

522 Grant Peace, We Pray, in Mercy, Lord

Grant peace, we pray, in mer - cy, Lord; Peace in our
time, oh, send us! For there is none on earth but you,
None oth - er to de - fend us. You on -
ly, Lord, can fight for us. A - men.

Text: Latin antiphon, c. 6th century; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *Laudamus*, Hannover, 1952.
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Tune: VERLEIH UNS FRIEDEN GNÄDIGLICH (87 87 8) *Kirchen gesenge*, Nürnberg, 1531.



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Sola Scriptura



“Now the parable is this: The seed is the Word of God.”

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541 Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

Musical notation and lyrics for the hymn "Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide". The lyrics are:

1 Lord Je - sus Christ, with us a - bide,
2 O God, how sin's dread works a - bound!
3 In these last days of sore dis - tress
4 Lord Je - sus, help, your Church up - hold,
5 Oh, keep us in your Word, we pray;

For round us falls the e - ven - tide,
Through - out the earth no rest is found,
Grant us, dear Lord, true stead - fast - ness
For we are slug - gish, thought - less, cold.
The guile and rage of Sa - tan stay!

Nor let your Word, that heav'n - ly light,
And false - hood's spir - it wide has spread,
That pure we keep, till life is spent,
Oh, pros - per well your Word of grace,
Oh, may your mer - cy nev - er cease!

For us be ev - er veiled in night.
And er - ror bold - ly rears its head.
Your ho - ly Word and sac - ra - ment.
And spread its truth in ev - 'ry place.
Give con - cord, pa - tience, cour - age, peace.

6 The cause is yours, the glory, too.
So hear us, Lord, and keep us true,
Your Word alone is our defense,
The Church's glorious confidence.

7 Oh, grant that in your holy Word
We here may live and die, dear Lord,
And when our journey's ending here,
Receive us into glory there.

Text: Geistliche Psalmen, Nürnberg, 1611, st. 1, 3; Nikolaus Selnecker, 1532-92, st. 2, 4-7, abr., adapt.; tr. composite.
Tune: ACH BLEIB BEI UNS (LM) Geistliche Lieder, Leipzig, 1589, alt.

Benedicamus

Musical notation and lyrics for the "Benedicamus". The lyrics are:

The Lord be with you.

And with your spir-it.

Bless we the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

Musical notation and lyrics for the "Benediction". The lyrics are:

The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ, and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spi - rit be with you all.

A - men.

Collect



P The Lord be with you.



C And with your spir-it.



P Let us pray.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works proceed; Give to Your servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments, and also that we, being defended by You from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.



C A - men.

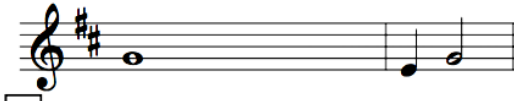


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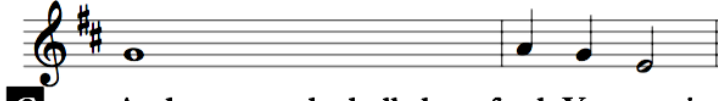
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Incipit (*It Begins*)

Stand.



P O Lord, open my lips.



C And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

Psalm 51:15



P Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me.



C Make haste to help me, O Lord.

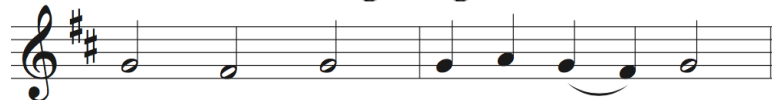
Psalm 70:1



All Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and__ to_ the Ho-ly Ghost:



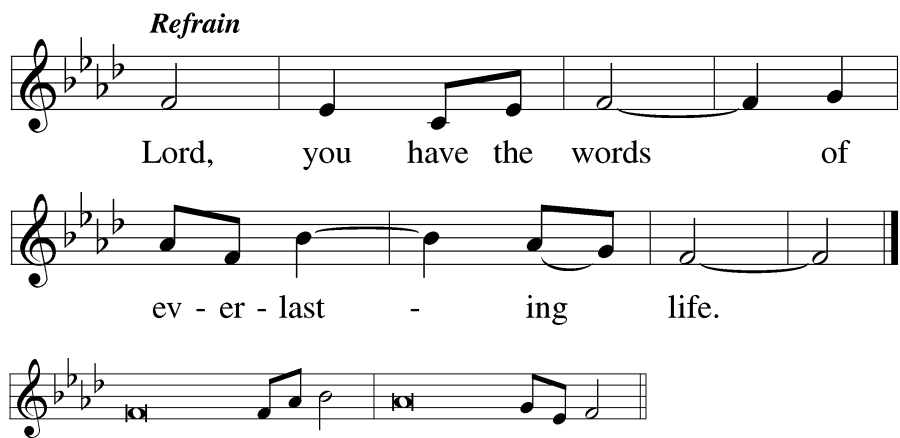
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev-er shall be: world with-out



