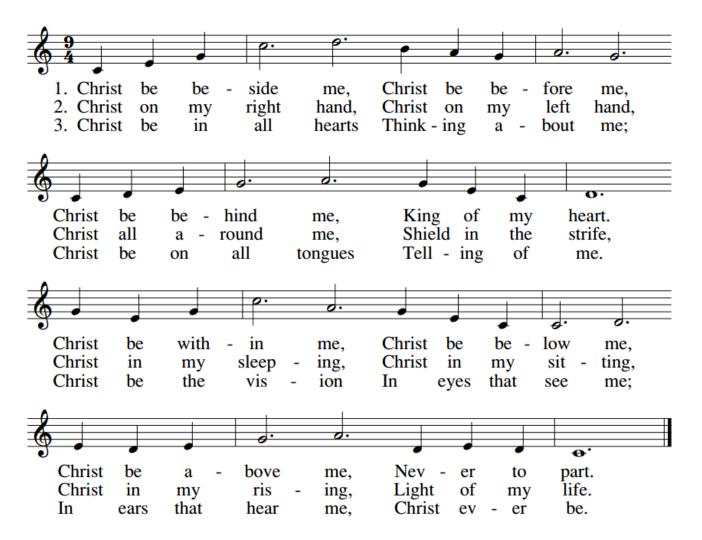
SLANE 10.10.10.10.

The Call



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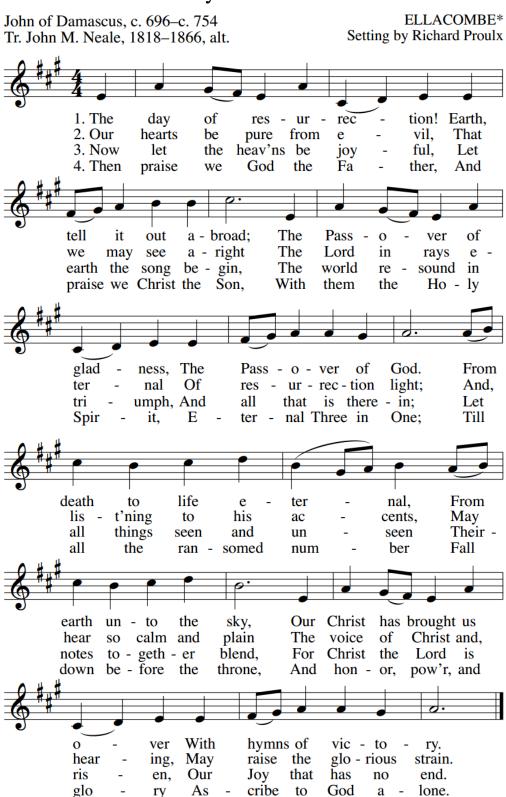
Christ Be Beside Me



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Tune: BUNESSAN, 5 5 5 4 D; Gaelic; acc. by Robert J. Batastini, b.194

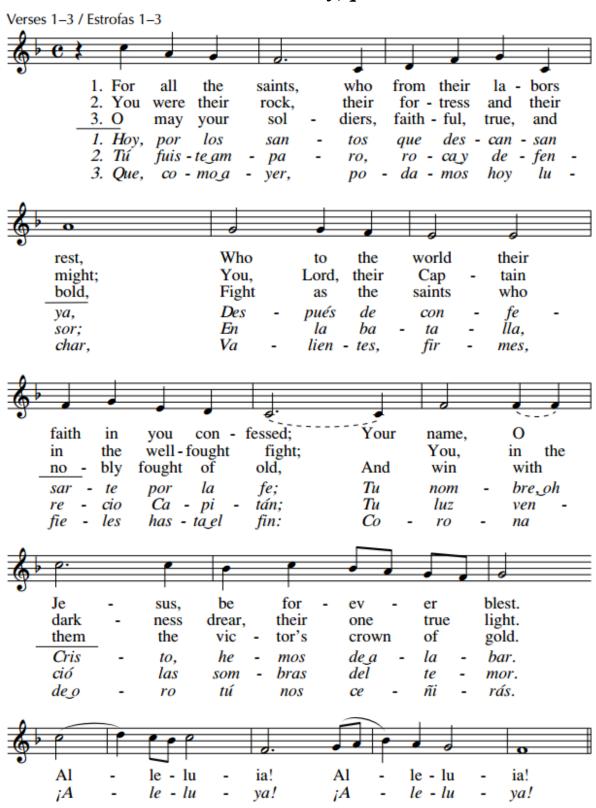
The Day of Resurrection



^{*} Gesangbuch der Herzogl, Wittemberg, 1784

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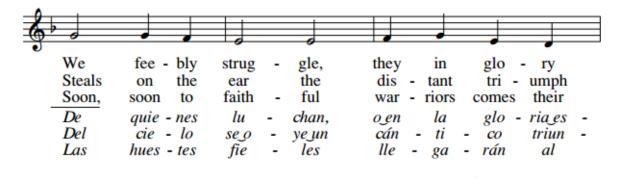
For All the Saints / Hoy, por los Santos

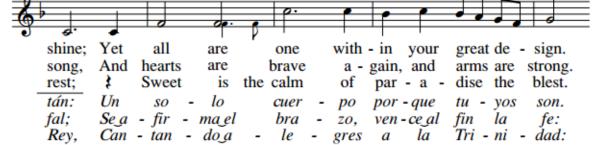


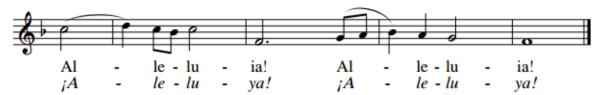




- 4. O blest com mun ion, fel low ship di vine!
- 5. And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long,
- 6. The gold en eve ning bright ens in the west;
- 4. Oh ben de ci day san ta co mu nión
- 5. Y cuan-do ru da la ba-ta-lla es,
- 6. La au-ro ra e ter na ya des pun ta rá:







Verses 7, 8

But then there breaks a yet more glorious day;
 The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
 The King of glory passes on his way.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

8. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.; tr. by Federico J. Pagura, b.1923, © 1962 Tune: SINE NOMINE, 10 10 10 with alleluias; Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

I am the Resurrection

THAXED



"I___ the Res - ur - rec - tion," He am said, "the Life know my sav - ing God lives, the Lord of my new of us are liv - ing who For have our life none a -



I." And who in Him have kept faith, not one of them shall birth, I know that on the last day He'll stand up - on the lone, and from our birth to dy - ing our lives are not our



die. For all who trust our Sav - ior, who call up - on the Earth. And I shall be a - wak - ened and __ from the grave a -For if we tru - ly have life we are liv - ing in the own.



Lord, all they who live for Je-sus shall find a sure re-ward. rise, and I shall see my Sav-ior, my friend, with my own eyes. Lord, and if we die in Je-sus, we find our sure re-ward.