end. A - men. Al - le - lu - ia!

Psalm 19

Refrain



Lord, you have the words of
ev - er - last - ing life.

The heavens declare the glory of God;*
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

**Their voice goes out into all the earth,*
their words to the ends of the world.** *Refrain*

The law of the LORD is perfect,*
giving joy to the heart.

**The commands of the LORD are radiant,*
giving light to the eyes.**

They are more precious than gold;*
they are sweeter than honey.

**By them is your servant taught;*
in keeping them there is great reward.** *Refrain*

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart*
be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Redeemer.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.** *Refrain*

Kyrie, Eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

St. Matthew 20:30; Psalm 6:2



Ky - ri - e, e - lei - son. Chri - ste, e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e, e - lei - son.

Pater, Noster (*Our Father*)

St. Matthew 6:9-13; St. Luke 11:2-4

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. Amen.



SERMON

St. Luke 8:4-15

P *At that time*, when a great multitude had gathered, and they had come to Him from every city, He spoke by a parable: “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold.” When He had said these things He cried, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

Then His disciples asked Him, saying, “What does this parable mean?”

And He said, “To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest *it is given* in parables, that

‘Seeing they may not see,
And hearing they may not understand.’

“Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep *it* and bear fruit with patience.”

After the Sermon (Please Stand):

Pax Votum

Philippians 4:7

P The peace of God which surpasses all understanding guard your hearts and minds through faith in ☩ Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Magnificat

St. Luke 1:46-55 (*see insert*)

P Most gracious God, who proceeded from the Virgin’s womb to liberate us, and at length ascended to the right hand of the Father: we beseech Your boundless mercy, that we, being converted to Your law, illumined by Your commandments, made wise by Your testimonies, may be cleansed from our secret faults, and delivered from our enemies; Who lives and reigns with the same Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

C Amen.

Psalm 78

Refrain



O my people, hear my teaching;
listen to the words of my mouth.

**I will utter things from of old,*
what we have heard and what our fathers have told us.**

We will not hide them from our children;
we will tell the next generation
the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD.

Refrain

The LORD decreed statutes for Jacob*
and established the law in Israel,

**so the next generation would know them,*
and they in turn would tell their children.**

Then they would put their trust in God*
and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

P Almighty God, whose powerful decrees performed wonders in the time of our fathers, the people of Israel: send forth Your Word in our time, that our hearts may be turned toward you and, forgetting not your deeds, we may keep your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Psalm 119



Teach me, O LORD, to follow your decrees;*
then I will keep them to the end.

**Give me understanding, and I will keep your law*
and obey it with all my heart.**

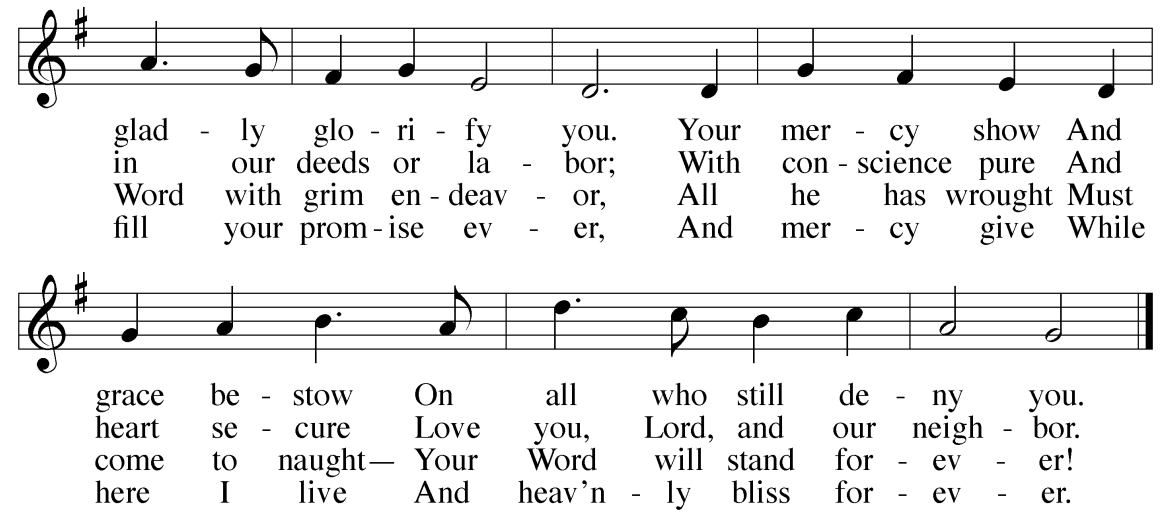
Direct me in the path of your commands,*
for there I find delight.