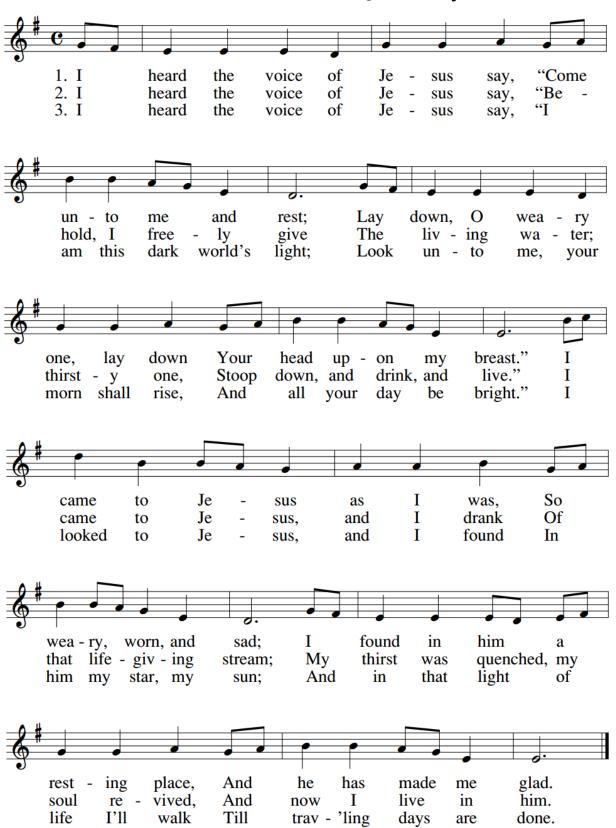


O God, in joy and sor - row, we sing our thanks and praise, to



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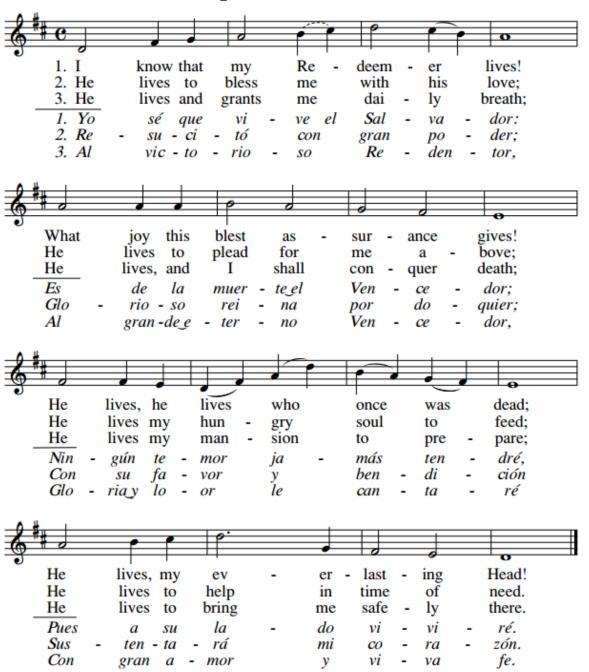
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889

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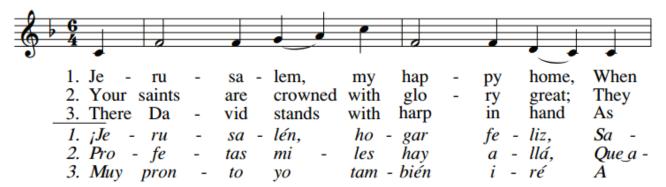
I Know that my Redeemer Lives! / Yo sé que Vive el Salvador



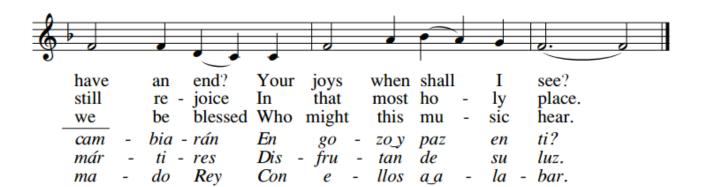
- 4. He lives, all glory to his name; He lives, my Savior, still the same; What joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!
- 4. Con mi Jesús seguro estoy, Pues por su gracia salvo soy; ¡Mi vida entrego con amor Al fiel servicio del Señor!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–1799; tr. by Leopoldo Gros, b.1925, © 1991, Concordia Publishing House, d/b/a Editorial Concordia Tune: DUKE STREET, LM; John Hatton, c.1710–1793

Jerusalem, My Happy Home / Jerusalén, Hogar Feliz



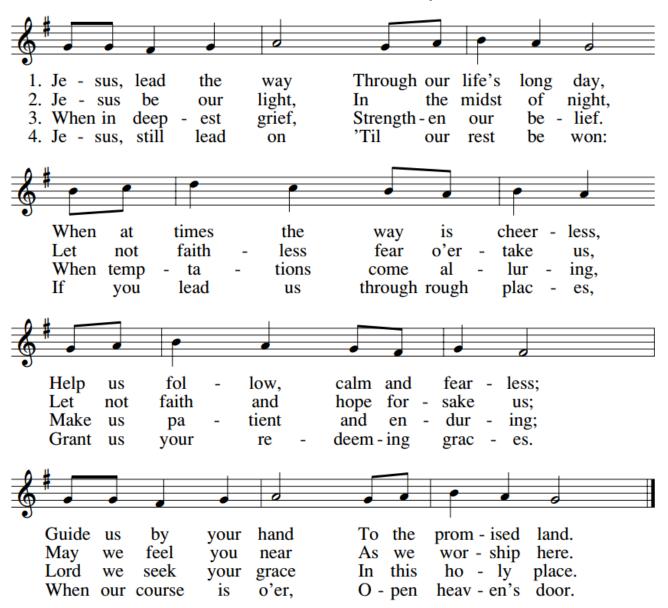




- Jerusalem, Jerusalem,
 God grant that I may see
 Your endless joy, and of the same
 Partaker ever be!
- 4. ¡Jerusalén, hogar feliz, Morada para mí! Mis penas todas cambiarán En gozo y paz en ti.

Text: F. B. P., 16th C., alt.; tr. by James Pascoe Tune: LAND OF REST, CM; American melody; harm. by Annabel M. Buchanan, 1888–1983

Jesus, Lead the Way



Text: Jesu, geh voran; Nicholas L. von Zinzendorf, 1700-1760; tr. by Jane Borthwick, 1813-1897, alt. Tune: ROCHELLE, 55 88 55; Adam Drese, 1620-1701; harm. alt.

Keep in Mind

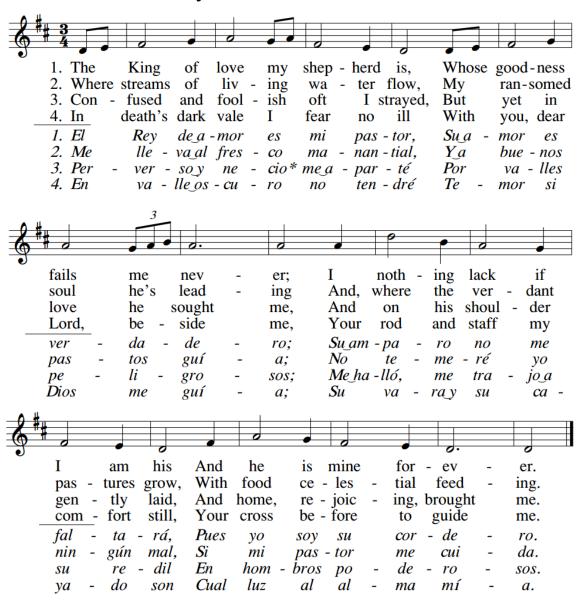
Keep in Mind that Jesus Christ has died for us and is risen from the dead. He is our saving Lord. He is joy for all ages!

Verses

- 1. If we die with the Lord, we shall live with the Lord.
- 2. If we endure with the Lord, we shall reign with the Lord.
- 3. In Christ all our sorrow, in Christ all our joy.
- 4. In him hope of glory, in him all our love.
- 5. In Christ our redemption, in Christ all our grace.
- 6. In him our salvation, in him all our peace.

Text: Fr. Lucien Deiss, WLP, 1965.

The King of Love My Shepherd Is / El Rey de Amor es mi Pastor



^{*}Perversa y necia

- 5. You spread a table in my sight, Your saving grace bestowing; And, oh, what transport of delight From your pure chalice flowing!
- 6. And so, through all the length of days Your goodness fails me never; Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise Within your house forever.
- Ha puesto mesa para mí, Ungióme con aceite, Mi copa rebosando está; Su amor es mi deleite.
- Misericordia, gracia y paz Tú das al alma mía, Y en tus mansiones moraré, Señor, por largos días.

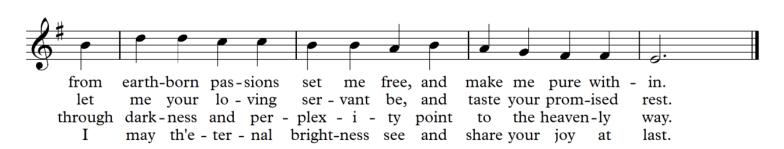
Lord Jesus Christ, O Glorious King



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Lord Jesus, Think on Me

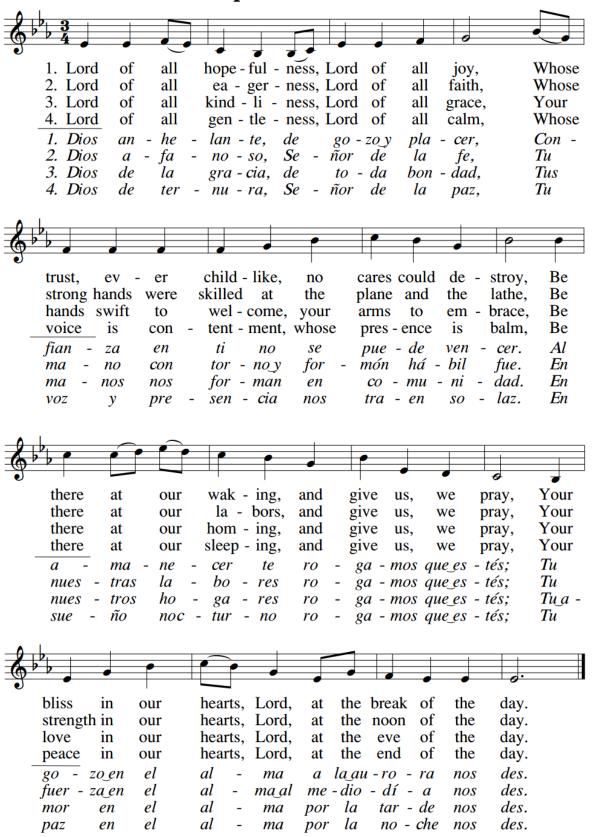




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Lord of All Hopefulness / Dios Anhelante