Refrain

Turn my eyes away from worthless things;*
preserve my life according to your Word.

**Fulfill your promise to your servant,*
so that you may be feared.**

How I long for your precepts!*
Preserve my life in your righteousness.



5. O Lord I pray,
Cast not away
to any dread oppression
Those who believe
Your Word and cleave
by faith to this confession!
Their hearts caress
with blessedness
and let them know no sadness.
Through You I pray,
Grant that I may
depart in joy and gladness.

Text: *Enchiridion . . . zum Schwartzten Horn*, Erfurt, 1527, abr.; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt.
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204 O God, Our Lord, Your Holy Word

1 O God, our Lord, Your ho - ly Word Was long a
2 Sal - va - tion true By faith in you— That is your
3 Lord, you a - lone This work have done By your free
4 Since you are mine, My Lord di - vine, Death holds no

hid - den trea - sure Till to its place It
gos - pel's preach - ing, The heart and core Of
grace and fa - vor. All who be - lieve Will
dread - ful ter - rors; Your pre - cious blood, My

was by grace Re - stored in full - est mea - sure.
Bi - ble lore In all its sa - cred teach - ing.
grace re - ceive Through Je - sus Christ, our Sav - ior.
high - est good, Has blot - ted out my er - rors.

For this to - day Our thanks we say And
In Christ we must Put all our trust, Not
And though the foe Would o - ver - throw Your
My thanks to you— Your Word is true! Ful -

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

P Quicken us, O Lord, in Your righteousness, incline our hearts unto Your testimonies, and not to covetousness, give us also understanding that we may know Your law, and keep it with our whole heart; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

C Amen.



Lesson

Isaiah 55

P

Thus says the Lord:

“Ho! Everyone who thirsts,
Come to the waters;
And you who have no money,
Come, buy and eat.
Yes, come, buy wine and milk
Without money and without price.
Why do you spend money for *what is* not bread,
And your wages for *what* does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to Me, and eat *what is* good,
And let your soul delight itself in abundance.
Incline your ear, and come to Me.
Hear, and your soul shall live;
And I will make an everlasting covenant with you—
The sure mercies of David.
Indeed I have given him *as* a witness to the people,
A leader and commander for the people.
Surely you shall call a nation you do not know,
And nations *who* do not know you shall run to you,
Because of the Lord your God,
And the Holy One of Israel;
For He has glorified you.”

Seek the Lord while He may be found,
Call upon Him while He is near.
Let the wicked forsake his way,
And the unrighteous man his thoughts;
Let him return to the Lord,
And He will have mercy on him;
And to our God,
For He will abundantly pardon.

“For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts,
Nor *are* your ways My ways,” says the Lord.

“For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth,
So are My ways higher than your ways,
And My thoughts than your thoughts.

“For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven,
And do not return there,
But water the earth,
And make it bring forth and bud,
That it may give seed to the sower
And bread to the eater,
So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth;
It shall not return to Me void,
But it shall accomplish what I please,
And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it.

“For you shall go out with joy,
And be led out with peace;
The mountains and the hills
Shall break forth into singing before you,
And all the trees of the field shall clap *their* hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress tree,
And instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree;
And it shall be to the Lord for a name,
For an everlasting sign *that* shall not be cut off.”



P O Lord, have mer-cy on us.



C Thanks be to God!