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Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



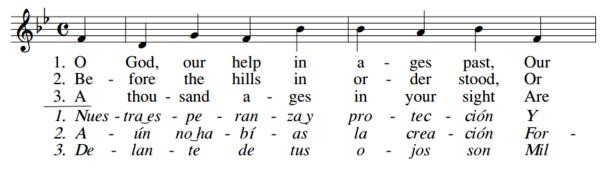
My Shepherd will Supply my Need



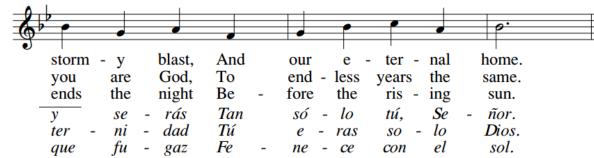
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O God, Our Help in Ages Past /

Nuestra Esperanza y Protección



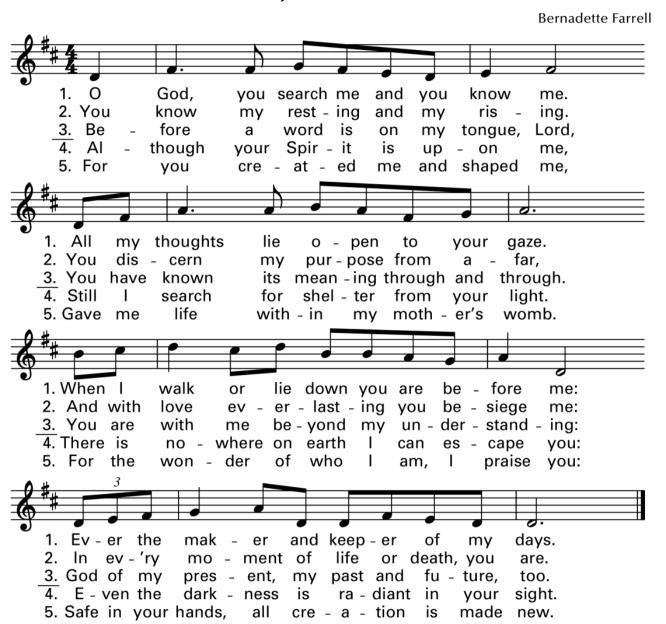




- 4. Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Bears all our years away; They fly forgotten, as a dream Dies at the op'ning day.
- O God, our help in ages past,
 Our hope for years to come,
 Still be our guard while troubles last,
 And our eternal home.
- El tiempo corre arrollador Como impetuoso mar;
 Y así, cual sueño ves pasar Cada generación.
- Nuestra esperanza y protección Y nuestro eterno hogar, En la tormenta o en la paz, Sé siempre tú, Señor.

Text: Psalm 90; Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.; tr. by Federico J. Pagura, b.1923, © 1962 Tune: ST. ANNE, CM; attr. to William Croft, 1678–1727; harm. composite from 18th C. versions

O God, You Search Me



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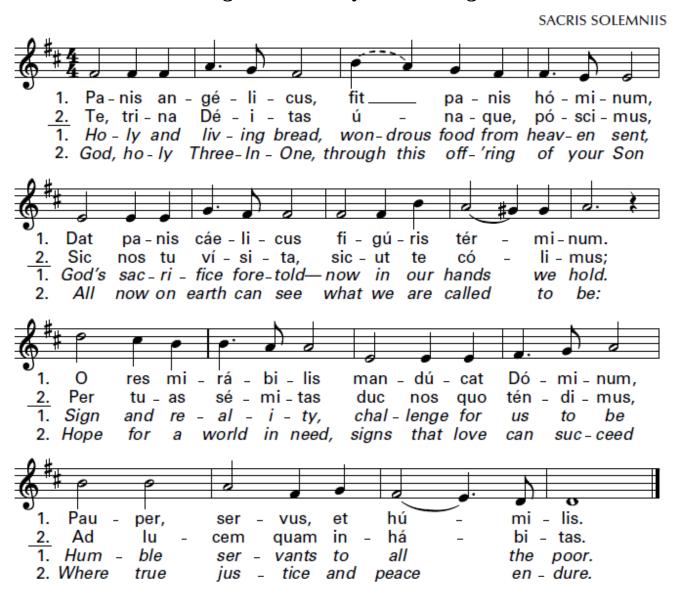
On this Day, O Beautiful Mother



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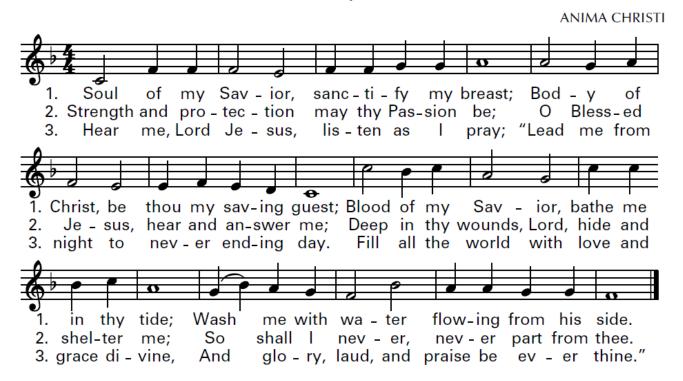
Tune: BEAUTIFUL MOTHER, 77 77 with refrain; Louis Lambillotte, 1796-1855

Panis Angelicus / Holy and Living Bread



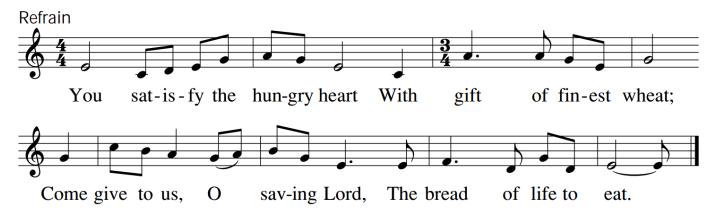
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Soul of My Savior



Text: 10 10 10 10; attr. to Pope John XXII, 1249–1334; tr. by Edward Caswall, 1814–1878, alt. Music: W.J. Maher, 1823–1877.

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart / Gift of Finest Wheat



Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916-1998 Tune: BICENTENNIAL, CM, with refrain; Robert E. Kreutz, 1922-1996 © 1977, Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Verses

- 1. As when the Shepherd calls his sheep they know and heed his voice; so when you call your fam'ly, Lord, we follow and rejoice.
- 2. With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude, that you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heav'nly food.
- 3. Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ outpoured? Do not one cup, one loaf, declare our oneness in the Lord?
- 4. The myst'ry of your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell: Whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell.
- 5. You give yourself to us, O Lord; Then selfless let us be, to serve each other in your name in truth and charity.

Thanksgiving after Mass

Prayer of Saint Thomas Aquinas

I give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, who have been pleased to nourish me, a sinner and your unworthy servant, with the precious Body and Blood of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ: this through no merits of mine, but due solely to the graciousness of your mercy.

And I pray that this Holy Communion may not be for me an offense to be punished, but a saving plea for forgiveness. May it be for me the armor of faith, and the shield of good will. May it cancel my faults, destroy concupiscence and carnal passion, increase charity and patience, humility and obedience and all the virtues, may it be a firm defense against the snares of all my enemies, both visible and invisible, the complete calming of my impulses, both of the flesh and of the spirit, a firm adherence to you, the one true God, and the joyful completion of my life's course.

And I beseech you to lead me, a sinner, to that banquet beyond all telling, where with your Son and the Holy Spirit you are the true light of your Saints, fullness of satisfied desire, eternal gladness, consummate delight and perfect happiness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary

O Mary, Virgin and Mother most holy, behold, I have received your most dear Son, whom you conceived in your immaculate womb, brought forth, nursed, and embraced most tenderly. Behold him at whose sight you used to rejoice and be filled with all delight; him whom, humbly and lovingly, once against I present and offer to you to be clasped in your arms, to be loved by your heart, and to be offered up to the Most Holy Trinity as the supreme worship of adoration, for your own honor and glory and for my needs and for those of the whole world. I ask you therefore, most loving Mother: entreat for me the forgiveness of all my sins and, in abundant measure, the grace of serving him in the future more faithfully, and at the last, final grace, so that with you I may praise him for all the ages of ages. Amen.

Prayer of Self-Offering

Receive, O Lord, my entire freedom. Accept the whole of my memory, my intellect and my will. Whatever I have or possess, it was you who gave it to me; I return it to you in full, and I surrender it completely to the guidance of your will. Give me only love of you together with your grace, and I am rich enough and ask for nothing more. Amen.

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